



# Four Little Baskets Quilt Block Pattern (in 3 different sizes)



Skill level: Intermediate

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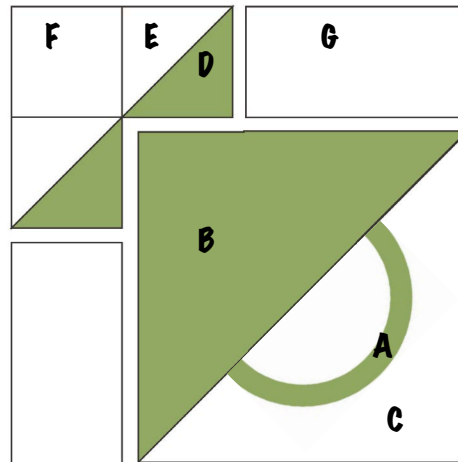


To make the block as shown at left, you will need 5 fabrics: a background and four fabrics that contrast with your background.










Use the chart below to determine what size to cut your patchwork pieces.

Note that the cutting chart below only gives instructions for making 1 basket. To make the complete block as shown, you will need to make 4 basket blocks.

Exploded diagram:



## Cutting Chart:

Piece	Patch Shape	Subcut?	Finished Size (1 basket)		
			4"	6"	8"
A	Cut 1 on the bias 	No	1 x 7"	1 x 8"	1.25 x 9"
B	Cut 1 	 Note: one piece will not be used in this block (Save it for another!)	3 7/8"	5 3/8"	6 7/8"
C	Cut 1 	 Note: one piece will not be used in this block (Save it for another!)	3 7/8"	5 3/8"	6 7/8"
D	Cut 1 	No	1 7/8"	2 3/8"	2 7/8"
E	Cut 1 	No	1 7/8"	2 3/8"	2 7/8"
F	Cut 1 	No	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"
G	Cut 2 	No	1.5 x 2.5"	2 x 5"	2.5 x 6.5"

### REMEMBER:

The "finished" size is the size the block will be when it is sewn into the quilt. Your "unfinished" block should measure 1/2" more than the finished size to account for seam allowances.

## Block Construction:

**NOTE:** For all seams, you should use a scant 1/4" seam and a 2.0 mm stitch length. Your unfinished block should measure 1/2" more than the finished size you are making. (i.e. For a 6" finished block, your block should measure 6.5")

**Step 1:** After you have cut all your pieces, begin by making your bias strip. If you are not familiar with how to make bias strips, I suggest you watch Gwen Marston's YouTube video ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwhiO4\\_TE5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwhiO4_TE5c)).

**Step 2:** Position your bias strip on Piece C and pin or glue in place, depending on your preferred technique. Sew piece A and Piece C together to make a Half-square triangle (with a handle!)

**Step 3:** On the wrong side of piece D mark a line along the diagonal. Place Pieces D and E right sides together, and sew 1/4" from each side of the diagonal line. After you have sewn both seams, cut along the diagonal and press each unit open. You should have two 1.5" Half-square triangles.

**Step 4:** Arrange all your remaining pieces and the units you have made as shown in the Exploded Diagram shown on the previous page.

**Step 5:** Sew piece F to one side of a DE HST. Then sew piece G to the other side, making sure you have the light and dark triangles turned correctly.

**Step 6:** Sew your remaining piece G to your other DE HST, again making sure your triangles are turned correctly.

**Step 7:** Sew the unit you make in Step 6 to the side of the large HST unit you made in Step 2.

**Step 8:** Sew the top row to the bottom row, and you are done!