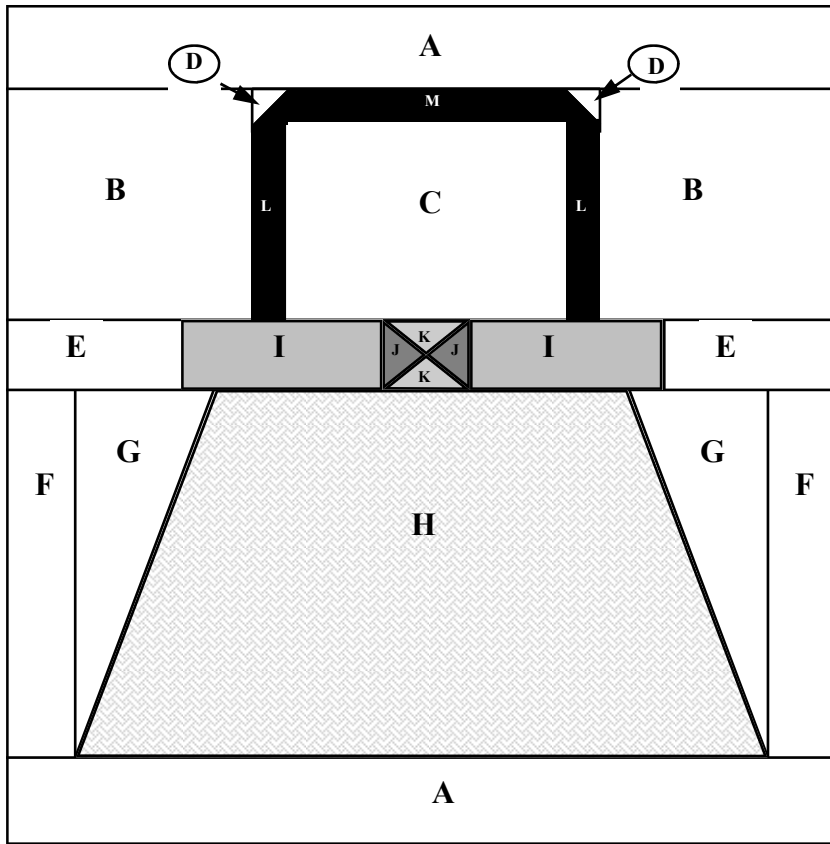


Pretty Purse Block

12½" unfinished (12" finished)



Fabric:

Background - White on White Print

2 A — 12 ½" x 1¾"

2 B — 4" x 4"

1 C — 4½" x 3½"

2 D — 1" x 1"

2 E — 3" x 1½"

2 F — 5½" x 1½"

2 G — 6½" x 2½"

Purse Bottom - Medium to large scale print

1 H — 11" x 5½"

Purse Top - Solid or print coordinate

1 I — 7½" x 1½"

Clasp

1 J & 1 K — 1 5/8 Squares cut diagonally of two different shades of the same color

Handle - Dark solid or print

2 L — 3½" x 1"

1 M — 5½" x 1"

Instructions:

Purse Bottom: On piece H, mark 2¼" in from the left top corner.

Cut from this mark to the bottom left corner. (Fig. 1) Repeat on right side.

The shape should now be like Fig. 2.

Place the long side of G centered on the newly cut left side of H, right sides together. (Fig. 3) Sew and flip open. Press. Repeat on the right side. Trim to 5½" x 10½". Sew F's to sides of G-H.

Clasp: The clasp may be pieced in any manner, or use an embellishment such as a button, frog clasp, silk flower or other item. **Use your imagination!** To piece as shown, place a J on a K, right sides together, and sew starting at the right angle corner. (Fig. 4) Sew another set of J and K exactly the same way with the pieces oriented in the same direction. Press to the darker. Take the new J-K's, and sew the long sides together, butting the center seams. (Fig. 5) Press. Trim to 1½" square.

Purse Top: If you are not making a pieced clasp, just add E's to each end of piece I. For pieced clasp, cut I in half, to have two 3¾" x 1½" strips. Sew one on each side of the pieced clasp. Press. Trim to 7½" long, centering the clasp. Add E's to each end. Press.

Handle: Place a D square on the end of M, right sides together. Sew from one corner to other of D. (Fig. 6) Flip open, press and trim excess fabric. Place a D square on the other end of M. Sew to the opposite corners than you did on the previous square. Flip open, press and trim. Once you are sure the triangle corners are going in opposite directions, trim excess fabric underneath the triangle corners to ¼".

Sew L's on the 3½" sides of C. Complete assembly of the block as shown in the diagram. Press all seams to the darkest



Fig. 1

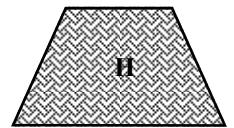


Fig. 2

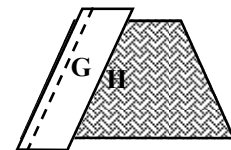


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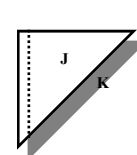


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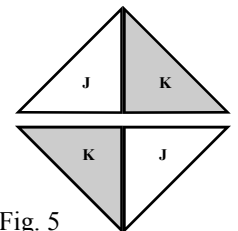


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

May 2008 Block of the Month

Blocks due at the June 2008 guild meeting