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Texas Quilt Museum
History in the Making
Cutting – *Label pieces as they are cut*

**Fabric 1**

Cut 2 – 9½”xWOF strips
- Subcut 8 – 9½”x 9½” squares for basket handle backgrounds

Cut 8 – 11”xWOF strips
- *Note: Cut carefully as you will use 42½” of some strips.*
- Subcut 3 – 11”x11” squares from EACH strip
- From the remainder of 6 strips cut 1 – 9½”x 9½” square for basket handle backgrounds (to make a total of 14)

Cut 3 – 6½”xWOF strips
- Subcut 50 – 6½”x 2½” rectangles for basket blocks

Cut 2 – 4⅞”xWOF strips
- Subcut 13 – 4⅞”x 4⅞” squares cut once diagonally for basket bottom corner

**Fabrics 2-15**
*Refer to the chart at right and pair the 9”xWOF fabric strips right sides together to make 7 strip pairs. See Cutting Guide below.*

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

1 – 7”x15” strip pair for paper piecing.
1 – 9”x 9½” rectangle pair for basket handles

From the remainder of strip pair cut
- 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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Binding – Fabric 16
Cut 8 – 2½”x WOF strips

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

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**Cutting Guide for Quarter Yard Strip Pairs**

![Cutting Guide](image-url)
**Construction**

**Paper Piecing**

1. Make sure the light and dark 7” x 15” 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 6 strip pairs to make a total of 140 half square triangle units. (You will need 125; save the extras for a future project.)

**Appliqué**

Choose your favorite appliqué method to prepare the 14 basket handle blocks and the 24 stars for the alternate blocks.

**Basket Handle Blocks – Make 14**

*Note: Background triangles are slightly oversized. The basket block will be squared after assembly.* The following steps are for 1 appliquéd handle block. Each block yields 2 basket handles.

1. Fold a 9½”x 9½” background square in half diagonally both ways. Lightly press to find the center of the block.
2. Use enclosed pattern to make a template to prepare handles from the assorted print fabrics.
3. Center handles on diagonal lines.
5. Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut the block in half on the diagonal to yield 2 oversized triangles with basket handles. *Note: Center seam allowance for both handles is included in the pattern. Pattern does not include seam allowance for appliqué.*

Repeat Steps 1-5 with remaining 9½”x 9½” squares to make a total of 28 basket handles.

**Supporting the Cause…**

[Link to Texas Quilt Museum website]

Located in LaGrange, a small town in the rolling hills of Central Texas, the Texas Quilt Museum was opened in November, 2011. With three galleries to feature both antique and contemporary quilts the museum continues to share its mission to recognize and celebrate the art and beauty of quilts, the creativity of their makers, and the continuing contributions of quilt making to history and culture.
**Star Blocks-Make 24**

*These blocks are also oversized and will be squared when appliqué is complete.*

1. Mark the center of each 11”x11” background square. *See Step1 on the previous page.*

2. Use enclosed pattern to make a template to prepare stars from the assorted print fabrics. *For ease of handling, cut each fat quarter into 4–9”x11” rectangles.*

3. Center star on background aligning point of star on diagonal line.

4. Appliqué star to background.

5. Trim and square block to measure 10½”x10½”

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**Assemble Basket Blocks**

Each Basket Block requires:
- 2 – 6½”x 2½” background rectangles
- 1 – 4⅞” background triangle (Fabric 1)
- 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 (*handle should match the 2½” square*)

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*Handle template is 100% and does not include seam allowance.*

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Assemble Basket Blocks – cont.

1. To avoid mix ups layout block before beginning to piece.

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

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

4. 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.

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

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

7. Repeat Steps 1-6 to make 25 Basket Blocks — 13 dark and 12 light.

Assemble Quilt

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

Piece seven rows of seven blocks alternating basket and star blocks. Piece four rows beginning and ending with basket blocks and 3 rows beginning and ending with star blocks. Press rows toward arrows. Quilt top should measure 70½" x 70½" with seams.

Finishing

Using a diagonal seam, join the 8 – 2½" x WOF strips end to end. Press seams open. Fold prepared strip in half wrong sides together and press to make the binding.

Layer, Quilt and Bind.
Fabric Requirements

**Background**

- **Fabric 1** - Background
  - 4¾ yards
  - 46202-21

**Stars - Fat Quarters**

- **Fabric 16** - Fat Quarters
  - 46171-38
- **Fabric 17**
  - 46203-18
- **Fabric 18**
  - 46206-18
- **Fabric 19**
  - 46200-11
- **Fabric 20**
  - 46206-13
- **Fabric 21**
  - 46207-13
- **Fabric 22**
  - 46200-14

**Basket Pairs – ¼ yd each**

- **Fabric 2**
  - 46204-18
- **Fabric 3**
  - 46206-11
- **Fabric 4**
  - 46200-12
- **Fabric 5**
  - 46171-36
- **Fabric 6**
  - 46206-18
- **Fabric 7**
  - 46208-16
- **Fabric 8**
  - 46205-18
- **Fabric 9**
  - 46204-15
- **Fabric 10**
  - 46171-42
- **Fabric 11**
  - 46200-15
- **Fabric 12**
  - 46207-21
- **Fabric 13**
  - 46205-16
- **Fabric 14**
  - 46205-24
- **Fabric 15**
  - 46200-13

**Optional**

- Binding – ⅝ yd, Fabric 16
- Backing – 4¾ yds

**Also needed:**

- Half Square Triangles on a Roll 2" Finished – Stock # H250 or
  Laundry Basket Quilt 2" Triangle Papers – Stock # LBQ-0222

**Optional**

- 22" fusible web for appliqué – 3½ yds
- Template plastic

- Kit yardage may vary from amounts given on this project sheet.