

Block of the Month

June Block

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Batik Basket Bonanza

The theme this year is baskets—all made from batiks!! All blocks this year require one background fabric (white on white) and one Batik fabric (your color choice) and will be 10" finished. This would be a great sampler quilt to make for yourself or a beautiful quilt to win the blocks.

As always, make the blocks of high quality, 100% cotton. Prewash the batiks and piece carefully so that the blocks are 10 1/2" unfinished.

Background (white)

A—cut 2 rectangles 2 1/2" X 6 1/2"

B—cut 1 square 2 1/2" X 2 1/2"

C—cut 1 square 6 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

D—cut 1 square 4 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

E—cut 3 squares 2 7/8" X 2 7/8"

Basket (batik)

F—cut 3 squares 2 7/8" X 2 7/8"

G—cut 1 square 6 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

H—cut 1 square 2 7/8" X 2 7/8" - - cut in half on diagonal

To make E/F half-square triangles: layer E + F squares, right sides together. On back of lighter square, draw a diagonal line. Stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides of drawn line. Cut in half on drawn line. This will yield 2 half-square triangles (or you may use triangle paper or any other technique to yield 6 total half-square triangles that are 2" finished).

Refer to diagram for piecing. One hint: attach the basket "bottom" to the end of each white rectangle, and then attach the larger white triangle (D) to the bottom of the H pieces.

