Quilters Basics
Read instructions before beginning a project.
All instructions include a ¼" seam allowance.
Press as you go. Press seams in one direction.

**Cutting** – Label pieces as they are cut

**Fabric 1** – Tan "Dark" Background
Cut 3– 9½"xWOF strips
Subcut 12–9½" x 9½" squares for basket handle backgrounds.
Cut 3–6⅞"xWOF strips
Subcut 48–6⅞" x 2⅞" rectangles for basket blocks.
Cut 2–4⅞"xWOF strips
Subcut 12–4⅞" x 4⅞" squares cut once diagonally for basket bottom corner.

**Fabric 2** – Cream "Light" Background
Cut 3– 9½"xWOF strips
Subcut 12–9½" x 9½" squares for basket handle backgrounds.
Cut 3–6⅞"xWOF strips
Subcut 48–6⅞" x 2⅞" rectangles for basket blocks.
Cut 2–4⅞"xWOF strips
Subcut 12–4⅞" x 4⅞" squares cut once diagonally for basket bottom corner.

**Fabric 4**
Cut 3– 9"xWOF strips for baskets

**Fabrics 7, 11 and 13**
From each
Cut 2– 9"xWOF strips for baskets.

**Fabrics 8 and 16**
From each
Cut 1– 9"xWOF strip for baskets.
Cut 4– 3"xWOF strips
Subcut 48–3" x 3" squares for sashing blocks.

**Fabrics 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21**
Each fabric is a 9"xWOF strip for baskets

**Fabric 22**
Set aside. Fabric will be fussy cut later.

**Fabric 23 – Binding**
Cut 2½" bias strips to equal 285 inches.

**Fabrics 3-21**
Refer to the chart below and pair the 9"xWOF fabric strips right sides together to make 12 strip pairs. See Cutting Guide on the right.

From each strip pair cut the following. Label pieces as they are cut and keep them layered right sides together.

1 pair – 7"x 16" strips for paper piecing.
1 pair– 9"x 9" squares for basket handles.
6– 2⅞"x 2⅞" squares (6 light and 6 dark) cut once diagonally for baskets
2– 2½" x 2½" squares (2 light and 2 dark) for baskets

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**Pairs 1 - 6**

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**Appliqué**

Choose your favorite appliqué method to prepare the 24 basket handle blocks.

**Basket Handle Blocks – Make 24**

*Note: Each handle block will yield 2 basket handle triangles. The triangles are slightly oversized and will be trimmed later after the basket block is assembled.*

1. Fold a 9½”x 9½” background square in half diagonally both ways. Lightly press to find the center of the block.

2. Use the pattern on page 4 to make a template. Prepare a handle block from the assorted 9”x 9” print squares. *Note: Center seam allowance for both handles is included in the pattern. Pattern does not include seam allowance for appliqué.*

3. Center a handle using the diagonal lines.


5. Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut the block in half on the diagonal to yield 2 triangles with basket handles.

Repeat Steps 1-5 with remaining 9½”x 9½” squares to make a total of 48 basket handles – 24 with Fabric 1 background and 24 with Fabric 2 bkgd. For each Fabric Pair, place the dark handle on the tan (dark) background and place the light handle on the cream (light) background. *See example on right.*

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**Cutting Guide for Quarter Yard Strip Pairs**

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Pair fabrics right sides together with dark on the bottom and light on top.
**Construction**

**Paper Piecing**

1. Make sure the light and dark 7”x 16” strip pairs are right sides together.
2. Cut a 5” “column” strip of half square triangle paper.
3. Center and pin paper to the layered pair. See diagram.
4. Stitch on dotted lines and cut on solid lines to make 20 half square triangle units. Press toward dark.
5. Repeat Steps 1-4 using the remaining 11 strip pairs to make a total of 240 half square triangle units. (You will need 180; save the extras for a future project or a pieced back for this quilt.)

**Assemble Basket Blocks – Make 4 from each fabric pair**

Each Basket Block requires:
- 2 – 2½”x 6½” background rectangles
- 1 – 4¾” background triangle
- 5 – matching half square triangle units
- 6 – 2⅞” matching triangles
- 1 – 2½”x 2½” matching light or dark square

Square should be the opposite print of the 6 – 2⅞” matching triangles. *Example: if the triangles are dark the square would be light or vice versa.*
- 1 – basket handle triangle
Construction - cont.

