

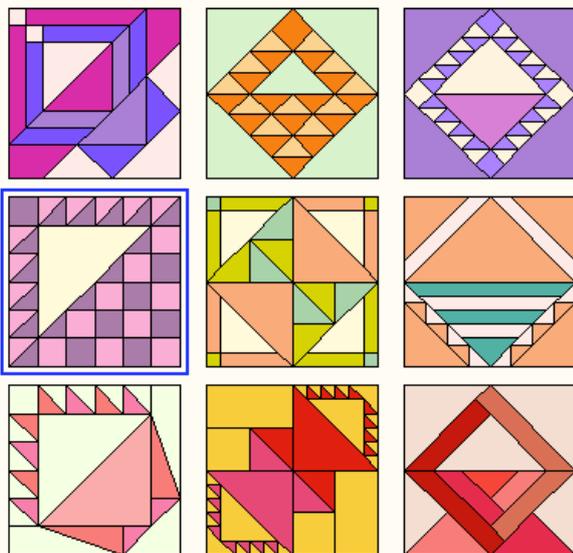


WELCOME TO OUR 2020 BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH (BOM)

Welcome to the seventh part of our 2020 Block of the Month. Over the course of our 10 meetings this year we will be looking at 9 blocks to make a sampler quilt. The blocks are offered in 2 sizes: 12" finished size to make a wall hanging or a baby quilt and 18" finished size to make a lap quilt so you have the choice of size to make.

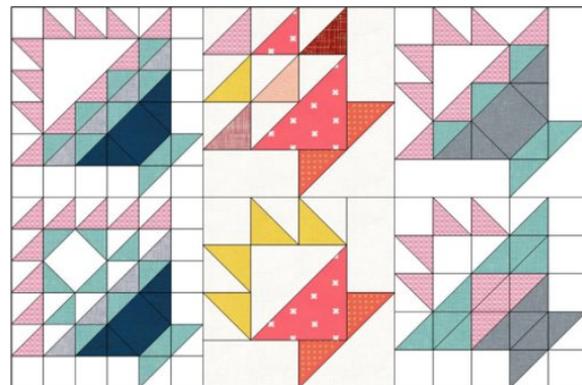
If you miss any parts of our BOM, you will find the instructions on our branch page at www.irishpatchwork.com or email midwestpatchwork@gmail.com.

BLOCK #7: PIECED BASKET



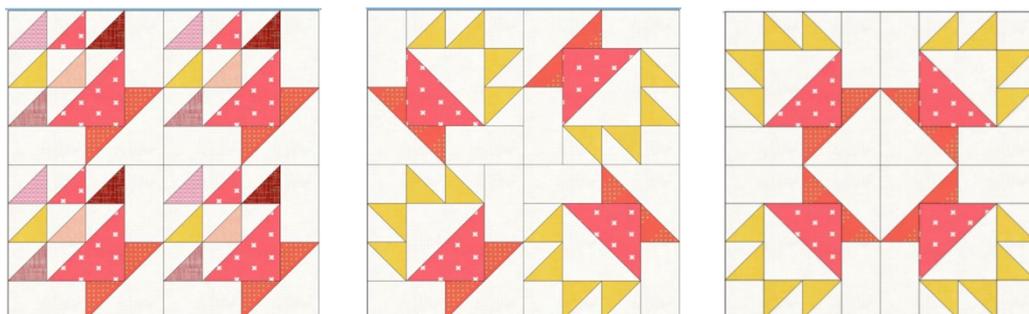
There are lots of different designs for pieced baskets. Electric Quilt gave me 117 blocks with the word basket in them and they have two groups of baskets to choose from in their block libraries: traditional blocks and contemporary blocks.

It's quite amazing what you can do with a triangle for a handle and a triangle for a base. I think these are a lot of fun and can't wait to see what you all come up with for our March block!



