

ABOUT THE BLOCK LOTTO

The Block Lotto has been a monthly online activity for quilters since January 2002.

It began as an activity on a quilting message board and moved into blog land in 2007. In 2012, we moved to our own site and group blog at blocklotto.com

The Block Lotto is open to all quilters at any level of experience.

No commitment is required: make blocks and enter them when you want; otherwise sit on the sidelines, read along, and

Join us!



SHOW US YOUR QUILT

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- Email photos and the story of your quilt to jeansophie@gmail.com
- Add your photo to the Flickr group pool [Lotto Block Quilts](#)
- Join the block lotto and add your quilt and its story to the Gallery

I can't wait to see what you make from this block.

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Banded Basket Block Pattern

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ABOUT THE BLOCK



BANDED BASKET

This 6 x 9 inch (finished size) basket block is an easy abstract basket shape with a thin band at the top and an appliqued round handle—those two elements are the challenge/opportunity to learn this month.

I've included directions for the basic block, with several variations, including a paper foundation.

Jo and I made the blocks on the cover.

CHOOSE FABRICS

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR BLOCK

The Long Leaf Block is made from three fabrics.

BACKGROUND—a light, pastel, low volume or neutral fabric (no solid white or white-on-white prints). If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same BACKGROUND in multiple blocks.

BASKET—quilter's choice of fabric. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same basket fabric in up to four blocks, but each must be combined with a different handle/band fabric.

HANDLE/BAND/BASE—a coordinating solid or tone-on-tone (TOT) fabric. Each BASKET+HANDLE should be a unique combination

Here are some examples of low volume fabrics suitable for the BACKGROUND



CUT FABRICS FOR BASIC BASKET



CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

From **BASKET** cut

One 3 1/2 by 6 1/2 inch rectangle

From **HANDLE/BAND/BASE** cut:

One 2 by 4 1/2-inch rectangle

One 1 by 6 1/2 -inch rectangle*

One 1 1/4 by 10-inch strip* CUT ON BIAS

From **BACKGROUND** cut:

Two 3 1/2-inch squares

Two 2 1/2 by 3 1/2-inch rectangles

One 4 1/4 by 6 1/2-inch rectangle



* These pieces will be trimmed as part of the construction process

SEWING THE BASIC BASKET



APPLIQUE HANDLE

Use the bias strip to appliqué the handle in place, using the placement guide on the last page. The finished handle should be between 1/4 and 3/8-inch wide. See my blog article for my favorite way to prepare and applique vines and handles.

Trim handle strip even with the bottom of the background.



SEWING THE BASIC BASKET



MAKE THE BASKET

Prepare the large Flying Geese unit that makes the basket by aligning the BACKGROUND square on one end of the BASKET rectangle, right sides together and drawing a line across the diagonal.

Sew ON the diagonal line, trim $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the seam.

Press. Repeat on the other side.

Sew the narrow band to the top edge of the basket. Press and trip the band so that it extends $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the seam.



When finished, the band will measure $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide. I find cutting it a little larger than trimming, using the seam as a reference is a good way to get an even $\frac{1}{4}$ inch width, but, if you prefer, you can begin with a rectangle that is $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.

SEWING THE BASIC BASKET



ADD HANDLE TO BASKET

Add the handle unit to the top of the basket.

Press.

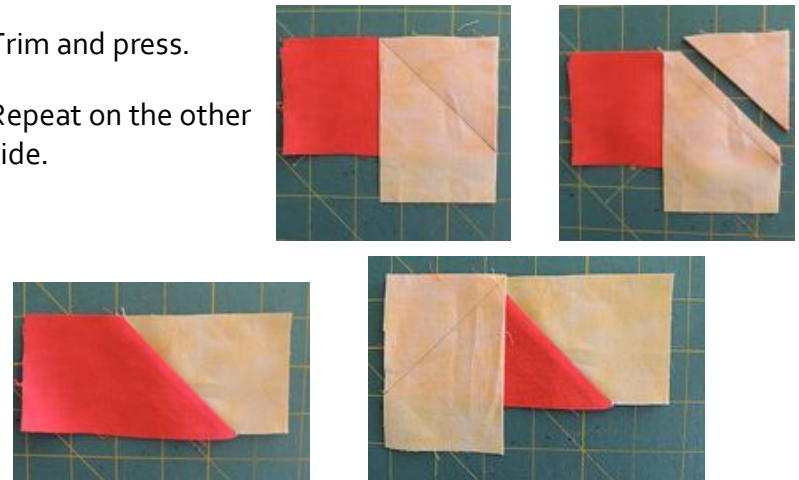


MAKE THE BASE

The base of the basket is made like the top of last month's Oak Leaf. Align the corners of the BASE and BACKGROUND rectangles, with the fabrics at right angles. Draw a diagonal line from corner of BACKGROUND to corner of BASE (underneath). I found using the lines on the cutting mat to line things up helped. Sew on the line.

