## Basket Weave Quilt

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This beautiful Basket Weave quilt can be pieced quickly in an afternoon. Created with super simple Cross Blocks, this quilt design is perfect for beginning quilters.

## Materials

Fabric A1 - A5 - 1 fat quarter each of blue, gray, pink, green and orange with a circle print.

Fabric B1 - B5 - 1 fat quarter each of blue, gray, pink, green and orange with a square print.

Note: I used 10 fat quarters of the Piemaking Day collection designed by Brenda Ratliff for RJR Fabrics.

Background Fabric: $1 \frac{1}{2}$ yards white Kona cotton
White $100 \%$ cotton piecing thread

## Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips



For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight, secure stitch. Unless otherwise noted, please press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.

## Cutting

Cut all fat quarters into $31 / 2$-inch strips. Cut the strips down according to the chart below:

| Fabric A1-A5 | $3-31 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch rectangles <br> $1-31 / 2 \times 20$-inch strip |
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| Fabric B1-B5 | $2-31 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch rectangles |
|  | $2-3 \frac{1}{2} \times 20$-inch strips |

Background Fabric - Cut 15-3 $1 / 2$-inch strips and slice each in half to create $30-3 \frac{1}{2} \times 20$ inch strips

## Strip Piecing

Arrange two white background strips on both sides of one Fabric A1 $31 / 2 \times 20$-inch strip. Piece the strips together to create a 3 strip set that measures $91 / 2$-inches wide.

Repeat with all remaining Fabric A and Fabric B $31 / 2 \times 20$-inch strips and white background strips. You should have 15-9 $1 / 2$-inch strip sets.

## Strip Cutting

From all Fabric A strip sets cut 4-3 $1 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch units.
From all Fabric B strip sets cut 6-3 $1 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch units.

## Piecing the Blocks



Arrange the pieced units and $31 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch rectangles according to the diagram above. To piece the Cross Blocks, piece two strip units on either side of one $31 / 2 \times 91 / 2$-inch rectangle as shown in the diagram on the right.

Piece the blocks together in rows of 5 blocks, and then connect the rows together, carefully matching seams. Give your Basket Weave quilt top a final press and it will be ready for quilting.

