

Easy Peasy Paper-pieced Basket

Basket Bonanza Sampler Quilt, March 2007

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4-1/2 inches finished size



Fabrics

For each block you will need a basket fabric, a novelty print, and a background in a similar color to the novelty print (it does not have to match exactly). Make 4 blocks for the sampler quilt, 12 blocks for the QOM, *Charm Baskets*, and as many as you wish for the BOM.

Cutting

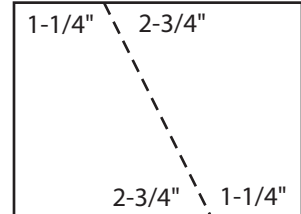
Rough cut the following for each block:

Basket fabric: 5" x 4" piece, three 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" pieces

Novelty print: 4" x 2-1/2" piece

Background: 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" piece, two 4" x 3" pieces subcut as shown in diagram

4x3 inch background pieces
Cut along the dashed line



Block construction

1). Cut out the paper pattern on the outer small dashed line. *Do not cut* the pattern apart into two pieces.

2). Paper piece the basket and the basket handles sections in order just like a regular paper pieced pattern, except that there are two patterns on one piece of paper. Trim off any fabric that extends *past* the seam allowance (gray section).

3). When you have finished both sections of the pattern and trimmed the excess fabric, fold the paper pattern on the dotted line inbetween the sections, fabric on the inside and paper on the outside.

4). With the pattern still folded, sew the two sections together by stitching on the *solid line* 1/2" away from the dotted fold line, (either section can be on top).

5). With the pattern still folded, cut on the *large dashed line*, and trim away any remaining excess around the outer small dashed lines.

6). You may remove the paper before or after you sew the blocks together. ❀

Basic paper piecing resources

Paper Piecing with Alex Anderson
C&T Publishing, 2002

About.com: Quilting
http://quilting.about.com/od/foundationpiecing/a/paper_piece.htm

