



"MY BACKYARD" SERIES

# Berry Basket

A Fused Art Quilt  
(Complete pattern and instructions enclosed)



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Finished Size 17" x 17"



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## Materials and Tools

Background fabric 17" x 17" (or 19" x 19" if doing the optional Wrapped Binding) of light yellow

Sky fabric 8" x 11" of light blue

Ground fabric 5" x 11" of dark green

Basket A fabric 6" x 16" of light yellow

Basket B fabric 6" x 16" of orange

Strawberry fabric 8" x 8" orange to red

Strawberry Top fabric 6" x 12" of green

Blossom Dot fabric 2" x 6" of light green

Grass fabric 4" x 4" of medium green

Binding fabric 6" x 19" of your color choice

3 yards fusible web (Wonder Under #805 recommended)

17" x 17" batting

17" x 17" stiff interfacing (for optional Wrapped Binding)

17" x 17" backing fabric

1 yard of parchment (baking) paper (optional)

Size 8 pearl cotton embroidery thread

Size 3 or 4 embroidery needle

Machine quilting thread

Decorative rotary cutter blades like pinking, scallop or wave

Black Sharpie marker or lead pencil

## Preparation

1. This quilt measures about 17" x 17" upon completion and is hand-stitched and machine quilted.
2. Assemble all the materials and tools listed.
3. Fuse all the fabrics except the backing fabric and remove all the release paper except that on the background fabric.
4. Save the release paper in one sheet. It is needed for the construction of this quilt. Parchment (baking) paper can be used instead of the release paper.

## Sky and Ground

1. Trim about 1/4" from the 2 short sides and 1 long side of the sky fabric using a decorative blade in the rotary cutter.
2. Trim about 1/4" from the 2 short sides and 1 long side of the ground fabric using a decorative blade.
3. Free-cut the un-trimmed long side of the ground fabric into a zigzag shape like pointy grass.
4. Center the sky about 4" down from the top edge of the background fabric with the untrimmed side facing down.
5. Center the ground with the point up on the lower edge of the sky and overlap the untrimmed side of the sky by 1/4". There should be a border measuring about 3" to 4" of background fabric seen all around the sky and ground. Fuse-tack the sky and ground into place onto the background fabric.

## Basket

1. Cut 10 bias strips measuring about 1/4" wide from Basket A fabric and 14 bias strips measuring about 1/4" wide from Basket B fabric. (The *fabric's bias* runs at a 45 angle to the grain or weave of the fabric.)
2. Align the 10 Basket A strips horizontally on the release paper (or parchment paper) and fuse-tack 1/2" of the right side of each strip onto the paper.
3. Weave the 14 Basket B strips vertically through the horizontal strips, fuse-tacking each vertical strip as it is woven. After the fabric cools, remove the woven collage from the paper.
4. Place release paper (or parchment paper) on the basket pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the release paper.

5. Place the marker side of the release paper onto the glue or fused side of the woven basket collage. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
6. Carefully remove the release paper from the fabric. The ink will transfer to the glue.
7. Cut out the shape just inside the black line with scissors.

### **Strawberries and Blossoms**

1. Place release paper (or parchment paper) on the strawberry pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the paper.
3. Place the marker side of the paper onto the glue or fused side of the strawberry fabric. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
4. Carefully remove the release paper from the fabric. The ink will transfer to the glue. Cut out the shape just inside the black line with scissors.
5. Repeat Steps 1 – 4 to create a total of 10 strawberries and 22 strawberry tops.
6. Free-cut 12 dots measuring about 1/2" in diameter from the blossom dot fabric.
7. Center the basket on the ground fabric and tilt slightly to the left. Slip 4 strawberries just under the top edge of the basket and stack 3 strawberries on top to form a pyramid. Fuse-tack into place.
8. Place the remaining 3 strawberries on the ground fabric. Fuse-tack into place.
9. Place a strawberry top on each of the strawberries. Fuse-tack into place.
10. Place the remaining strawberry tops around the border of the design. Fuse-tack into place.
11. Place a blossom dot in the center of each border strawberry top. Fuse-tack into place.

### **Leaves of Grass**

1. Cut the grass fabric on the bias (from corner to corner) to form 2 triangles. Cut 10 bias strips tapering from a sharp point to about 1/4" wide from the long bias side of each of the 2 triangles for a total of 20 strips.
2. Fuse-tack the wide end of a grass leaf on the ground fabric. Slowly fuse and curve the leaf up.
3. Repeat Step 2 with the remaining grass leaves across the strawberries and ground.

### **Binding**

Use your favorite binding method to finish the quilt or try the Wrapped Binding method below.

### **Optional Wrapped Binding**

1. Stack the Timtex and batting on the cutting mat and trim each edge in a wavy motion. Cut curves in and out that measure about 1/4" to 1/2" deep with a rotary cutter.
2. Remove the release paper from the quilt top. Center the batting on the back of the quilt top. Flip the batting and quilt top over holding everything in place and place on release paper.
3. Steam set the quilt top to the batting for about 10 seconds in each spot. After it cools, remove it from the release paper.
4. Add hand embroidery stitches with the size 8 pearl cotton thread and an embroidery needle.
5. Place the quilt top right-side down on the ironing surface. Match the Timtex shape to the batting and put in place.
6. At a corner, fold the quilt top fabric onto the Timtex to form a right angle. Leave a little ease at the tip of the corner to get a sharp point. Fuse-tack the fabric just at the corner.
7. Repeat Step 6 at each corner of the quilt.
8. At a corner, fold one side of the quilt top fabric onto the Timtex. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the Timtex. Stop about mid-way down the edge.
9. At that same corner, fold the other side of the quilt top fabric onto the Timtex making a sharp point at the corner. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the Timtex. Stop about mid-way down the edge.

10. Repeat Steps 8 – 9 around the perimeter of the quilt.
11. Cut 4 strips of fusible web measuring about 1" x 17".
12. Place the strips of fusible web, glue sides down, around the perimeter of the wrong side of the backing fabric. Fuse into place. After the fabric cools, remove the release paper.
13. Trim about 1/2" from the perimeter of the backing fabric using a decorative blade.
14. Center the backing fabric, glue side down, onto the back of the quilt. Fuse-tack into place.
15. Steam set the back of the quilt.
16. Machine stitch the quilt.
17. Add a hanging loop to the back of the quilt.

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**Strawberry**

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