



Basket Block Pattern for 2024 Sew Along

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Finished block size: 4" x 4"

Cutting for each block:

From the light background fabric, cut:

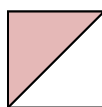
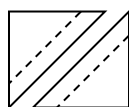
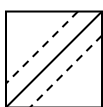
- 1 square, 2 7/8" x 2 7/8"; cut once on diagonal for 2 triangles
- 2 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 2 squares, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
- 1 square, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From the medium or dark fabric for the basket, cut:

- 1 square, 2 7/8" x 2 7/8"; cut once on diagonal for 2 triangles
- 3 squares, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"

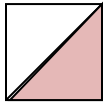
Make the Basket Block

1. Layer two of the light 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" squares on top of two 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" darker squares. Draw a diagonal line across the back of each of the light squares. Sew 1/4" away from the line on both sides. Cut on the drawn lines and press. **Make 4** of these **half-square triangle** units.



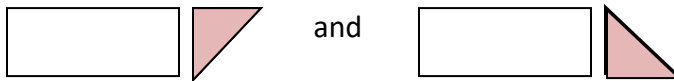
Make 4.

2. Sew a light $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " triangle to a darker $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " triangle. Press. Make 1 **half-square triangle** unit.

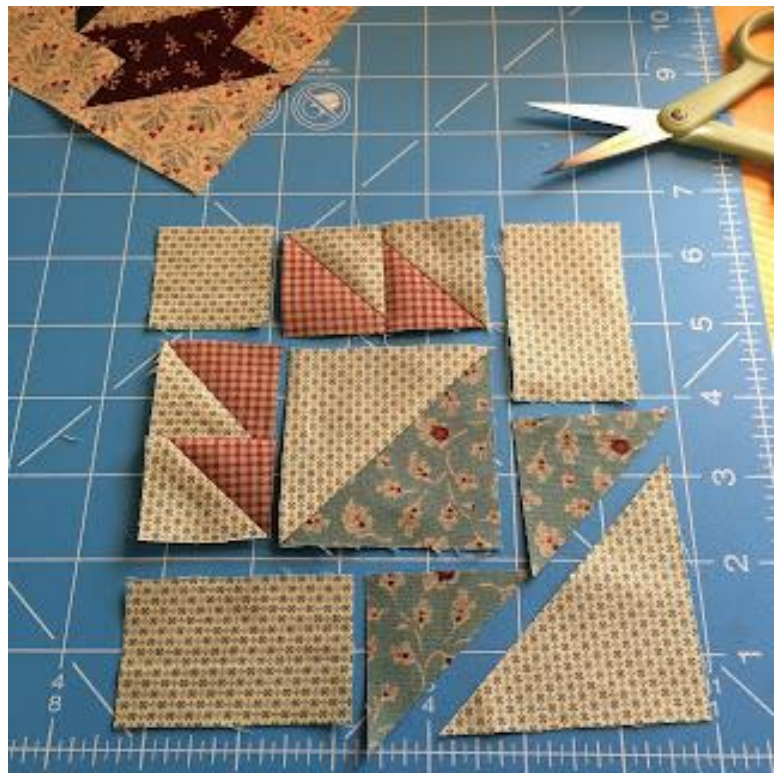
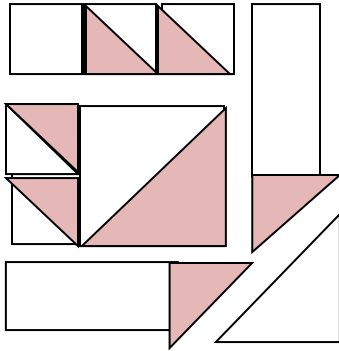


Make 1.

3. Cut the remaining $1\frac{7}{8}$ " x $1\frac{7}{8}$ " dark square in half diagonally to make 2 triangles. Sew each triangle to the end of a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle as shown.



4. Arrange the pieces and assemble the basket block as shown below.



When you sew your pieces, make sure to line up the pieces correctly. The points of the triangles for the base should hang past the rectangles. These triangle points on the bottom will overlap. This overlap is your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam so do not trim off the excess or the basket point will be cut off when you sew on the bottom triangle. Just trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Try setting your baskets on point by sewing the blocks together with plain blocks cut the same size ($4\frac{1}{2}$ "). For setting 4 or 6 blocks on point, cut one or 2 squares $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " for the center. Then cut side triangles from a 7" square **cut twice** on the diagonal. One square will give you 4 triangles when cut, enough for setting 4 blocks. Cut another 7" square for side triangles to set 6 blocks on point.

The 4 corner triangles are cut from two $3\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, **cut once** on the diagonal. Sew the center together and measure. Cut borders the length of your top and the width you prefer. I typically like to use 2" or $2\frac{1}{2}$ " borders for my small quilts but whatever width you like is acceptable.





For the single basket above, sew corner triangles according to directions above and cut 1 1/2" strips for borders and measure to fit. For the double pink baskets, cut 1 1/2" border strips as well, sides first, then top and bottom.

