

Block Party for May

When I decided to do a basket block I kept thinking about the term "May Basket". So I googled it and found that there was an old tradition in parts of the U.S. where a small basket usually filled with flowers or treats would be left on a doorstep or hung on the door of a friend. There was even an official May Day. Perhaps the winner of our May Basket blocks can make a special quilt to give to a friend.

Materials Needed

For the basket: A black and white print.

One 5" square, and four 3" squares.

For the background: A pale sky blue/white.

One 5" square, four 3" squares and five 2 1/2" squares.

Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the 5" blue square and on the backs of the four 3" blue squares.
2. Put face to face the blue and the black & white 5" square and sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line.
3. Cut on the diagonal line and press the seams. You will now have two b/w & blue half square triangle blocks. You only need one. Trim to a perfect 4 1/2".
4. Now repeat the same process with your four b/w and four blue 3" blocks. You will create eight half square triangle blocks. You will only use seven. Trim them to perfect 2 1/2" squares.
5. Following the sample block, sew all your squares together. You will have an 8 1/2" block.



To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. A winning name from those who contributed will be drawn; the winner takes home all the blocks.

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