

Style Squared

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Sew simple...just two rectangles are all you need to make a fun fabric basket that will hold your “stuff” in style. The simple pattern provides the perfect palette for a wide variety of embellishment options. A batting alternative will provide great structure while keeping your basket soft and flexible. Create a pretty decorative piece that is functional as well!



Option 1 Chevron on Point with rick rack trim

Sewing Supplies:

- ¼" Right Guide Foot for IDT™ system 820924096
- Stitch-in-the-Ditch Foot **OR** 820925096
- Narrow Edge Foot 820609096
- ¼ yard fabric A (solid)
- ¼ yard fabric B (multi-color print)
- ⅓ yard fabric C (coordinating print) for lining
- 1¼ yards heavyweight fusible pellaon at least 20" wide (optional)
- ⅓ yard INSPIRA® IN-R-Form batting alternative
- 1 yard of jumbo rick rack
- INSPIRA® universal needle, size 90
- Sewing thread
- INSPIRA® ¼" Fuse N Stick Tape (optional)
- Straight pins
- Fabric marker
- Rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler
- Iron and pressing mat

Cut:

From fabric A (solid)

- Four strips 1¾" long x width of fabric

From Fabric B (multi-color print)

- Four strips 1¾" long x width of fabric

From Fabric C (coordinating print) for lining

- Two pieces 10" long x 13" wide

From IN-R-Form batting alternative

- Two pieces 10" long x 13" wide

From heavyweight fusible pellow (optional)

- Eight strips 1⅝" x 45"

Finished basket size 6" x 6"

Prepare:

For additional structure to your basket, apply (optional) heavyweight fusible pellow to the back of the fabric A and B pieces following manufacturer's instructions.

Piece:

1. Set up your sewing machine for piecing. Insert a size 90 universal needle, thread with sewing thread and insert a matching bobbin.

2. Select straight stitch **1.1.1** .

3. Snap-on the ¼" Right Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ system.

4. Sew the fabric A and B strips together in sets of two using ¼" seams. Press the seam allowances toward the print fabric.

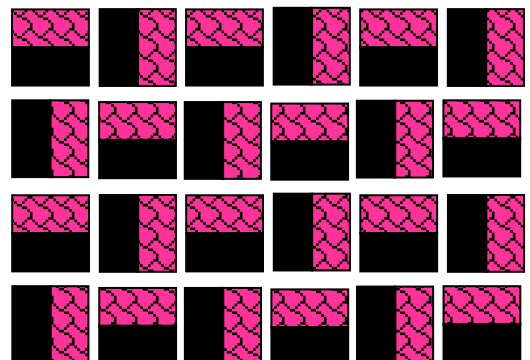
5. Cut the pieced strips into 3" squares.

6. Arrange the squares to create the chevron pattern according to the diagram .

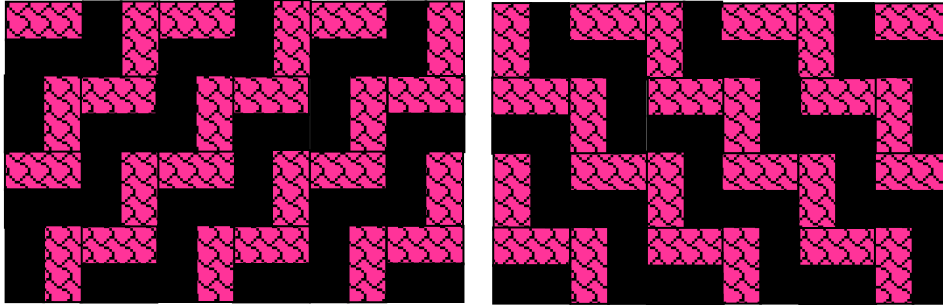
7. Assemble four rows of six squares with ¼" seams. Press.

8. Join the rows together with ¼" seams. Press.

9. Repeat to create a second unit that is the



mirror image of the first unit.



