

Block of the Month: May 2016 Instructions

Scrappy Flower Basket

Spring has sprung and colorful flowers are all around us. Thus, pull out your colorful fabric scraps to make this Scrappy Flower Basket. Use the half square triangle method you learned in the [April BOM](#), and this involved looking block will be complete in an hour.



Material Needed:	
<i>Fabrics 1-5 are for the flowers, counting from left to right</i>	
Fabric 1 & 5 (colorful):	(1) 2.5" square, (1) 3" square
Fabric 2, 3 & 4 (colorful)	(1) 2.5" square, (2) 3" squares
Green for the leaves:	(2) 2.5" squares
Brown for the basket:	(2) 2.5"x4.5", (1) 2.5" sq., (1) 5" square
Background: (use a cream or off-white)	(1) 5", (1) 4.5", (4) 2.5" & (4) 3" squares, (2) 2.5"x4.5" pieces

Instructions:

Use a 14" piece of cardboard or tray on which you can lay out your pieces in rows as they will be sewn together. Note: Block sits on the diagonal.

First, take the two 5" squares (brown and BG) to make Half Square Triangles: fabrics right sides together; draw a diagonal line on the BG back; sew 1/4" from the line on each side. Cut on the line, and press seams. You will have (2) HST, but will only need (1) per block. Trim to 4.5"x4.5".

Now, make HST with the 3" squares. Place right sides together of these 3" fabric squares:
 BG + Fabric 1 (use both HST)
 BG + Fabric 5 (use both HST)
 BG + Fabric 2 (use one)
 BG + Fabric 4 (use one)
 Fabric 2 + Fabric 3 (use one)
 Fabric 3 + Fabric 4 (use one)

Draw your diagonal line on the back of the lighter fabric, sew 1/4" from each side of the line. Cut and press seams. You will get (2) HST each that need to be trimmed to 2.5". See [April BOM](#) for detailed instructions on HSTs.

You now have all your pieces needed for this block. Assemble them on your board as shown in the picture to the right.

I like sewing pairs and then rows. However, as there are some larger pieces that go over two



rows, you will need to sew partial rows. Starting left on row 1 and 2: sew your pairs; then pair to pair; press seams. Sew partial row 1 to partial row 2, press, then sew large cream square to that piece which is partial rows 1 and 2. Continue with the other rows in that same manner.

Press and square up if needed. **Your block will measure 12.5"**. Admire your beautiful Scrappy Flower Basket.

Contact me, Kathrin Brown, at kbkreativ@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Make one or several of these blocks (each should be different, please) and bring to the [May 2nd](#) meeting to collect points to win all BOM made by guild members. Five points/blocks will allow you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points at http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/.