

Bloomin' Basket Block - March 2015

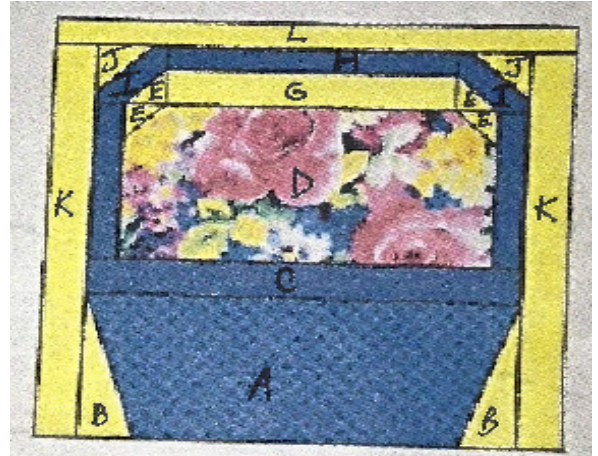
Materials:

- Background - 2 1/2" width of fabric strip or pieces - beige, cream, pale yellow, light tan for consistency
- Basket - 2 1/2" x 30" or pieces
- Flowers - 3 1/2" x 5"

Press all fabric before cutting and read all instructions for an overview of the entire block.

Cutting:

- A - Basket - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"
- B - Background - (2) 2 1/2" squares
- C - Basket - 1 1/2" x 6 1/2"
- D - Flowers - 3 1/2" x 5"
- E - Background - (4) 1 1/4" squares
- F - Basket - (2) 1 1/4" x 3 1/2"
- G - Background - 1 1/4" x 3 1/4"
- H - Basket - 1 1/4" x 3 1/4"
- I - Basket - (2) 1 1/4" x 4"
- J - Background - (2) 2" squares
- K - Background - (2) 1 1/2" x 8"
- L - Background - 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"



Instructions:

1. On the wrong side of B draw a line from the upper left corner to the center of the bottom of the square. Place this piece RST (right sides together) on A and stitch along the line. Repeat for the opposite side but draw from the upper right hand corner. Press seams toward basket. Trim seam to 1/4". Trim to 2 1/2" x 6 1/2".
2. Sew C to piece from step 1. Press toward C.
3. Using two E's sew to each upper corner of D on the diagonal. Press to D. Trim seam to 1/4". Trim piece to 3 1/2" x 5".
4. Sew F to both sides of piece from step 3. Press seam to basket handles.
5. Sew pieces from step 2 and 4. Press to basket rim.
6. Sew G and H together. Press to basket handle.
7. Next you will make an oversized piece and cut it down to make the angle of the basket handle. On the two remaining E pieces, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side. Draw a second line, parallel to the diagonal one 1/4" apart. With right sides together place piece E centered on one long edge of piece I with the 1/4" line from E lined up to the edge of piece I and the diagonal line on E toward the center of I. Stitch on the diagonal line. Do the same thing with piece J - centering it on the other long side of I. Press both E and J outward from I. Trim the block down to a 2" square cutting off on the J side of the block and cutting as little as possible from the E side. Turn to the wrong swide. Trim the tips of E and J even with the edge of I. Be careful - DO NOT CUT BOTH LAYERS! Repeat this entire step for the block on the opposite side of the basket/handle.
8. Attach pieces from steps 6 and 7. Press to the center toward the flowers. Trim block to 8" x 6 1/2".
9. Sew K to the left and right sides of the basket block. Press toward the background.
10. Sew L to the top of the block from step 9. Press toward the background.
11. Square up the block to an 8 1/2" square. Make any height adjustment to the bottom and take equal amounts off each side if needed so the basket remains centered.

Whew and well done!!!!!!!!!!!!!!