

PROJECT: Quilted Storage Basket
Cut the clutter with a stylish storage basket that can
corral the mess.

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FABRICS are from the Quarry Trail collection by Anna Graham for Robert Kaufman Fabrics (robertkaufman.com).

BASKET

Finished size: 12×12×12"

Finished block: 12" square

MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 1¼ yard total assorted prints in blue, black, brown, gray, cream, and white (basket body)
- 1 yard dark gray print (basket body, lining, binding)
- 36×58" rectangle foam stabilizer (We used ByAnnie's Soft & Stable.)

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut 4" squares instead of the 3⅞" squares specified in the cutting instructions.

From assorted prints, cut:

- 48—3⅞" squares (12 matching sets of 4 squares)
- 16—3½" squares (4 matching sets of 4 squares)

From dark gray print, cut:

- 2—2½×42" binding strips
- 2—12½×24½" rectangles
- 2—12½" squares

From foam stabilizer, cut:

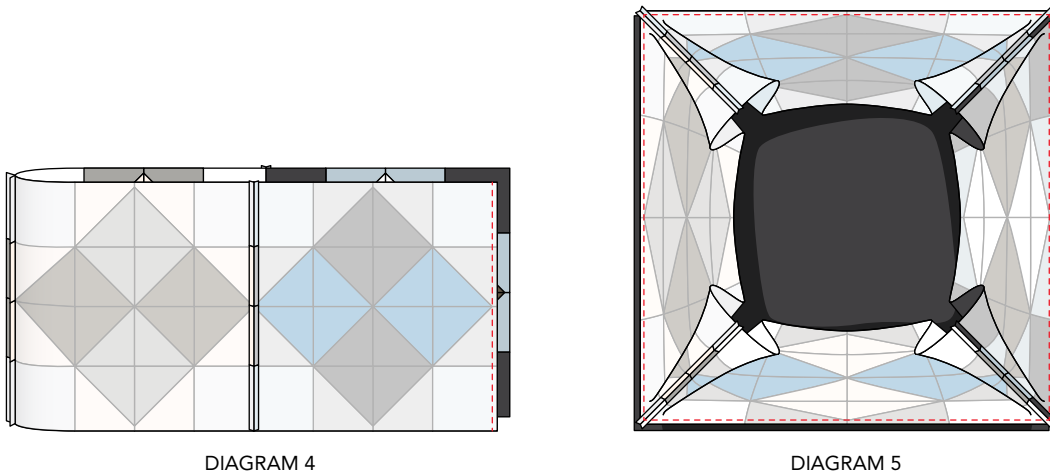
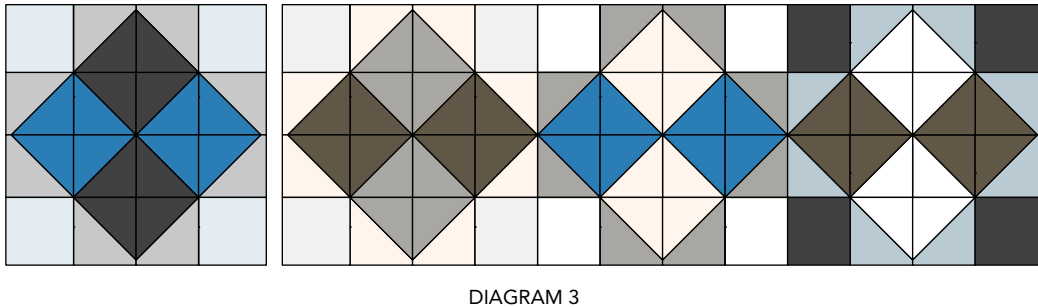
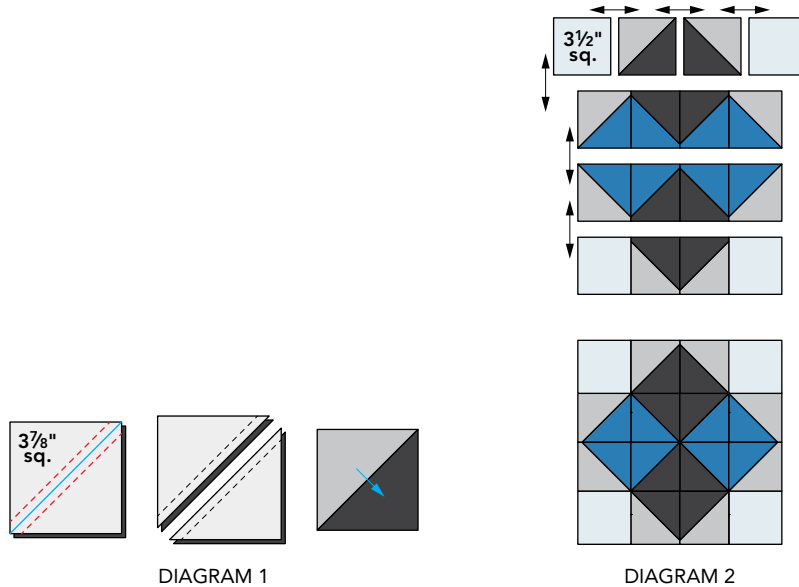
- 1—16×52" rectangle
- 1—16" square

ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

- 1) Gather four matching 3⅞" squares from each of three assorted prints (for a total of 12) and four 3½" squares from a fourth assorted print.
 - 2) Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of two 3⅞" squares from each assorted print (six squares total). (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
 - 3) Layer a marked square atop an unmarked, nonmatching 3⅞" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line (**Diagram 1**). Cut pair apart on drawn line. Press open to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 3½" square including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining assorted print squares to make 12 triangle-squares total (four triangle-squares in each of three print combinations).
 - 4) Referring to **Diagram 2**, arrange assorted print 3½" squares and triangle-squares in four rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
 - 5) Repeat steps 1–4 to make four blocks total.
- ## ASSEMBLE BASKET BODY
- 1) Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together blocks in a row to make patchwork unit. The unit should be 12½×48½" including seam allowances.
 - 2) Layer patchwork unit atop foam stabilizer 16×52" rectangle. Press to lightly adhere foam to patchwork unit. Trim foam stabilizer even with patchwork unit edges.
 - 3) If desired, machine-quilt the unit. The denser the quilting, the stiffer the basket will be.
 - 4) Fold quilted unit in half crosswise with right side inside. Sew short ends together (**Diagram 4**). Press seam open to make a cube.
 - 5) Layer a dark gray print 12½" square atop foam stabilizer 16" square. Press to lightly adhere squares to one another. Trim foam stabilizer even with edges of dark gray print square.
 - 6) Lay Step 4 cube atop Step 5 square with right sides together; match cube seams with corners of square (**Diagram 5**). Sew together cube and square, stopping ¼" before each corner and pivoting before sewing the next set of edges.
 - 7) Turn Step 6 unit right side out to make basket body; press well.
- ## ASSEMBLE BASKET LINING
- 1) Layer two dark gray print 12½×24½" rectangles with right sides together. Sew both sets of short ends together (**Diagram 6**). Press seams open to make a cube.
 - 2) Lay Step 1 cube atop remaining dark gray print 12½" square with right sides together (**Diagram 7**). Sew together, stopping ¼" before each corner and pivoting before sewing the next set of edges to make basket lining. Do not turn right side out.
- ## FINISH BASKET
- 1) Insert basket lining into basket body with wrong sides together (**Diagram 8**). Sew top edges together using a scant ¼" seam allowance.
 - 2) Bind top edges using dark gray print binding strip to complete basket.



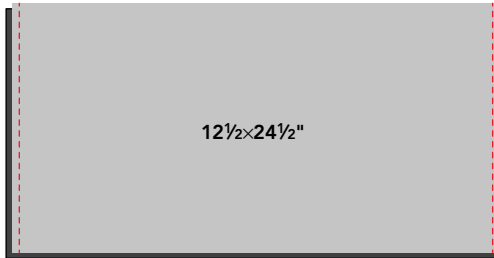


DIAGRAM 6

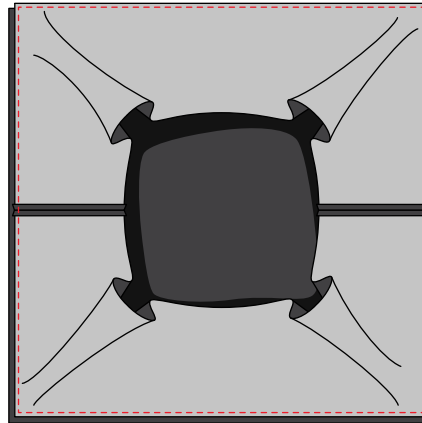


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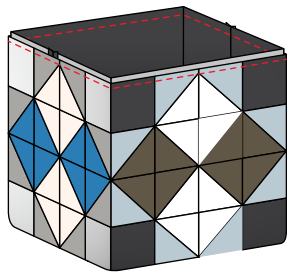
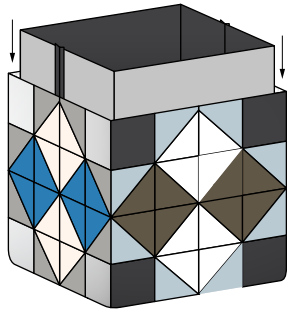


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