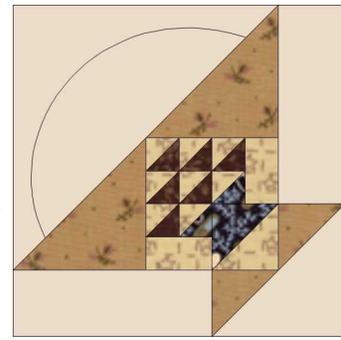


Friends Block of the Month: Baskets
Block 13 - Nancy's Basket, aka Sisterly Love
 10" finished block



Cutting:

Background:

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

Cut (1) 4 1/2" square

Cut (1) 8 7/8" square

Basket:

Cut (1) 5" square (medium brown)

Cut (2) 2 1/2" squares (medium brown)

Mini Basket:

Cut (2) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles (tan)

Cut (4) 2" squares (light tan)

Cut (1) 3" square (light tan)

Cut (3) 2" squares (dark brown)

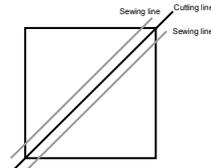
Cut (1) 2" square (blue print)

Cut (1) 3" square (blue print)

Sewing:

Mini Basket

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 2" light tan square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair with the (3) dark brown 2" squares and the (1) blue print 2" square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (8) half square triangle units. Trim to 1 1/2" square.

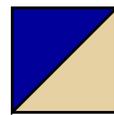


Sew FOUR brown half square triangle units together in a four patch, making sure the colors are placed the same.

Sew ONE brown HST units and ONE blue HST unit so the brown unit is on top. Sew a 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" light tan rectangle to the right side.

Sew ONE brown HST units and ONE blue HST unit so the brown unit is at the left. Sew a 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" light tan rectangle on the bottom.

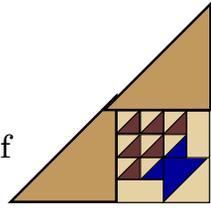
Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 3" light tan square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair with the 3" blue print square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (2) half square triangle units. Trim to 2 1/2" square.



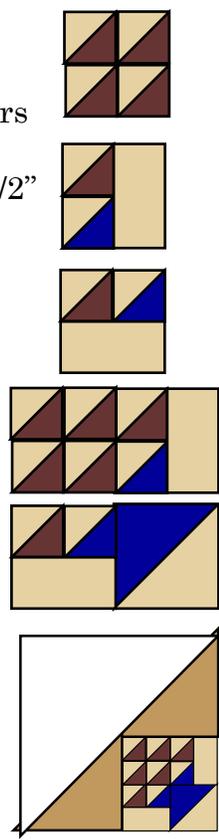
(You will only use one.)

Assemble the mini basket block from these four sections.

Cut the 5" medium brown square diagonally once and sew each triangle on either side of the mini basket to form a large triangle. Trim the long edge of the medium brown triangles to a 1/4" seam allowance at the center point.



Cut the 8 7/8" background square diagonally once (you will only use one triangle). Line up one triangle with the basket block and sew carefully along the length of the piece, through the center point.



Base

Sew the 2 1/2" medium tan 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" background 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. Add handle or filling of your choice (applique, rickrack, fruit, flowers, etc.).