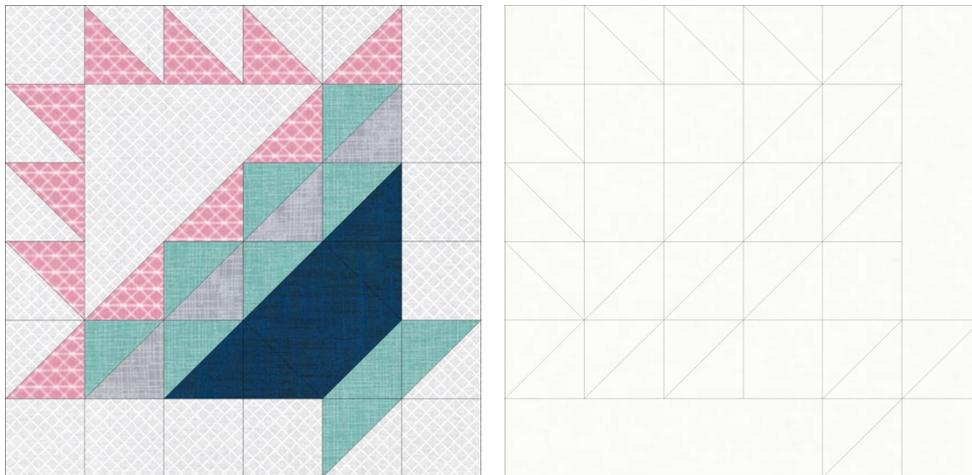
Our block sizes are 12" and 18" so the basket needs to sit on a grid that divides into 12 and 18 easily, to work for a pieced basket. Baskets that sit on a 6 x 6 grid or a 4 x 4 grid will work well for both sizes. The two baskets on the far right are on a 5 x 5 grid and are not good candidates. $12/5$ is 2.4 and $18/5$ is 3.6 so when you add on $1/2$ " seam allowance you don't get a whole number so your block will be too small or too big unless you fudge it by adding a border to make it a 6 x 6 grid.

You can also make 4 smaller blocks, tile them to make the bigger block and have a lot of fun with playing with layouts if you like.





At our meeting we chose this block to make but feel free to make your own pieced basket that best suits your fabric and blocks already made. Here's a blank box you can use to colour in if you like.



SO HOW DO YOU MAKE IT?

You will need: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of background fabric and $\frac{1}{8}$ yard of the remaining fabrics

12" block: HST (Half Square Triangles), and squares that finish at 2" plus two pieces 2" x 8" finished

18" block: HST (Half Square Triangles), and squares that finish at 3" plus two pieces 3" x 12" finished

For the colouring above we need :

2 Background Rectangles 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" for the 12" block and 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" for the 18" block

5 Background Squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" for the 12" block and 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for the 18" block

2 Dark Blue squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" for the 12" block and 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for the 18" block

Plus quite a few HST:

11 pink/background HST

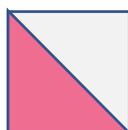
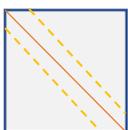
4 Green/Grey HST

