

2022 AQS Christmas Countdown with Janome



Block Fourteen: Christmas Basket

Finished Block Size: 8½" x 8½" Unfinished Block Size: 9" x 9"

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Cutting Instructions

From the light background fabric, cut:

- (1) 5" x 9" rectangle
- (2) 3½" x 3½" squares
- (2) 1½" x 1½" squares

From the dark basket fabric, cut:

- (1) 1½" x 9" rectangle
- (1) 3½" x 9" rectangle

From the medium leaves fabric, cut:

- (6) Leaves from the template

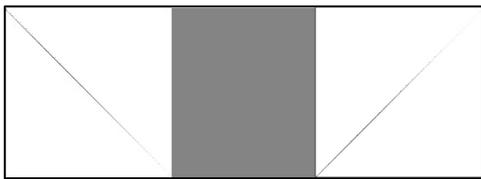
From the white berry fabric, cut:

- (1) Circle from the template
- (1) Smaller circle from the template

Piecing Instructions

All piecing is done with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, using 50wt 2-ply cotton thread.

1. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner of the backside of the light background $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares with chalk or soft pencil.
2. Place a marked light background $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the left end of the dark basket $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" rectangle as shown below. Sew on the line. Check that the triangle fits the corner, then trim the extra fabric leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Repeat on the right end of the rectangle.



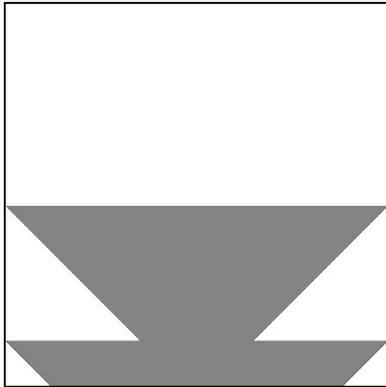
Basket unit measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" rectangle.

3. Place a marked light background $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the left end of the dark basket $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" rectangle as shown below. Sew on the line. Check that the triangle fits the corner, then trim the extra fabric leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Repeat on the right end of the rectangle.



Basket Base measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" rectangle.

4. Sew the light background 5" x 9" rectangle to the top of the Basket unit. Sew the Basket Base unit to the bottom of the Basket unit. Press seams toward dark fabrics.



Block measures 9" square.

Applique Instructions

Supplies

Lightweight cardboard or heat resistant silicone
Sewing needle and thread
Scissors
Pearle cotton or 28 weight cotton thread

1. Place two leaves right sides together and stitch around all sides. Trim the corners and cut a slit in one side to turn leaves right side out. Press. Make 3.
2. Using the patterns provided, make a large and small circle template from lightweight cardboard or lightweight heat resistant silicone. Using the white berry fabric, cut out circles larger than the templates, one for each template.
3. Using a running stitch, gather a large white berry circle around the large circle template and secure. Press. Remove template from circle. Repeat to make the smaller circle.
4. Place leaves and circles on the 9" x 9" square, using the block picture as a guide, and baste in place with contrasting color thread.
5. With Pearle cotton or 28 weight cotton thread, secure to your block with a running stitch through all layers, just inside the edge of your leaves and circles. Press.

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