Block of the Month – May 2012

Flower Basket

**Fabric:** Choose two different floral prints, a dark green, a brown, and a pale yellow or cream for the background. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:** For each block, cut pieces as follows:

- Floral one (A): (1) 5 3/8” x 5 3/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles for two blocks)
- Pale yellow or cream (B): (2) 2 ¾” x 5” rectangles
- Pale yellow or cream (C): (3) 3 ¼” x 3 ¼” (making half-square triangles with D, so you will have one extra piece)
- Floral two (D): (3) 3 ¼” x 3 ¼” (making half-square triangles with C, so you will have one extra piece)
- Brown (E): (1) 2 3/4” x 2 ¾”
- Brown (F): (2) 3 1/8” x 3 1/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles per piece)
- Dk green (G): (1) 5 3/8” x 5 3/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles for two blocks)

**Assembly:** Follow the diagram and pictures below. To assure having an accurate 9 ½” block, it is helpful to measure and trim components as you sew. When making the half-square triangles (C+D), trim squares to 2 ¾” before sewing to other pieces. The center square (A/F/E/F) should measure 5” square.

**BOM basics:**

- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
- Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com).