

#qmbittyblocks

Hi, my name is Paula, and I'm obsessed with bitty blocks.

Oh my GOSH. Have you heard? QM has embarked on a [bitty block adventure](#) and I, for one, am ridiculously obsessed. We are so excited about this new *free* quilt blocks project!



In case you haven't heard, here's how it will work. On the first Monday of each month during 2015, we'll present you with a Bitty Block. Most will be 3" or 4" square and all will be easy to make. They'll be hashtagged as #qmbittyblocks. You can read more about it [here](#).



QM Bitty Blocks: Free quilt block patterns monthly during 2015

Now let's get to our second QM Bitty Block. February's block is a little 4" Basket.



For one basket you will need:

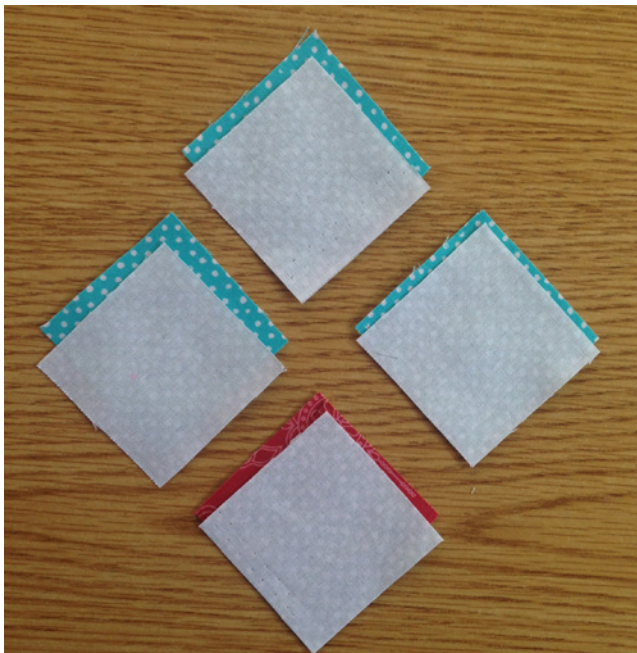
Background fabric: (4) 1-7/8" squares, (1) 2-7/8" square and (2) rectangles 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" (light gray dot)

Basket fabric #1: (3) 1-7/8" squares (teal)

Basket fabric #2: (1) 1-7/8" square and (1) 2-7/8" square (red)



Pair 3 gray squares with the teal squares, and the red square with the remaining gray square.



Using your favorite triangle-squares technique, make 6 teal triangle-squares. Make 2 red triangle-squares.



Now, cut the large gray square and the large red square in half diagonally to make the basket base. Sew one of each color triangle together. (Save the leftover triangles for other blocks).



Lay out the triangle squares and the 2 gray rectangles to form the basket.



Sew the top 3 teal triangle-squares together, the next row of 2 teal triangle-squares and 1 red triangle square together, and sew the bottom teal and bottom red triangle-squares together.

Here's a tip: Press the seam allowances of each row going opposite directions so that when you sew the rows together, the seams will nest with each other. Here, I flipped over the rows so that you can see how I sew the seam allowances going in opposite directions.



Sew the triangle-squares and rectangles together to make the top half and the bottom half of the block.



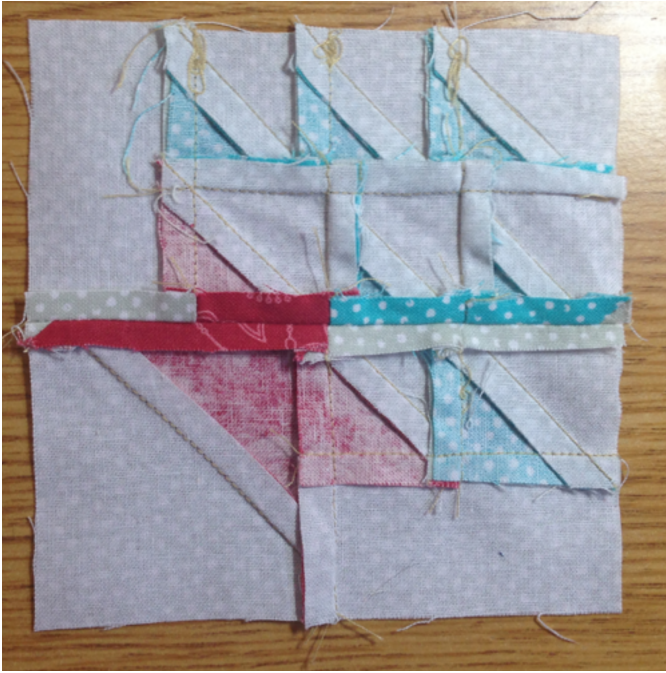
Here again, I flipped over the block parts so you can see the seams pressed opposite directions. There are so many little seams in the this block, nesting them really helps to keep the block laying flat and smooth.



Finish sewing the block together! Woohoo!



For the last final seam, I found it best to press the seam open.



For a throw size quilt, make around 14-18 Basket blocks. Soon we will be sharing a few different layouts so you can decide how big you want your quilt to be and how many blocks you will need for the rows.

Please help us spread the word about #qmbittyblocks. Use the hashtag, share this post on social media and tell your friends. Maybe your small group would like to make Bitty Blocks together. Whatever you do, we'd love to hear about it: editor@quiltmaker.com.