

June 2013 *A Tisket Basket*



12 inch finished block

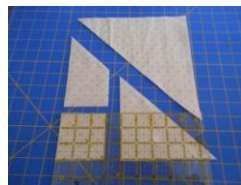
We Supply:	You Supply Basket and Flower fabrics:
Off White background: 1 strip 2 ½" 1 9" X 9" rectangle	Green Basket Fabric – A fat quarter will do with a lot leftover One 9" X 9" Square One 21" x 1 ½" strip cut on the BIAS (MUST be BIAS cut!!) Your choice for flowers: 3 4" X 4" squares 3 1" X 1" squares for center

Fabric Prep

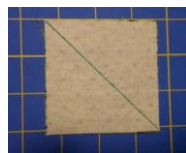
1. Cut the 2 ½ inch strip of off-white into three pieces 2 1/2" X 8 1/2", one piece 2 1/2" X 10 1/2", and one 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" square.



2. Cut the 9" X 9" off-white square on the diagonal. Set one triangle aside. From the other triangle, cut one 3" X 3" square from the corner. We will not use the remaining scraps. Repeat this step for the Green Basket fabric.

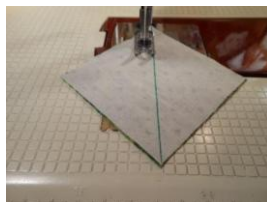


3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3" off-white square.



Block Construction

4. Place the off white 3" square and the green 3" square with right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" inch on either side of this line. Cut apart on the line and press to the dark side. Trim square to 2 ½".



- Place the off-white and the green 9" triangles right sides together, and sew on the diagonal cut. Press to the dark side and trim to 8 1/2" square.



- Lay out the strips cut in step 1, along with the 2 1/2" square and the units created in steps 4 and 5 as shown in the picture below (the 10 1/2" strip is at the top of the block). Assemble the pieces. Your block should measure 12 1/2" X 12 1/2".



Basket Handle

- Fold the 1 1/2" strip in half, wrong sides together and sew a scant 1/4" from the edge. Trim to 1/8 inch and press the edges toward the middle of the strip.



- Because this strip is cut on the bias, it should curve easily and naturally. Don't fight it!! Lay the strip on your block, beginning at one edge of the basket and following the curve to the other side of the basket. The handle should be no closer than 3/4" from the outer raw edge of the block and should curve in a smooth arc. Pin in place. Trim excess handle to about 1/2" longer than the basket on each side.

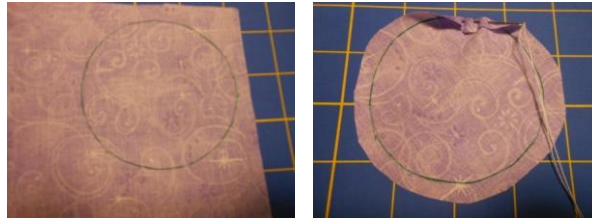


- Fold the extra 1/2" ends of the handle under where it meets the basket. Use a blind hem or zigzag stitch to sew along all edges of the handle with matching thread.

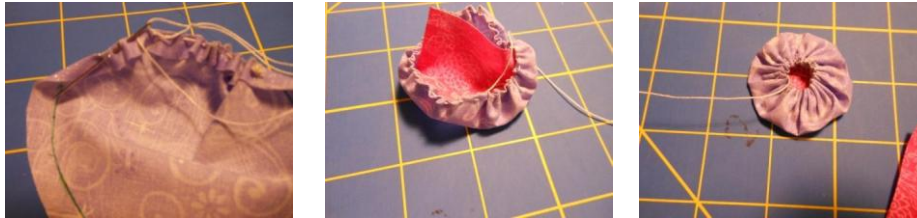


Yo Yo flowers

10. Trace 3" circle on wrong side of 4" square of flower fabric. Cut 1/4" from the drawn line.



11. Fold the edge of the circle toward the wrong side along the drawn line. Hand hand sew using a running stitch along the edge of the fold, all the way around the circle. (Hint: double your thread to make it stronger.) When you have sewn completely around the edge, pull the threads to tightly draw the circle together. Before you pull the opening closed, Insert a contrasting 1" piece of fabric for the center of your flower and then finish pulling the opening closed. Take a few stitches and knot the threads so your stitches don't come out.



12. Finger press your yoyo flat and stitch to your basket block. You can hand sew or machine sew the yo yo's to the block.

