

Block of the Month - September, 2023



HANGING BASKET

The September Block is the twelfth and final block in our series. Every quilter needs at least one basket in their repertoire. Found in Best Blocks by “Quilters Newsletter”, *Hanging Basket* is a little different than most basket blocks. “Attributed to Clara Stone in her *Practical Needlework: Quilt Patterns*, it was presented as Mrs. Hardy’s Hanging Basket and was republished by *The Kansas City Star* in 1937 as Hanging Basket.”

While it might be faster and even a bit easier to use traditional piecing, I will once again be presenting our block for FPP. With so many angles to deal with, FPP will keep our block perfectly square.

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By now you are all experts, so I won't give much instruction.

HST cutting tip. Measure the longest side of the finished HST desired, add $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to that measurement. The answer gives you the perfect size square you will need to make four perfect HSTs from each square. With FPP, **You don't want perfect, you want a little bigger.** I suggest cutting your squares $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than the perfect size. For B and C triangles my squares were cut $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". For H and J, my square was cut $10\frac{1}{8} \times 10\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Assemble all units A-G first and set each unit aside.

Joining the units:

Join B unit to C unit.

Join D unit to E unit

Join F to completed D, E unit

Join G unit to C, E unit

Join A to D, B, G unit

Now the center is complete. Add large outer triangles or H pieces.

Trim to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

This is the final block. There will be no ZOOM this month.

I hope that you will continue to pursue the world of foundation piecing. If you have followed the series, you have all of the skill you need to try more challenging projects.

As always, call or e-mail me with your questions.

Thank you,

Marjorie