Quilt:

1. Center the pieced units on top of the 10" x 13" pieces of INSPIRA® IN-R-Form batting alternative, pin.
2. Flip the unit over to sew from the IN-R-Form side; adjust the pins if necessary. Sew around all four sides $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the cut edge to baste the layers together.
3. Trim the pieced unit to match the $\frac{1}{4}$ IN-R-Form.
4. Snap-on the Stitch-in-Ditch Foot or Narrow Edge Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
5. Stitch in the ditch of several seams to quilt the layers. We chose to follow the zigzag pattern and sewed four rows of quilting.

Construct:

1. Snap-on the standard presser foot, 0A, and engage the IDT™ system.
2. Place the quilted units right sides together aligning cut edges; pin. Stitch around three sides with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Leave the top edge open.
3. Clip the corners diagonally and press the seam allowances open.
4. With right sides together, pull out one of the bottom corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin.
5. Measure and place a mark 3" up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked line to box the corner.

6. Trim off the corner leaving a ½” seam allowance. Press the seam open.
7. Repeat for the second corner.
8. Construct the lining in the same manner, placing the two 10” x 13” rectangles of fabric C right sides together. Sew around three sides with ⅝” seam allowance to make the lining slightly smaller than the outer basket. Leave the top edge open.
9. Press the seam allowances open.
10. With right sides together, pull out one of the corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin.
11. Measure and place a mark 3” up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked line to box the corner.
12. Trim off the corner leaving a ½” seam allowance. Press the seam open.
13. Repeat for the second corner.
14. Sew around the top of the basket ⅜” from the edge.
15. Pin jumbo rick rack to the right side of the basket around the top edge, using the stitching line as a guide. The dip of the scallop should be placed just slightly above the stitching line.
Start at a side seam and leave a tail approximately 1 – 2” at both the beginning and the end. Fold back the tails at both ends to ensure that the raw edges are not caught in the stitching. Adjust the pins if necessary.
16. Sew around the top of the basket ½” from the edge. Turn right side out and press the seam allowance to the inside of the basket.
17. Place lining inside basket with wrong sides together. Tack the lining to the basket bottom at the corners.
18. Press under ½” around the top edge of the lining. Pin lining to basket at the top edge, matching side seams and making sure that the scalloped edge of the rick rack sticks out between the lining and the basket.
19. (Optional) Apply ¼” Fuse N Stick Tape according to manufacturer’s instructions to hold the lining in place.
20. Topstitch around the top of the basket close to the edge.

Option 2 Horizontal Chevron with handles

Sewing Supplies:

- ¼" Right Guide Foot for IDT™ system 820924096
- Stitch-in-the-Ditch Foot **OR** 820925096
- Narrow Edge Foot 820609096
- Right Edge Bi-level Foot 821007096
- ⅓ yard fabric A (solid)
- ½ yard fabric B (multi-color print)
- ⅓ yard fabric C (coordinating print) for lining
- 1¼ yards heavyweight fusible pellon at least 20" wide (optional)
- ⅓ yard INSPIRA® IN-R-Form batting alternative
- ⅔ yard of webbing or grosgrain ribbon ⅞ - 1" wide
- INSPIRA® universal needle, size 90
- Sewing thread
- INSPIRA® ¼" Fuse N Stick Tape
- Straight pins
- Fabric marker
- Rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler
- Iron and pressing mat

Cut:

From fabric A (solid)

- Six strips 1¾" long x width of fabric

From Fabric B (multi-color print)

- Six strips 1¾" long x width of fabric
- Two pieces 3" long x 11" wide for handles

From Fabric C (coordinating print) for lining

- Two pieces 10" long x 13" wide

From IN-R-Form batting alternative

- Two pieces 10" long x 13" wide
- Two pieces 11" long x 1¼" wide for handles

From heavyweight fusible pellon (optional)

- Twelve strips 1⅝" x 45"

Finished basket size 6" x 6"

Prepare:

For additional sturcture to your basket, apply (optional) heavyweight fusible pellow to the back of the fabric A and B pieces following manufacturer's instructions.

