

Family Block of the Month: Baskets
Block 2
 10" finished block

Cutting:

Background:

Cut (5) 3" squares.

Cut (5) 4" squares.

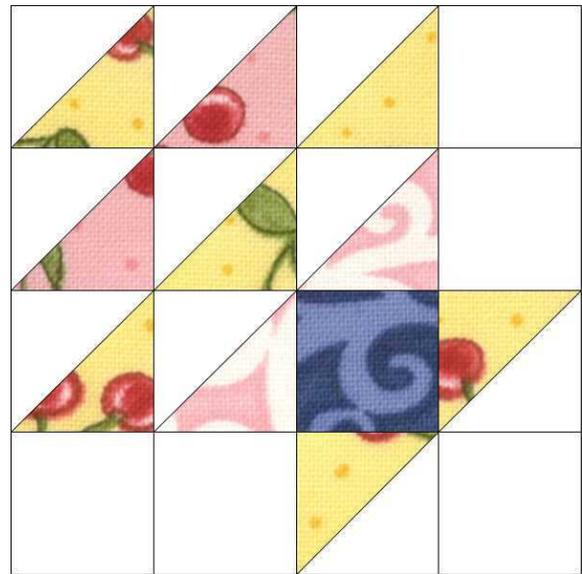
Basket:

Cut (1) 3" square (blue).

Cut (3) 4" squares (yellow).

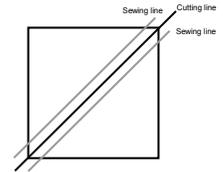
Cut (1) 4" square (light pink).

Cut (1) 4" square (dark pink).



Sewing:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 4" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair each background square with a colored 4" 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 3" square.



Basket Assembly:

Lay out the half square triangle units, 3" background squares, and colored square to match the diagram. Except for the two base triangles, the background will be at the top left for each half square triangle unit.

Sew the squares together to form rows. Normally you would press alternating rows in opposite directions (top row to the right, second row to the left, third row to the right, fourth row to the left). This will make lining up the intersections easier when you put the rows together. You might also want to try pressing the seams open instead.

Tip:

When assembling rows where seam intersections are important, try nesting the seam allowances, one to each side, then pinning just to either side of each intersection. If you've pressed the seams open, look to make sure the seams line up and then pin.