3 Green/Dark Blue HST

1 Dark Blue/Green HST

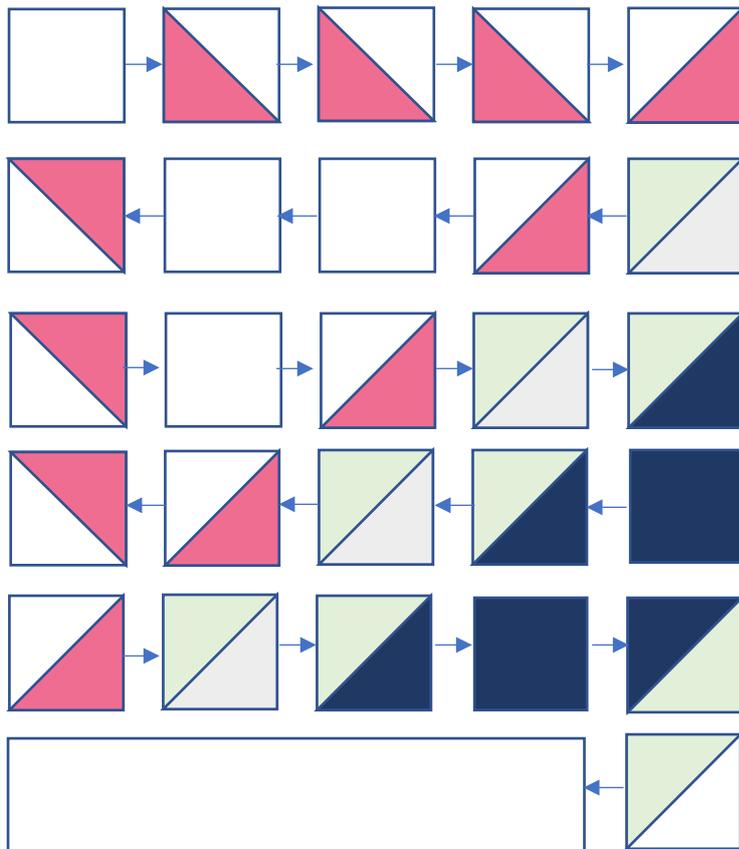
2 Green/Background HST

We covered in detail HST during our Summer QAL [here](#). Quick reminder to make HST 2 at time cut a square finished size plus 1" (traditionally $\frac{7}{8}$ " but this can be a bit tight sometimes) and trim to finished size plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " i.e. cut at 3" and once pieced trim your HST to 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" for 12" block; cut at 4" and once pieced trim HST to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for the 18" block.



Mark a line along the diagonal, sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on either side of the marked line. Cut apart along the marked line. Press and flip open to make two identical HST.

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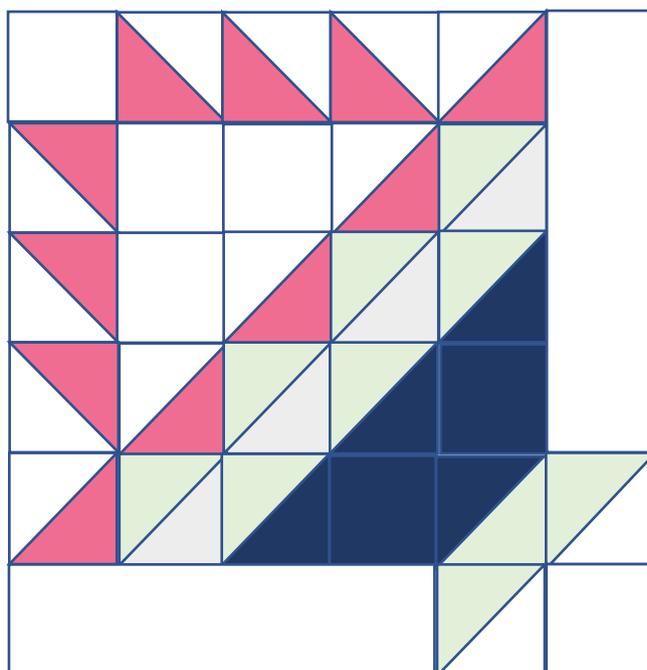
This block really isn't a great candidate to make using the 8 HST at a time method, except for the handle if you have the fabric to make them that way and you will need 3 more to make 11 in total using the 2 at a time method.

Either way you will have one HST left over and not needed for the block.

Sew into rows as shown:

Sew the rows together. Press seams open or press to the side as indicated to nest your seams.

Sew the remaining side strip as shown and sew onto the right hand side of the block to complete your pieced basket.



Please join us in next month for Block #8.

Thanks for joining us,

Stay safe and happy sewing!

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Meeting Notes:

Shops:

- Seams so Simple <https://seamsewsimple.ie>
- The Sewing Shed: <https://www.thesewingshed.ie/> (for journal art quilt course)

Patterns mentioned:

- Layers of Charm by Fat Quarter Shop (<https://www.fatquartershop.com/layers-of-charm-quilt>)
- The Santa, The Tree, The Turkey and Me (<https://giddygoatpatchwork.com/node/30>)

Featured Artist/Library Book

QuiltCon 2021 Winners Gallery <https://www.quiltcon.com/quiltcon2021-winners>

Sunday Morning Quilts by Amanda Jean Nyberg
<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/IPSMidWest01/item/186573989>

Craftsy Class on scrap quilting with Amanda Jean Nyberg
<https://www.craftsy.com/class/colorful-scrap-quilting/>