Trim and press.

Repeat on the other side.



SEWING THE BASIC BASKET



PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Add the Base unit to the basket. Press and confirm that the block measures 6 ½ by 9 ½



ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO MAKING THE BLOCK

MORE OF THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT

First, a caveat: in all these examples the handle section is made exactly as above-appliquéd, following the guide on the last page. But there are a few different ways to make the rest of the block.

- Make the base using the bonus triangle squares from the basket
- Make the basket and/or base using No-Waste Geese
- Paper piece the block

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USE THE BONUS TRIANGLE SQUARES

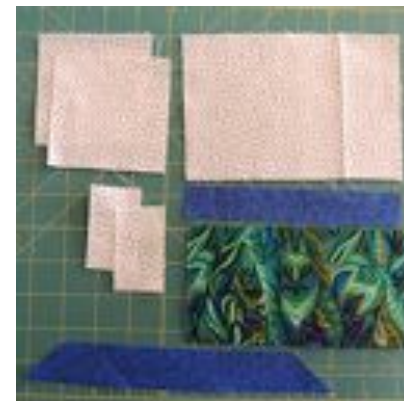


CHANGES IN CUTTING

Instead of the small rectangles cut from BASE and BACKGROUND fabrics, cut two smaller rectangles from BACKGROUND:

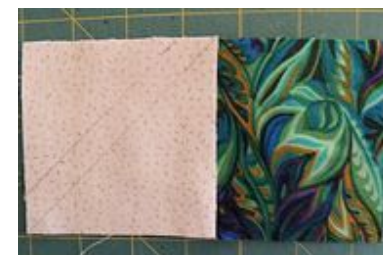
Two 1 ½ by 2 ½ inch rectangles

Note: if you think the bias strip for the handle in this photo doesn't look long enough, you'd be right!



MAKE THE ALTERNATIVE BASE

The handle section and basket section are made as in the Basic Basket, except when adding the background to the basket rectangle, after drawing the diagonal, draw a second parallel line that is ½ inch outside.



Sew on both lines. Cut between them and press. Trim the bonus triangle square unit to 2 ½ inches square. Repeat on the other side. Create the Base unit from two triangle squares and the two small Background rectangles.



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USING NO WASTE GEESE

MAKE FOUR FLYING GEESE

The No-Waste method for making Flying Geese units creates 4 at once, with no waste. To make 4 Basket units using this method, cut:

From BASKET:
One 7- $\frac{1}{4}$ inch square

From BACKGROUND:
Four 3- $\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares

These squares replace the BACKGROUND squares and the BASKET rectangle in the Basic Basket for four blocks.



See the Flying Geese Tip sheet, if you are unfamiliar with this technique and want to try it.

Using the no-waste method, you'll have 4 Flying Geese, in the appropriate size (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches) to make the basket. If you

are making them for the Block Lotto, you'll need to use DIFFERENT fabrics for the handle, band and base to make each block unique.

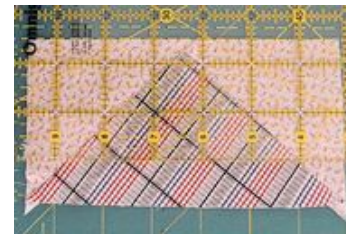
OR, you can combine two of the Flying Geese ...



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USING NO WASTE GEESE

TWO GEESE MAKE A BASKET



You can also make a base by trimming one of the flying geese units. With the point at the top, trim to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high.



The rest of the basket is made as before.

Remember that for the Block Lotto, each block must have a unique combination of BASKET + HANDLE fabric.



FOUNDATION PIECE THE BASKET BLOCK

PAPER PIECED BASKET

This block can also easily be foundation pieced in two units. The pattern is on the next page. If you like to pre-cut the fabrics, use the cutting measurements for the basic basket block as a guide. (I cut them a bit larger for a bit of wobble room).

To begin, applique the handle to the background as before. Remember to remove all the paper foundation from your block before you send it on to the winner(s).

FOUNDATION PATTERN

