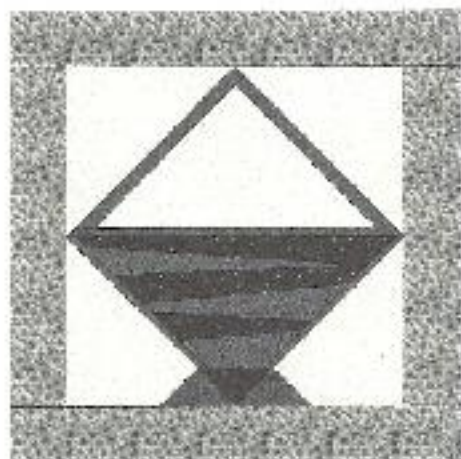
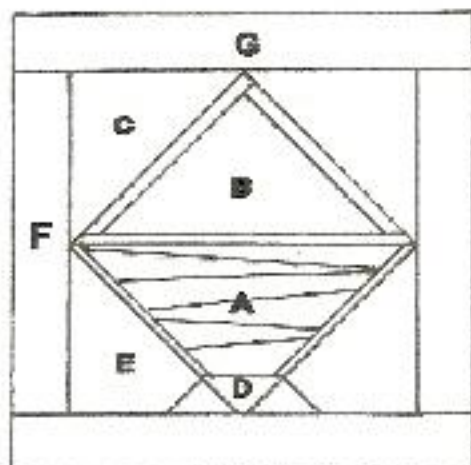


Country Basket May Block of the Month



This block is the first of a series that appeared in the Quiltmaker magazine in the January/February '03 No. 89 edition. It was a series of twelve blocks for each month of the year. The basket is paper pieced.

The only thing I've changed with the block is to either applique or embroidery flowers for the inside of the basket. And if you prefer not to do either, that's fine as well. The only requirement for fabric is to use a neutral color background.

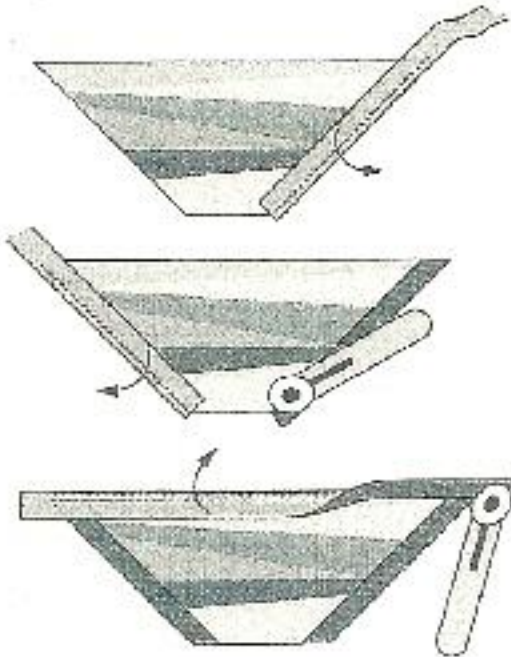


Cutting

- A - paper pieced pattern
 - B cut 1- 6 3/4" square diagonally
 - C cut 1- 5 3/4" square diagonally
 - D cut 1- 3 3/4" square cut diagonally twice
 - E cut 2 of template
 - F cut 2 1 3/4" x 10" strip
 - G cut 2 1 3/4" X 12 1/2" strip
- border strips for basket
 cut 1- 3/4" x 23"
 cut 2- 1" x 8"



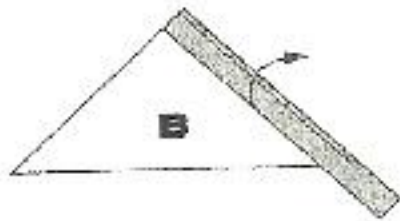
Paper pieced section A. If you are trying this technique for the first time any books by Carol Doak of www.quiltworx.com on the internet are great resources.



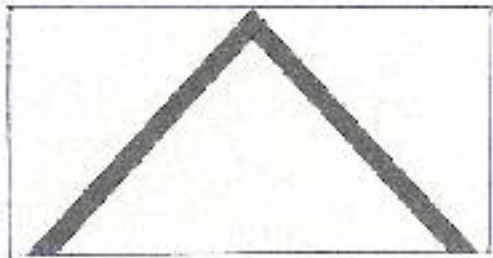
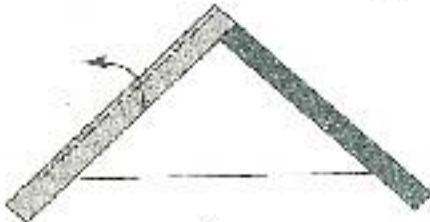
With right sides together, sew the 3/4" strip to 1 side of paper piece. Press seam and trim the extra length as shown. Using the remaining strip, repeat for the opposite side and the top of the basket.



