

Family Block of the Month: Baskets

Block 10

10" finished block

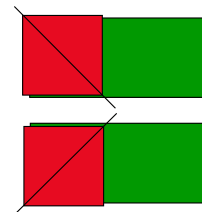
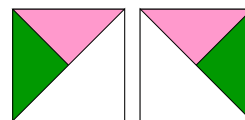
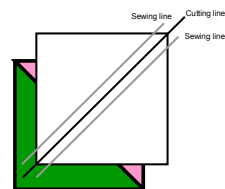
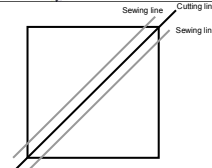
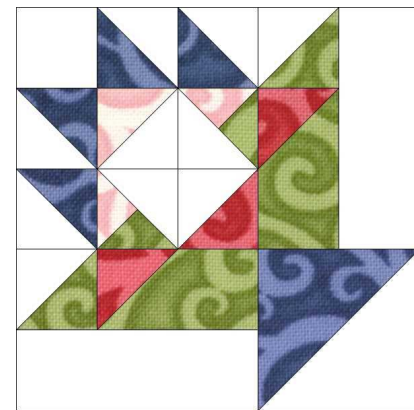
Cutting:

Background:

- (1) 2 1/2" square.
- (6) 3 1/2" squares.
- (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.
- (1) 5 1/2" square.

Basket:

- Blue: (2) 3 1/2" squares & (1) 5 1/2" square.
- Green: (1) 3 1/2" square, (1) 4" square & (2) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.
- Red: (1) 3 1/2" square & (2) 2 1/2" squares.
- Pink: (1) 3 1/2" square & (1) 4" square.



Sewing:
Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3 1/2" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. Pair background squares with two blue and one green, one red and one pink 3 1/2" squares. (You will have one extra background 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. You will not use one red and one pink unit.

Draw the diagonal lines on one pink 4" square. Pair with one green 4" square, sew and press for (2) half square triangle units. Trim to 3 1/2". Pair each unit with a 3 1/2" background square and sew on the outer lines. Cut along the center line and press to the background. Trim to 2 1/2" square measuring from the center point (use diagonal line on ruler and line up the 1 1/4" lines with the green/pink intersection).

Draw the diagonal lines on the 5 1/2" background square. Pair with the 5 1/2" blue square, sew and press for (2) HST units. Trim to 4 1/2" square. You will only use one.

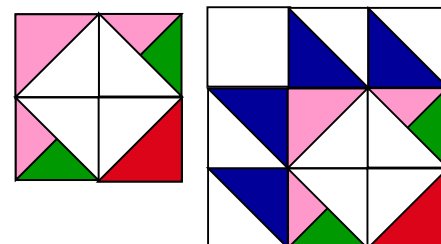
Draw ONE diagonal line on the red 2 1/2" squares. Pair with the green rectangles, making sure the lines angle opposite directions. Sew a thread to the outside of the diagonal line, press to check that it covers the green, then trim the excess red and green fabric.

Assembly

Sew together the blue HST units to form two sets for the handles (watch the placement!). Sew the 2 1/2" background square to the blue side of one of the sets.

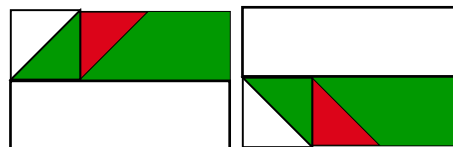


Lay the pink/green/white units, pink/white HST and red/white HST out to form a four patch, then sew together.



Sew the basket handles to the top and left, watching the angle placement.

Sew the green HST units to the red/green rectangle units, green against red, then sew the background rectangles to the green sides.



Finally, assemble the units to form the block.

