Block of the Month - November

Basket of Flowers



Basket of Flowers is a 5 patch block. Which means there are 5 patches across and down. Because we are making a 12" finished square, I had to tweak this one just a bit. You will notice that the Cherry Tablecloth patch is just a little wider than the other red/white half-square triangle patches. When it is finished, it will only be 1/4" larger.

You can choose to have the flower section all different prints, the same, or in rows like I did. Let's get started!



Cutting Instructions:

•Cut 1 large green (your basket fabric) triangle with sides measuring 8" each. You can place the corner of your fabric at the corner of your mat, and using your ruler, cut from 8" high to 8" wide on the diagonal. Or you can cut an 8" square and then diagonally cut it in half making a triangle.

•Cut 1 green square for the basket base measuring 3 3/8" square, then cut on the diagonal

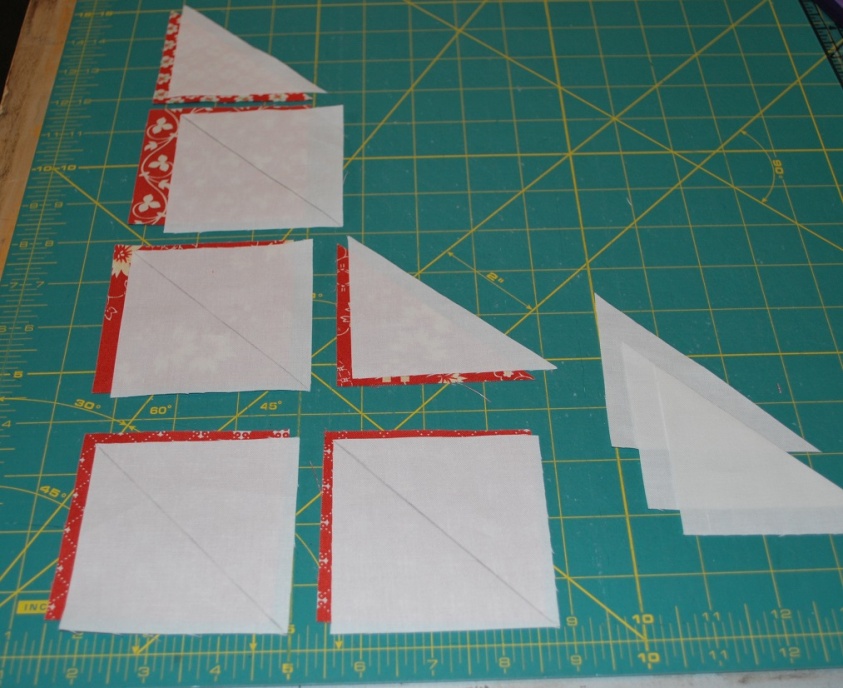
•Cut 1 large background (cherry fabric) triangle with sides measuring 5 7/8".

•Cut 2 rectangles of background (cherry fabric) measuring 3" x 7 3/4"

•Cut 6 assorted flower (red fabric) squares measuring 3 1/4" square. If you want to have different fabrics in each row, you will need 1 square of one fabric, 1 square of another fabric, and 2 each of the other two fabrics.



•Cut 7 white or background squares measuring 3 1/4" square



We will work on the flowers first. If you are going to have different fabrics in each row, then you will need to cut your squares in the following manner. You will need to cut fabric square 1 on the diagonal, using only 1 triangle. Leave fabric 2 in the full square. For fabric three, leave one square the full size and cut the 2nd square on the diagonal. For the fourth fabrics you will need the two full 3 1/4" squares.



For the white or background squares, you will need to have 4 full squares and 5 triangles. Cut 3 white squares on the diagonal. Match them up with the print (red) triangles and set 3 aside. You will have one extra triangle for another project. Draw a diagonal line on the 4 full squares. Match those squares up with the print squares.



Make the flower half-square triangles. With right sides together, sew the triangles together to form a square with 1/4" seam. For the full squares, you will make half-square triangles. Sew a 1/4" seam along each side of the the drawn pencil marking. Cut squares along the pencil line. Press half-square triangles open with seams to the dark print. The half-square triangles should measure 2 7/8" square.

Lay out the half-square triangles in rows. Place a white background triangle to the left of rows 2-4.

Sew the half-square triangles and triangles together in rows. Match the corner, right angle, of the triangle even with the top of the last half-square triangle.



Press the seams of each row in alternate directions. This way there will be less bulk in your seam.

Trim off dog ears. You should have enough white background fabric in the center for 1/4" seam. If you have a little extra, you can trim this off - but be careful since you need a seam for the basket.



With right sides together, center the larger basket triangle with the angled side of the block. The edges will extend beyond pieced square. Pin to hold in place.

Flip the square over and sew the seam on the pieced half-square triangle side so that you can watch those half-square triangle points.

Press the seam towards the large basket triangle. Your block should now measure 10" square. Square up your block, trimming the basket triangle if you need to. You shouldn't need to trim much!

Sew the 3 3/8" green triangles to the ends of the 3" x 7 3/4" rectangles, matching up the straight edges. Press seams towards the triangles.

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Lay out the block and sew the strips to the bottom of the block. The basket stand seams will overlap.

Trim off the dog ears. Even out the seam if you need to but don't trim too much off.



Sew the remaining triangle to the bottom corner of the block. Center it in the same manner you did with the green basket triangle. Press seam towards the triangle. You will have a little extra to trim off the sides. Square up your block. Your block should now measure 12 1/2" square!



And there you have it! The Basket of Flowers Block!