

## *A Tisket, A Tasket* *Twelve Months of Baskets*

Free Mystery Block of the Month Pattern from Bunny Hill Designs

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### *Can I use these designs to make things to sell?*

The answer is a definite NO. You can share these blocks with your friends, work on it together in groups, make things to give for gifts for family and friends, and shops can use them for teaching applique, but selling this pattern, or anything made from it is not allowed.

#### *Do I need a special program to download these designs?*

Yes, you will need to have Adobe Reader installed on your computer. This is a free software program that will allow you to open a PDF file. You can find it at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

#### *When will a new block be posted on your web site?*

You'll be notified each month through our newsletter when a new block is available usually around the 5th of each month. You can download it from our web site [www.bunnyhilldesigns.com](http://www.bunnyhilldesigns.com) or our blog, [www.bunnyhill.blogspot.com](http://www.bunnyhill.blogspot.com). If you plan on working on this block of the month with us, and you have a blog, we'd love it if you'd put the widget on your side bar. That way more people can find it and join in the fun! Simply right click on the basket icon and copy to your computer.

#### *How do I join the Flickr group for this block of the month?*

This is the fun part! We've started a Flickr group where you can post your pictures as we go along, ask questions or just look at everyone's comments and photos! In order to add your own picture or comment you need to have a Flickr account. It's free and easy. Just go to [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) to sign up!

#### *How will I know how much yardage to buy or what fabric to use if it's a mystery quilt?*

We'll give you as much information as we can on the General Instruction Page. We know we all HATE to read instructions, but this one will give you clues that you will need! So READ the General Instructions!

#### *Once I've printed out the pattern, can I make copies to give to my friends or students?*

The key word here is "give". You can make as many copies as you wish as long as you don't sell them.

#### *How long will this block of the month be available?*

Once all the blocks are posted, you'll still be able to find them on our web site under Free Patterns. They will be available through 2010 and maybe beyond.

#### *What if I can't download the pattern because of computer issues will you send copies in the mail?*

Yes, just send a self addressed stamped envelope each month, with a little note telling us what block you would like to:

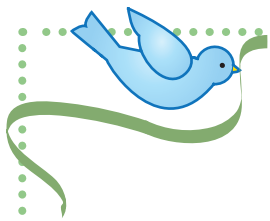
Bunny Hill Designs  
412 Shakespeare Court  
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

#### *When will instructions be available for finishing the quilt?*

We'll include the assembly instructions with block number 12. When we know how much yardage you'll need for borders etc., we'll let you know in the newsletter.

We hope this answers most of your questions. Be sure and read the General Instructions and have FUN with our new free block of the month! Let the journey begin!





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### *TIPS*

Don't you love a good mystery? We do! We hope you'll have fun with ours! Try and guess what the finished quilt will look like! We've given you a few tips to help you along!

*Tip # 1:* The finished size of the mystery quilt will be APPROXIMATELY 40" x 49", wall hanging size.

*Tip # 2:* The finished size of each appliqué block is 8" x 8" and there are 12 blocks total.

*Tip # 3:* The basket will be the same basket each month, but we'll use a different fabric for each basket, and of course you'll find a new surprise in each basket.

*Tip # 4:* We've used the same background fabric for each block. You can do the same, or, use assorted backgrounds. The total amount of background yardage you'll need is 3/4 yd, or 12 squares cut 8 1/2" x 8 1/2".

*Tip # 5:* You'll need a 10" x 10" square of fabric for each basket. Pull from your stash or use a couple of Moda's "Layer Cakes". You can use the left over yardage for the appliqué.

*Tip # 6:* We used two different fabric lines, a touch of wool and a few scraps of black and orange to complete our blocks. The fabrics we selected are "Beach House" from Blackbird Designs by Moda Fabrics, and "Aviary" from Three Sisters by Moda Fabrics. Since our backgrounds are all the same fabric (Lakehouse Champagne Frosted Dot) we found we didn't need most of the beige and cream fabrics from the Moda lines. You will however, need a few of the darker beige fabrics so keep that in mind.

*Tip #7:* The blocks are simple and the appliqué is easy! You'll need to know a few embroidery stitches; back stitch, satin stitch, stem stitch, straight stitch, blanket stitch, French knot and chain stitch. A good place to find instructions for these stitches is to do a Google search on the internet.

### *General Instructions*

#### *Cutting your background fabric:*

- Cut 3 strips 8 1/2" x width of fabric; cut into 12 squares 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"

#### *Applique:*

- Appliqué using your favorite method.
- Center appliqué on each block, placing bottom of basket 3/8" up from bottom raw edge.
- Remember the patterns have NOT been reversed for fusible web appliqué.

#### *Embroidery:*

- All embroidery uses 2 strands of DMC embroidery floss, with the exception of the snowman in the first block. For the snowman we used #12 DMC Perle Cotton. You will need 1 skein each of DMC #300 brown, # 310 black, # 471 green and # 3776 orange.

