

Smithtown Stitchers Block of the Month 2020

Basket #3 due at the October (?) Meeting

Handle is the same as Baskets #1 and #2. Cutting directions are for 2 identical blocks

Background: 4 at $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

8 at $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

4 at $2\frac{1}{4}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$

4 at $2'' \times 2''$

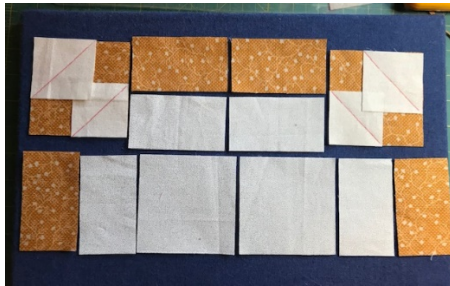
Basket fabric: 4 at $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

8 at $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

For the top corners, draw a diagonal on each $2''$ square and $2\frac{1}{4}''$ square and place one of each at opposite corners of basket $3\frac{1}{2}''$ squares. Stitch on diagonal, trim, flip and press.

Stitch background and basket $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles together on long side, press.

Assemble handle as shown



Basket

Need 14'' squares of basket fabric and lightweight interfacing, and (2) $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles of background fabric. Cut the interfacing into 2 equal rectangles.

Mark a $12\frac{1}{2}''$ circle on the wrong side of your basket fabric, cut it out, then cut it in half. Place each half, right side down, on lightweight interfacing, and sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam around the curved edge. Trim and clip seam, turn right side out and press. Place on a $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ piece of background fabric. Line up straight edges and attach half circle to background by hand or machine.

Sew handle to basket

