

*There is nothing lovelier than an old piece of embroidery or well-loved quilt, and I find vintage designs are a constant source of inspiration to me. My design for the Splendid Sampler is based on an old heat transfer embroidery pattern. I love using machine appliqué, but these are simple shapes that would be easily appliquéd by hand. As someone who started sewing as a very small child with yarn laces and cardboard sewing cards, sewing will always have a place in my heart.*

# Vintage Flower Basket

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



## Requirements

- # 1 square - 7" x 7" background fabric
- # Assorted scraps of different fabrics for basket, leaves and flowers.
- # 1 - 8" piece of ric - rac for handle
- # Lightweight fusible web.
- # Matching thread

## Preparation

1. Trace template shapes on to the dull side of lightweight fusible web. Trace:
  - 1 - basket
  - 1 - basket trim
  - 5 - leaves
  - 3 - large flowers
  - 3 - small flowers
2. Cut around template shapes leaving  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from drawn line.
3. Fuse to wrong side of fabric.
4. Cut out shape on drawn line.
5. Peel off paper.

## Block Assembly

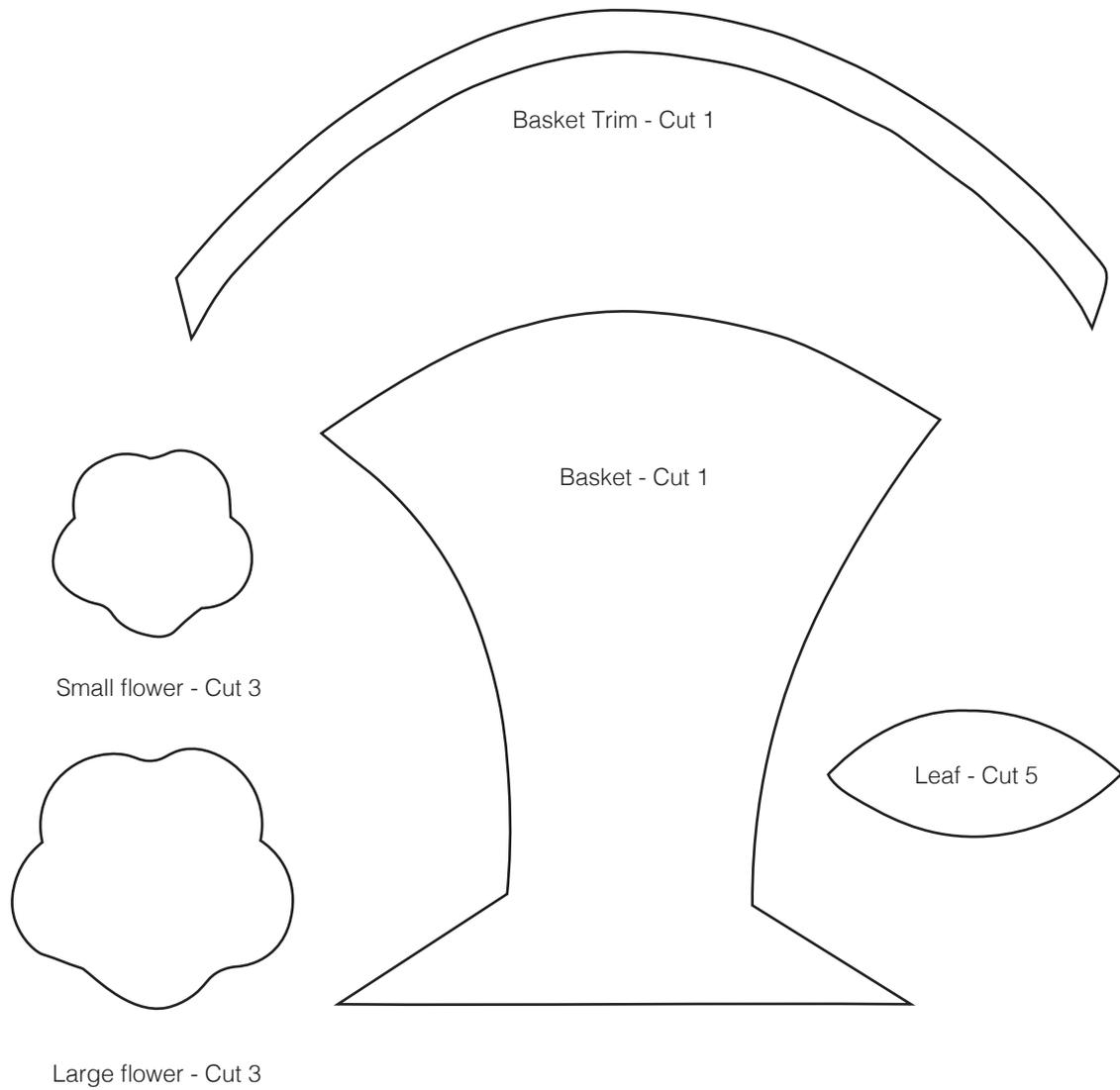
**Note: Do not fuse shapes to background fabric until instructed.**

Find the centre of the background fabric.

1. Center the basket on the background, 1" from bottom.
2. Add the basket trim.
3. Slide one end of the rick rack under the trim and basket and form a handle using the block outline as a guide. Maintain 1" distance from top edge of block. When handle is a pleasing shape, trim end.
4. Slide handle under basket trim and basket. You can use a few dots of glue to hold the ric - rac in place. Fuse basket and trim.
5. Using the block outline as a guide, add flowers and leaves to the basket making sure the appliqué shapes are 1" from the edge of your background piece.
6. Using threads that match the appliqué, blanket stitch the appliqué shapes in place.

**Tip:** If your machine does not have blanket stitch, straight stitch, zig zag or hand stitch your edges.
7. Using matching thread, straight stitch through the center of your ric - rac.
8. Press and trim your block to 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Templates are in reverse



No added seam allowance

1 inch



1 inch

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