To avoid mix-ups lay out each block before beginning to piece.

1. Noting direction of triangles, stitch a triangle to the end of the 6½" x 2½" rectangles for basket "feet". Press toward rectangles. Set aside.

2. Referring to the diagram for placement and pressing direction, stitch the basket triangles together in horizontal rows. Sew the rows together.

3. Fold basket handle triangle in half and mark the center. Align center with basket center and stitch. Trim and square block to measure 8½" x 8½" with seams.

4. Add prepared rectangle/triangle units to opposite sides of pieced basket. Press toward rectangles.

5. Stitch 4⅞" background triangle to bottom of basket to complete the block. Basket Block should measure 10½" x 10½" with seams.

6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to make 48 Basket Blocks – 24 with dark points and 24 with light points.

Handle pattern is 100%

Note: Center seam allowance for both handles is included in the pattern. Pattern does not include seam allowance for appliqué.
Making the Sashing Blocks

Fussy Cutting the Sashing Fabric

1. Cut a 5½” x 5½” square from the sheet of template plastic. This will be the “window” to fussy cut the flower motif squares for the sashing.

2. Using a fine line marker draw a diagonal line from corner to corner in both directions to mark the center of the 5½” x 5½” template square.

3. Place the center of the template over the flower motif. Then trace around the template using a white Sewline pencil to mark the 5½” x 5½” square.

4. Cut out each marked square using a ruler and rotary cutter.

5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to make a total of 24 flower motif blocks for the sashings. See diagram below.

Assemble Sashing Blocks

Each border block requires 1 – 5½” flower square and 4 – 3” corner squares – 2 of Fabric 8 and 2 of Fabric 16. Make a total of 24 blocks. Directions are for one block.

1. Using a mechanical pencil draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4 – 3” x 3” squares.

2. With right sides together align edges and pin matching squares in opposite corners of the 5½” square. Note direction of marked lines.

3. Stitch on marked lines.


5. Repeat with 2 remaining matching squares. Block should measure 5½” x 5½” with seams.

Repeat steps above to make a total of 24 sashing blocks keeping Fabric 8 and Fabric 16 in the same position for each block.
Assemble Quilt

*For best color placement arrange quilt blocks on a design wall or the floor before beginning to assemble quilt.*

Piece three pairs of six blocks alternating dark/light and direction of blocks.

*See diagram.* Press rows toward arrows.

Quilt top should measure 60½" x 70½" with seams.

Finishing

Using a diagonal seam, join the 2½" bias strips end to end. Press seams open. Fold prepared strip in half wrong sides together and gently press to make the binding.

Layer, Quilt and Bind.
Baltimore Blues

Barbara Brackman

Fabric Requirements

Fabric 1
Dark Background
1¾ yards

Fabric 7
Baskets Pairs 3 & 7 Light
⅛ yard

Fabric 13
Baskets Pairs 6 & 12 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 19
Baskets Pair 11 Light
¼ yard

Fabric 2
Light Background
1¾ yards

Fabric 8
Baskets Pair 4 Light Sashing
⅛ yard

Fabric 14
Baskets Pair 7 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 20
Baskets Pair 11 Dark
¼ yard

Fabric 3
Baskets Pair 1 Light
⅛ yard

Fabric 9
Baskets Pair 4 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 15
Baskets Pair 8 Light Sashing
⅛ yard

Fabric 21
Baskets Pair 12 Light
¼ yard

Fabric 4
Baskets Pairs 1, 3 and 8 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 10
Baskets Pair 6 Light Sashing
⅛ yard

Fabric 16
Baskets Pair 9 Light Sashing
⅛ yard

Fabric 22
Sashing
⅛ yard

Fabric 5
Baskets Pair 2 Light
⅛ yard

Fabric 11
Baskets Pairs 5 & 10 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 17
Baskets Pair 9 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 23
Binding
⅛ yard

Fabric 6
Baskets Pair 2 Dark
⅛ yard

Fabric 12
Baskets Pair 6 Light
⅛ yard

Fabric 18
Baskets Pair 10 Light
⅛ yard

Backing – 4 yds. If Pieced Across

Also needed:
Half Square Triangles on a Roll 2" Finished – Stock # H200 or
Laundry Basket Quilt 2" Triangle Papers – Stock # LBQ-0222

Template plastic
Optional – 22" fusible web for appliqué – 3½ yds.