

# Sierra Quilt Guild

## Block of the Month July 2017

### Flower Basket

The completed block measures 10" finished (10 1/2" unfinished). All seams are sewn at 1/4". Press seams open as you sew.

#### Fabric Requirements

Background	6 squares 3" X 3"
	3 squares 3 1/2" X 3 1/2", then each one cut in half from corner to corner
Basket	1 square 3" X 3"
	2 squares 3 1/2" X 3 1/2", then each one cut in half from corner to corner
Flowers	1 square 3" X 3"
	3 squares 3 1/2" X 3 1/2", then each one cut in half from corner to corner

#### Step One - Match Up Triangles for Half Square Triangles (HST)

From the 8 squares that were cut in half, you should now have 16 triangles. Match up the following pairs:

- 4 Flower triangles with 4 Background triangles
- 2 Flower triangles with 2 Basket triangles
- 2 Basket triangles with 2 Background triangles



#### Step Two - Sew the Half Square Triangles

With right sides together, sew the diagonal side of each of the 8 HST using a 1/4" seam. This is a good time to do chain piecing! Press seams open.



#### Step Three - True Up each HST to 3"

This step is key to getting a beautiful HST! The HST now are slightly larger than 3" square. Use a square ruler with a diagonal line; place the ruler diagonal line on the diagonal on the block. Locate the 3" line on the ruler. Position the ruler so that the block extends beyond the 3" line on all 4 sides, keeping the diagonals lined up. Trim two sides of the block. Turn the block, line up again on the 3" line and the diagonal, and trim up the other sides. Each HST is now 3" and the diagonal stitch line ends right into the corners.

#### Step Four - Arrange all the blocks

Using the 8 HSTs and the other 4 whole blocks, arrange according to the photo.



#### Step Five - Complete the block

Sew the 4 blocks together in each row. Press seams open. Sew the resulting 4 rows together, matching seams, and press seams open.

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