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### *Miniatures in Minutes*

#### **13 Square Foundation:** *Pink Penguin's Fabric Basket*

- *The 13 Square Foundation and instructions on the Fold and Sew method of assembly are included in Miniatures in Minutes (C&T Publishing).*
- *The directions for assembling the basket can be found at Pink Penguin's blog:*  
<http://ayumills.blogspot.com/2008/05/tutorial-fabric-basket.html>



I've made a few minor modifications for this version of the pattern. The 13-Square foundation sections come out the same size as the pieced sections in Pink Penguin's directions, but I have added a 1/4" (finished) border to the top and bottom of each foundation pieced section. This version, therefore, comes out just a little deeper than the original.

**NOTE:** *For this project, you're going to change the shape of the 13-Square foundation.* Instead of copying the foundation to create a 13-square grid (copying one page with the full foundation and one page with the partial foundation), copy 2 full foundation pages. Join the two pages so that you create a 13 by 18 patch grid. I do this by overlapping one column of squares and then trimming off the excess columns.

When preparing the foundation, you do not need to fold the foundation between rows 6 and 7 or between rows 7 and 8. There are no fabric patches placed on row 7. After piecing, cut the two sections apart.

#### **Fabric Requirements:**

Light gray (A) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Medium blue (B) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Light blue (C) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Cream (D) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Medium green (E) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Dark gray (F) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Brown (narrow borders) – scraps or 1/8 yard  
Beige linen (or cotton) – 1 fat quarter or 1/3 yard  
Basket lining – 1 fat quarter

Fusible Fleece – 10" by 14" rectangle

### Cutting Directions: Patch Size – 1" by 1"

*NOTE: Cutting directions are exact. You might want to add a half-inch or so to the strip lengths to allow for minor cutting adjustments.*

Light gray (A) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

Medium blue (B) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

Light blue (C) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

Cream (D) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

Medium green (E) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

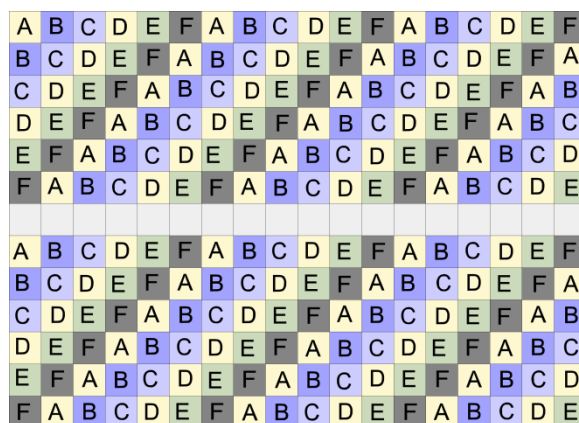
Dark gray (F) – Cut strip 1" by 36". Crosscut into 36 patches.

Blue (narrow borders) – Cut four strips 3/4" by 9 1/2".

Beige linen – Cut one rectangle 6" by 9 1/2". Cut one rectangle 2" by 10 1/2".

Green lining for handles – Cut one rectangle 2" by 10 1/2".

Basket lining – Cut one rectangle 12 1/2" by 9 1/4".



**Quilt Layout Diagram**

### Basket Assembly Directions:

There are only a few changes from the Pink Penguin tutorial.

1. For the patchwork section, use the 13-Square foundation.
2. After removing paper and pressing the foundation sections, add the 1/4" (finished) borders (3/4" by 9 1/2" unfinished) to the top and bottom of each section.
3. Use the cutting directions listed above for the changed dimensions on the fleece batting and the lining.
4. When you are adding the pieced sections to the linen rectangle, be sure to orient them so that the diagonal colorway on the patches continues smoothly where the sections will be sewn together.
5. I wanted my basket to be a little more square, so I drew 1 3/4" squares on the lower corners of the basket and used them to square the bottom. (This amounts to approximately 2 3/8 inch in on the diagonal).

That said, follow the excellent directions given in the Pink Penguin tutorial.



Here's another version that uses the Square-in-a-Square foundation from *Miniatures in Minutes*. Once again, copy two of the full page foundation. Line the two pages up to create a 4 by 6 grid. After adding all of the patches, separate into two sections (between rows 2 and 3) before doing the "island joins."

