

# Family Block of the Month: Baskets

## Block 5

10" finished block

### Cutting:

#### Background:

Cut (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.

Cut (1) 4 1/2" square.

Cut (1) 3 1/2" square.

Cut (7) 3" squares.

#### Basket:

Cut (1) 3 1/2" square (red).

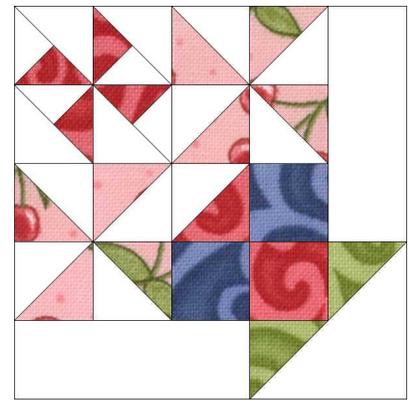
Cut (1) 3" square (red).

Cut (4) 3" square (pink).

Cut (1) 2 1/2" square (red).

Cut (2) 2 1/2" squares (blue).

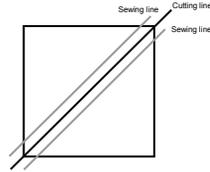
Cut (2) 2 1/2" squares (green).



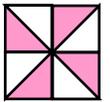
### Sewing:

#### Body

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3" background, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair squares with (4) 3" pink square and the 3" red square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (10) half square triangle units. Trim to 2 1/2" square. Set aside the red half square triangles and the extra background squares.



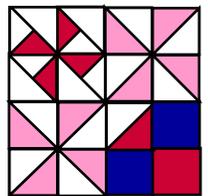
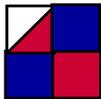
Sew four pink half square triangle units together to form a pinwheel block. Sew four more half square triangle units together to form a second block.



Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 3 1/2" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair square with the 3 1/2" red squares. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (2) half square triangle units. Trim to 3" square. Pair each half square triangle unit with the remaining two 3" background squares. Your half square seam should be CROSSING the diagonal lines drawn on the background squares. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the background to form (4) triangle units. Trim to 2 1/2" square. Sew the four triangle units together to form a pinwheel.



Place the red half square triangle with the red square and two blue squares. Sew together in a four patch. Lay this out with the three pinwheel units and sew together.



#### Base

Sew the 2 1/2" (green) squares to the end of each of the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" background rectangles. Press to the background - this will help in the final step!



#### Basket Assembly

Sew the two base rectangle/square segments to either side of the basket. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 1/2" square. Align the diagonal with the corners of the squares that form the base of the basket. This is where pressing to the background helps - you need to line up with the edge of the square in the seam allowance. Sew on the diagonal line (be careful to match the seam intersection point on the other side!) and trim to a 1/4" seam. Press to the background if it's dark enough to hide the colored fabrics, otherwise press to the colors.

