

Bountiful Block of the Month Instructions June Block

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Cut (1) background piece of fabric 8 ½" square

Cut (1) 6" x 6" square for basket

18" Brown 5/8" Rick Rack (or Rick Rack to match the basket)

OR 1" x 18" of basket fabric bias cut for the handle

6" x 6" squares of fabric for the leaves and flower center

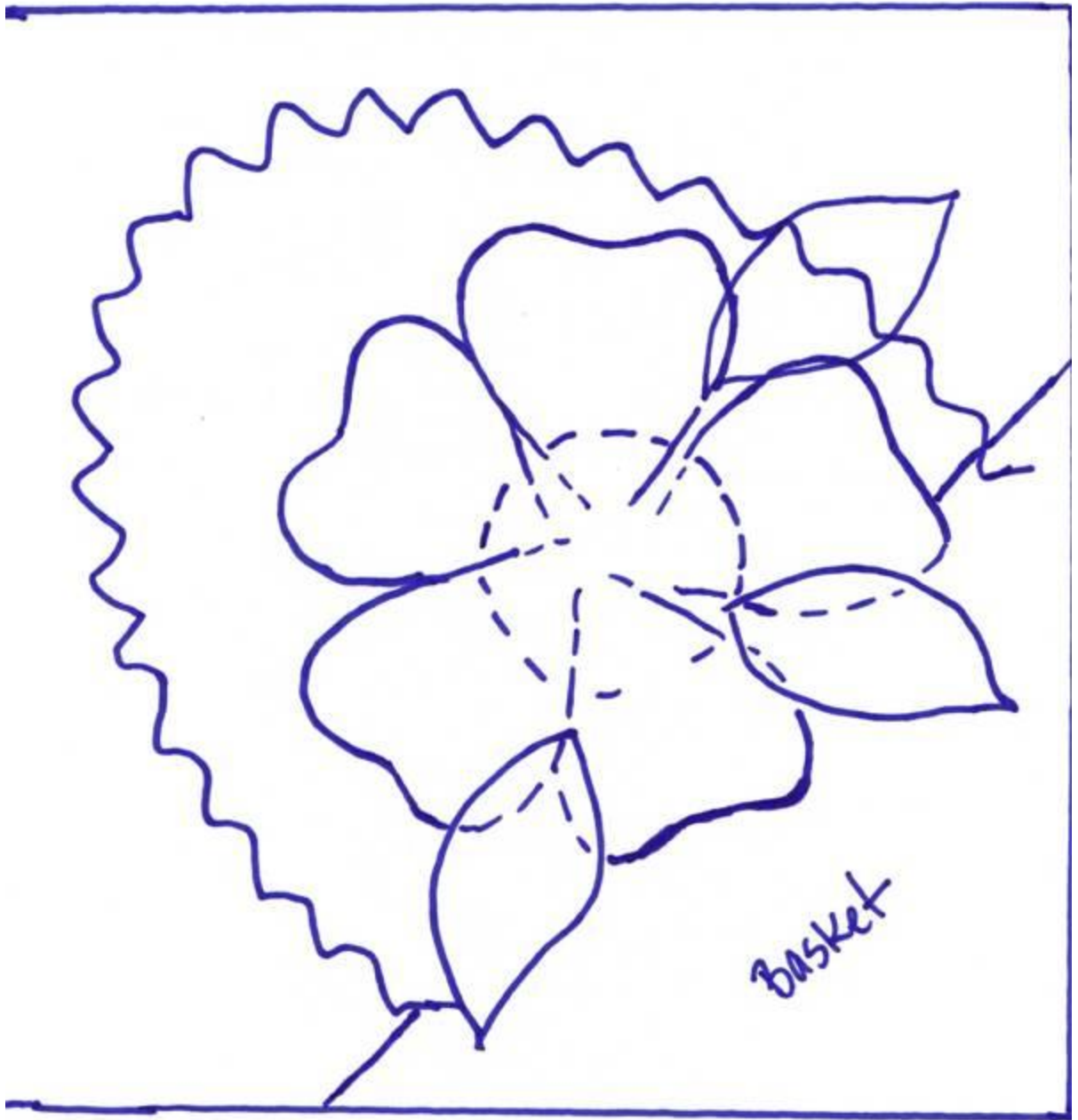
9" x 9" square of fabric for the flower petals

1. Trace the flower and leaf templates on to freezer paper or fusible web.
2. Turn the background block on point and measure and mark 4" up from the bottom point toward the center of the block. Make a small mark with a pencil.
3. Measure 1" in from each side of the square at that 4" mark. This is where each end of the handle is placed. Lay your rick rack or bias handle on the block and make an arch for the handle. Pin the handle down at the two ends and along the arch.
4. On the back of the 6" basket square mark a line diagonally across from one corner to the opposite corner.
5. Place the square on the bottom point of the background square with right sides together. The drawn line should be perpendicular to the handle ends and should overlap them to hide them in the seam. Sew along the drawn line and press.
6. Fold the basket square in half along the seam, and press. Cut away the two layers of fabric behind the basket triangle.
7. Hand or machine stitch down the basket handle.

8. Fuse and machine stitch the leaves, then the flower petals to the basket block using the layout for placement. Or hand appliqué the leaves, then the petals to the block.
9. The flower center can be either a fabric Yo-yo as I did, or a circle for the center. A template is provided for the flower circle if needed. For the circle, either fuse and machine stitch or appliqué the center.
10. For the Yo-yo center, cut out a 5" circle, press under the raw edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew a running stitch all around the circle. Pull the thread and gather the circle. Once the yo-yo is pulled tight in the center, flatten it a bit with your fingers, pull the thread tight once more, and make two or three small stitches through several of the gathers to hold the Yo-yo tight. Knot the thread and appliqué the Yo-yo to the flower center. I added a $\frac{3}{4}$ " button to the center of the flower for added embellishment. Your block is done, Enjoy!

Note* I used the Clover Yo-yo Maker in the 45mm size to make my Yo-yo center.





Templates
including Seam
allowance

