

**BLUE MOUNTAIN QUILTER'S GUILD
BLOCK OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2003**

**SPRING BASKETS
FROM EQ BLOCK BASE**

Fabric choices are: Flora Print for large triangle of basket. (Letter E) Cut one 8 inch square, cut in half diagonally once.

Pick 2 colours from the flora print for the smaller triangles, (letters D), from one colour cut two 3-1/4 inch squares, cut in half diagonally once, to make 4 triangles -D-1; from the other colour cut three 3-1/4 inch squares, cut in half diagonally once to make 6 half-square triangles - you will need 5 of them - D-2.

The darker shade will also be the handle, which I used, as D-2 is also the handle. (Letter F) This is cut on the bias, 1-1/2 inch wide by approximately inches. To make the handle fold in half long raw edges together, press without stretching. Using a 1/4 inch seam sew this long edge together. Press seam to back to make it into a tube.

Use a pastel tone-on-tone for the background. (Letters A, (a 10-1/2 inch square cut in half diagonally once, B cut 2 rectangles 2-7/8 inch by 7-3/4 inch & C is a square 5-5/8 inch cut in half diagonally once)

Follow diagrams below, to make the row of D-1 & D-2; Press seams. Sew E to this row. Press seams towards E. Follow diagram to sew D to B, press seams towards triangles. Add to the basket, now add on C. Now add A. Without stretching the handle place as per diagram, Applique the inner curve first, then the outer curve - this prevents puckers.

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