May Block- May Basket- 6" finished

Fabric Required:

Fat Quarter light Fat Quarter brown

Appliqué-Small pieces for flowers,

leaves & butterfly

**Cutting:** 

From the light: (2) 3 1/2" X 1 1/2"

(1) 1 ½" X 1 ½"

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(2) 37/8" X 37/8" cut in half diagonally

From the brown (1)  $_1 \frac{1}{2}$   $_1 \frac{1}{2}$   $_1 \frac{1}{2}$ 

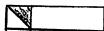
(1) 3 1/2" X 3 1/2"

Piecing:

On the wrong side of the 1 1/2" X 1 1/2" light, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Layer this with the brown square of the same size and sew on the drawn line. Trim away from the sewing line leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and discard the trimmed portion. Press with the seam toward the brown. This light/dark half square triangle should be 1 . 1/2" X 1 1/2".

Repeat this process with the 3 1/2" X 3 1/2" light and brown pieces. This sewn half square triangle should be 3 1/2" X 3 1/2"

Sew a 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" rectangle and the small half square triangle together as shown in diagram.

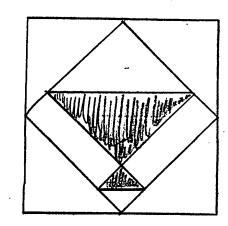


Sew the other 1 1/2"X 31/2" rectangle on to the large light/brown half square triangle as shown.

Sew the small half square triangle/rectangle unit to the adjacent side of the large half square triangle/rectangle unit as in the diagram.

Sew the remaining cut triangles on each side of the basket block to make a 6 1/2" (unfinished) square with the basket set on point in the center.

You're ready for the appliqué!!!!



Follow general appliqué instructions for the flowers, basket handle and butterfly.

The basket handle should fit into the light triangle above the basket without overlapping into the setting triangles.

For the center of the full flower, veins on the leaves, the butterfly antenna and body, I used different decorative stitches on the Janome sewing machine, you could also do hand embroidery for these embellishments.