Piece:

1. Set up your sewing machine for piecing. Insert a size 90 universal needle, thread with sewing thread and insert a matching bobbin.

2. Select straight stitch 1.1.1 .

3. Snap-on the ¼" Right Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ sysytem. Set up your sewing machine for piecing; select straight stitch and attach a ¼" foot if one is available.

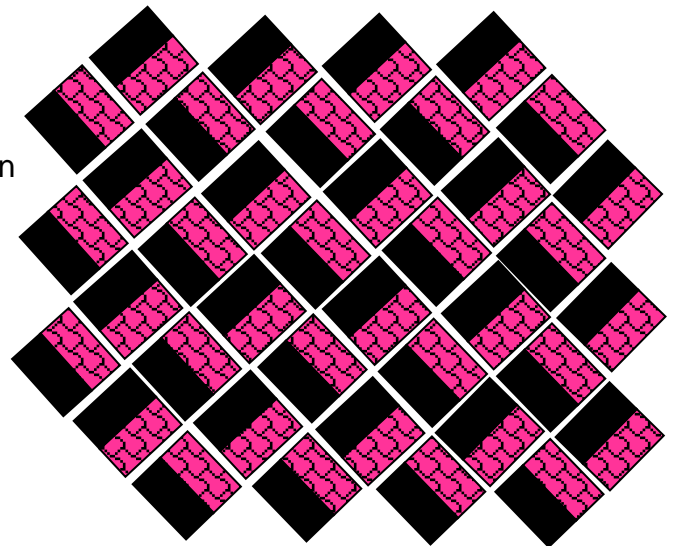
4. Sew the fabric A and B strips together in sets of two using ¼" seams. Press the seam allowances toward the print fabric.

5. Cut the pieced strips into 3" squares.

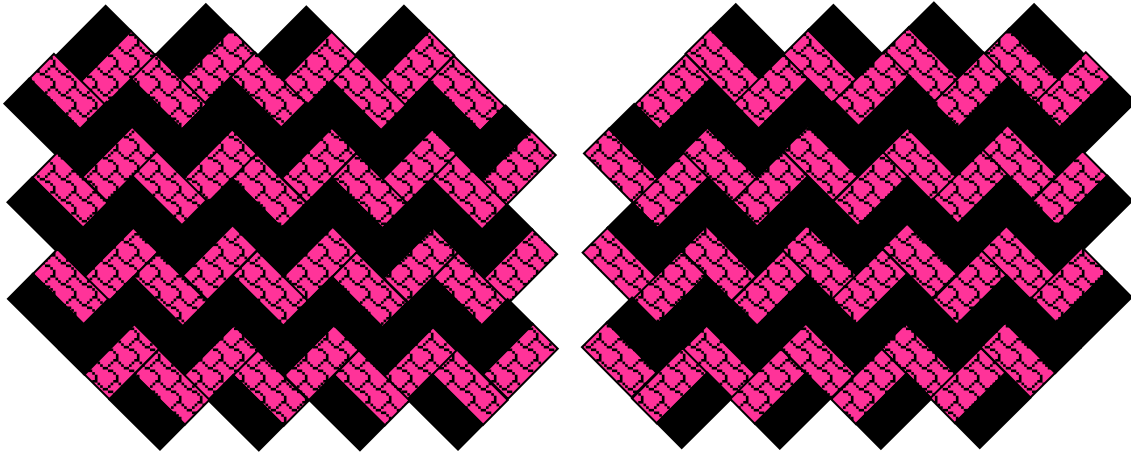
6. Arrange the squares to create the chevron pattern according to the diagram .

