Collection for a Cause
Mill Book Series
Circa 1892
Howard Marcus
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Finished Size: 70" x 70"

16th in a Series
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”x 11” 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”x 15” 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

Cutting Guide for Quarter Yard Strip Pairs

Fabrics 16-22
are used for the stars on the alternate blocks.

Binding – Fabric 16
Cut 8 – 2½”x WOF strips.
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.

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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.
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**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)*

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


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"xWOF 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.
The latest collection in the Collection for a Cause Series from Moda reproduces fabrics from a circa 1892 French mill book. The mill book contains hundreds of antique swatches documenting prints of the time. Authentic in color and in scale, this beautiful collection showcases the fine, delicate print quality of the period. The 1892 mill book is part of the Howard Marcus Collection.

Fabric Requirements

Background

*Binding – ⅝ yd, Fabric 16

Backing – 4⅔ yds.

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


Template plastic

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

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner