

May Flower Basket Challenge Block

Notes – PLEASE READ

- Pieces for all the triangles are cut larger than needed and will be trimmed once they are sewn into squares
- Trimming and squaring are musts for this pattern, and are noted in the directions below
- Here is a You Tube tutorial on trimming half-square triangles if you need help doing this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbCGaolocY0>

(How To Trim Half Square Triangle Blocks, with Rebecca Bryan)



Materials Needed:

Fabric 1. White:

- A Two 2 ½ inch squares
- B Two 2 ½ x 8 ½ inch rectangles
- C Five 3 inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal – they will be trimmed to size after they are sewn to Fabric 2 or 3 triangles

Fabric 2. Blue:

- D One 7 inch right angle triangle – it will be trimmed to size after it is attached to the flowers
- E One 3 inch square, cut in half on the diagonal – they will be trimmed to size after they are sewn to Fabric 1 triangles

Fabric 3 (a fat eighth is enough fabric)

- F Ten 2 ½ inch squares
- G Six 3 inch squares, cut in half on the diagonal (you will have one extra triangle) – they will be trimmed to size after they are sewn to Fabric 1 triangles

Step 1: Create the Flowers

Lay out all the block pieces as shown to the right. Arrange the flowers in a way that looks best to you. Stitch all the white Fabric 1 triangles to the Fabric 3 flower triangles or the blue Fabric 2 triangles. Press seams toward the flower or blue fabric. TRIM each square to 2 ½ inches. Then lay out the squares again as shown next page, right. Sew the flower squares and flower/background squares together by row; press seams in alternating directions by row so that you can nest the seams when the rows are stitched together. Note: the triangles at the end of the rows will extend past the squares when they are seamed together, and will need to be trimmed. Line up the square/triangle combination as shown next page below left, with the seam at the junction of the 45 degree angle and vertical lines on your cutting mat. TRIM the excess off the triangle, as shown. Once these triangles are trimmed, seam the rows of flowers and background/flowers together. Press seams in the same direction.



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Step 2: Attach the Basket

Lay out the flower piece and the basket as shown near right. Stitch the triangle to the basket; the points of the triangle should extend evenly beyond each end of the flower piece. Stitch; press the seam toward the basket. This piece should be TRIMMED to a 10 ½ inch square before proceeding. (The triangle piece at least will need to be trimmed.) See far right for the final piece.



Step 3: Finish the Block

Attach the Fabric 1 B pieces (8 ½ x 2 ½) to the basket/background squares, aligning as shown near right. Press seams toward the background. See the far right photo for what you should have now. Then sew the right long panel to the bottom square. Press seam toward the basket triangle piece. Then sew the bottom long panel to the basket; press seam toward the bottom piece. Attach the two remaining pieces together; press seam toward the right side panel.



Congratulations, you have made your May Flower Challenge Basket!!