7. Assemble into rows with ¼" seams. Press.

8. Join the rows together with ¼" seams. Press.

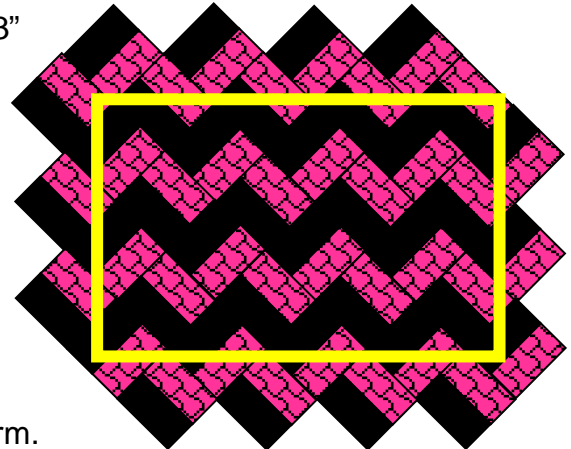


9. Repeat to create a second unit that is the mirror image of the first unit.



Quilt:

1. Center the pieced units on top of the 10" x 13" pieces of INSPIRA® IN-R-Form batting alternative, pin.
Note: Outline in diagram indicates position of the IN-R-Form **under** the pieced unit.



2. Flip the unit over to sew from the IN-R-Form side; adjust the pins if necessary. Sew around all four sides $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the cut edge to baste the layers together.
3. Trim the pieced unit to match the $\frac{1}{4}$ IN-R-Form.
4. Snap-on the Stitch-in-Ditch Foot or Narrow Edge Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
5. Stitch in the ditch of several seams to quilt the layers. We chose to follow the zigzag pattern and sewed three rows of quilting.

Construct:

1. Snap-on the standard presser foot, 0A, and engage the IDT™ system.
2. Place the quilted units right sides together aligning cut edges; pin. Stitch around three sides with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Leave the top edge open.
3. Clip the corners diagonally and press the seam allowances open.

4. With right sides together, pull out one of the bottom corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin.
5. Measure and place a mark 3" up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked line to box the corner.
6. Trim off the corner leaving a ½" seam allowance. Press the seam open.
7. Repeat for the second corner.
8. Construct the lining in the same manner, placing the two 10" x 13" rectangles of fabric C right sides together. Sew around three sides with ⅝" seam allowance to make the lining slightly smaller than the outer basket. Leave the top edge open.
9. Press the seam allowances open.
10. With right sides together, pull out one of the corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin.
11. Measure and place a mark 3" up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked line to box the corner.
12. Trim off the corner leaving a ½" seam allowance. Press the seam open.
13. Repeat for the second corner.
14. Prepare handles. Fold one 3" x 11" strip of multi-color fabric around a 1¼" x 11" piece of In-R-Form so that the long cut ends overlap in the center of the handle.
15. Insert a piece of ¼" Fuse N Stick Tape and press with steam to hold the fabric in place. Repeat for second handle.
16. Center a piece of webbing over the overlapped seam on each of the handles; pin in place. Topstitch the webbing along both edges through all of the layers.
17. For placement of handles, measure and place a mark 2" from the left and the right of each side seam. Pin one handle to each side of the basket. Align the two inside edges of the handle with your markings. Be sure to place right sides together and match raw edges.
18. Sew around the top of the basket ⅜" from the edge. Press the top seam allowance to the inside of the basket.

19. Press under ½" around the top edge of the lining.
20. Place lining inside basket with wrong sides together. Tack the lining to the basket bottom at the corners.
21. Pin lining to basket at the top edge, matching side seams and making sure that the handles are to the outside of the basket.
22. (Optional) Apply ¼" Fuse N Stick Tape according to manufacturer's instructions to hold the lining in place.
23. Snap-on the Right Edge Bi-level Foot and engage the IDT system. Adjust the needle position as desired.
24. Topstitch around the top of the basket close to the edge.

You can easily adjust the size of your basket depending on your needs. Below is the formula for calculating your base rectangle. Remember, you will need additional fabric strips to complete your basket if you increase the size. Cutting instructions are for finished size of 6" x 6".

Formula for calculating base rectangle size:

1. Determine finished size of basket.
2. Length of base rectangle = finished length + ½ finished length + 1" seam allowance.
3. Width of base rectangle = 2 x finished width + 1" seam allowance

Example: 6" square basket

Length of base rectangle = 6 + 3 + 1 or 10"

Width of base rectangle = 2 x 6 + 1 or 13"