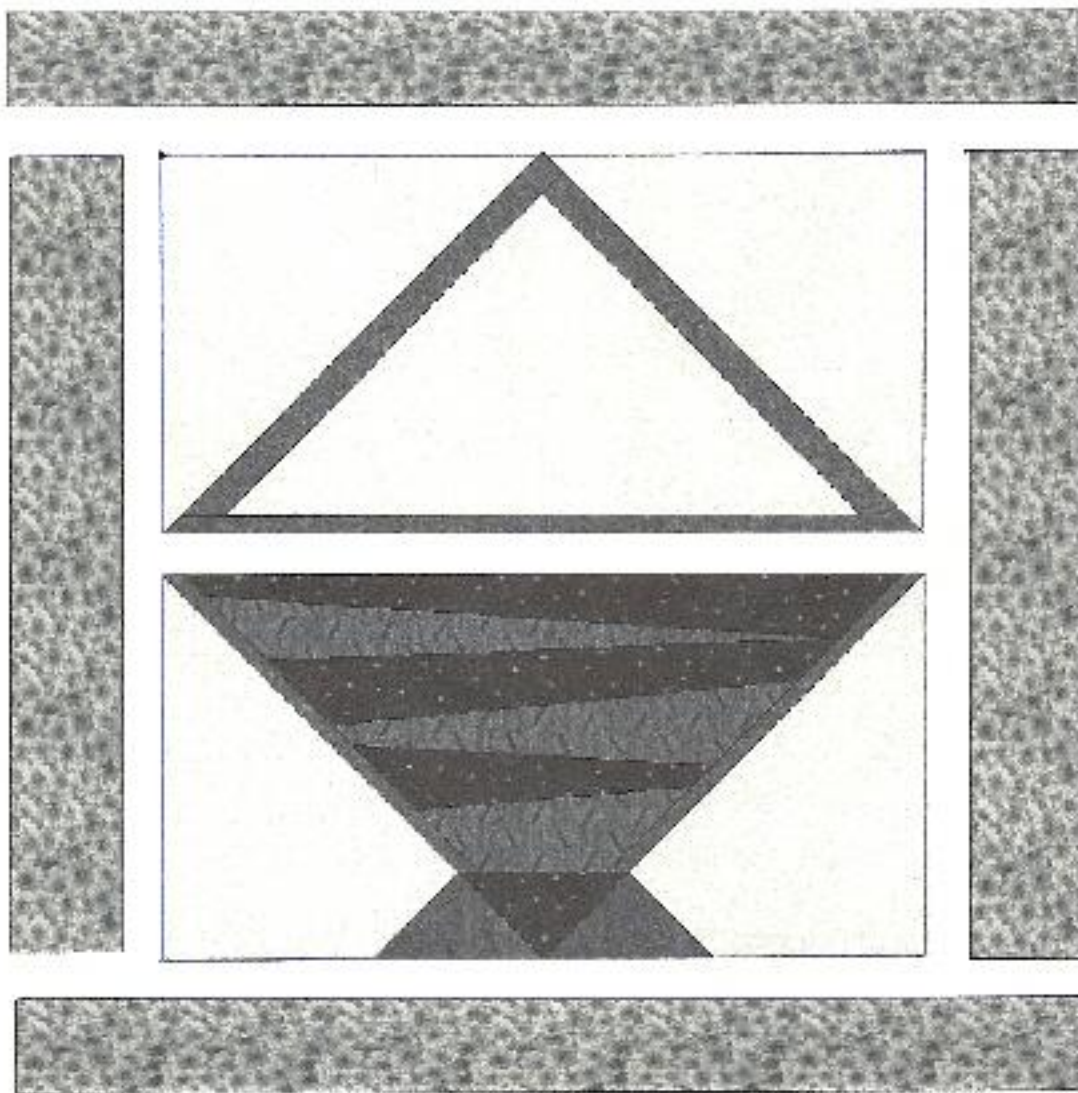
Sew D to the bottom of the basket and press seams. Join D to template E. Sew unit to basket and press seams.



With right sides together ser a 1" x 8" strip to a short side of block B. Press seam. Repeat on other short side of block. Press seam. Trim the strips even with the long edge of block B as shown.



Sew block C to both sides of block B as shown. Press seams.



Sew sections and borders together as shown.
Press seams open.

Applique flowers in center of basket as desired.

Block measures 12 1/2" square.

