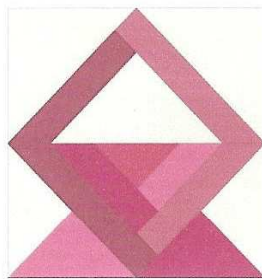
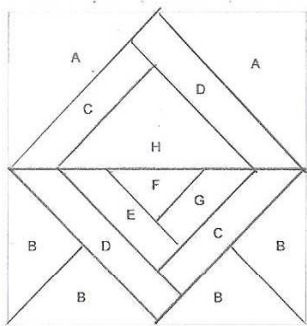


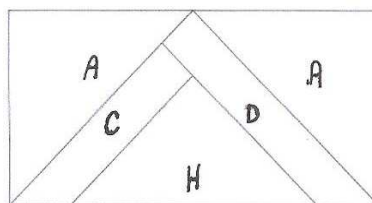
Puyallup Valley Quilter's May 2009 Block of the Month

Log Cabin Basket with Yo-Yo Flowers



Background fabric color: Pieces 2 of A, 2 of B, and H.

Variety of fabrics in color of your choice: 2 of B, 2 of C, 2 of D, E, F, and G.



Log Cabin Basket section A.

H is half of a 6 ¾ inch square.

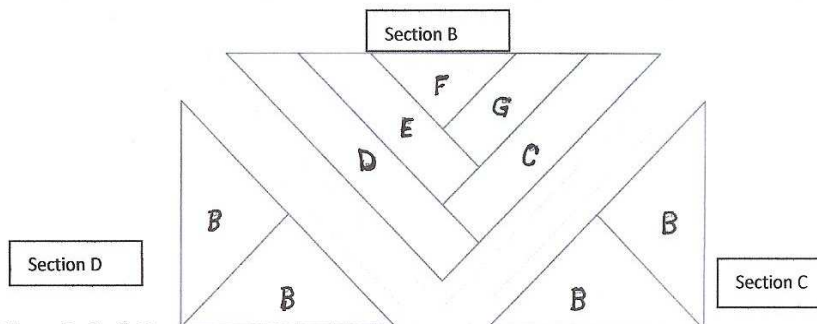
C is a 2 inch strip at least 8 ½ inches long.

D is a 2 inch strip at least 9 ¾ inches long.

A 1 and A 2 are half of a 7 1/8 inch square. (These can be half of a 7 ¼ inch square)

Sew C strip to left side of H triangle side (not base – longest side), then sew D to the C H pieces.

Square up to a half of a 9 ¾ inch square before adding the two A pieces. Sewing the two A pieces base (longest side) to the C D H triangle as shown.



Log Cabin Basket sections B, C, & D.

C and D sections are the B triangles, 2 background and 2 color of your choice, which are half of 5 ¼ inch squares.

Sew on B background to one B color as shown for base of basket as shown.

Section B:

F is half of a 3 ¾ inch square.

G is a 2 inch strip at least 5 ¼ inches long.

E is a 2 inch strip at least 6 ¾ inches long.

C is a 2 inch strip at least 8 ¼ inches long.

D is a 2 inch strip at least 9 ¾ inches long.

Sew G strip to F on side as shown,

Sew E to G F on side as shown,

Sew C to E G F on side as shown,

Sew D to C E G F on side as shown.

Square up to a half of a 9 ¾ inch square then adding the C & D sections.

Sew the B, C, D section to A section then square up to a 13" square to make a 12 ½ inch finished block.

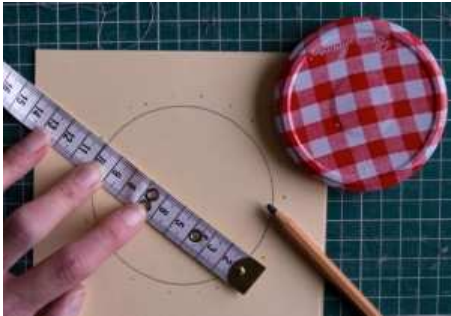
What to do with the extra half square of H, & F? Make a second block of the month!

Now add several yo-yo's of different sizes and fabrics for flowers in the May Basket.

Bring the completed Block of the Month to the May 6, 2009 Puyallup Valley Quilter's meeting.

Yo – Yo Tutorial

First, make a pattern. Your yo-yo pattern needs to be twice as wide as your intended yo-yo, plus about 1/2" for seam allowances. You can use a compass to draw out your pattern, or find a bowl or lid to trace.



On the wrong side of your fabric, trace around the pattern. Use a water-soluble pen or chalk.



Following your traced line cut out a circle of fabric.

Fold under a scant 1/4" along the edge of your circle, as you stitch close to the folded edge. Use strong thread and make sure it's long enough to go around the full circumference of the circle, with some to spare.



Note: Shorter stitches create a larger, more open center on your yo-yo. Longer stitches make for a tighter yo-yo center. Once you've stitched around the entire perimeter of the fabric circle, gently pull your stitching thread until the edges gather to the center. Make a couple of stitches to secure your gathers, then knot and trim your thread. Squash your yo-yo flat, with the gathers centered on the top of the yo-yo. That's it!

