

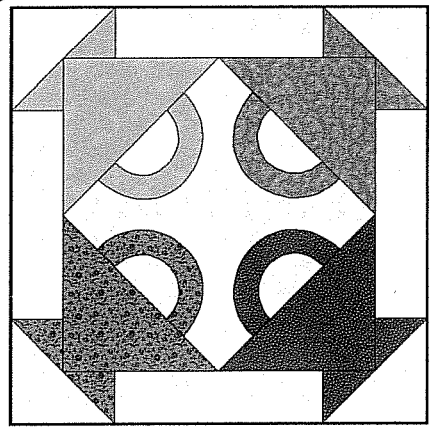
# Folk Art Basket Sampler

## Postage Stamp Basket

15" Square

September 2009

Background:  
White on White  
Baskets:  
30's



**Cutting: Background:**

- A 1 ea. 8 1/2" square (Center)
- B 2 ea. 4 5/8" square (cut on 1 diag.)
- C 4 ea. 2 3/8" X 8" rectangles

**Each Basket:**

- D 1 ea. 2 3/4" square (cut on 1 diag.)
- E 1 ea. 6 1/2" square (cut on 1 diag.)(Use only one!)

Handle: Fusible (See pattern below) OR 1 1/4" X 12" bias strip -Skinny!

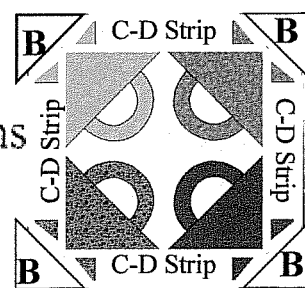
**Assembly:**

1. Following template given, appliqué your favorite way, the four basket handles on the center square.
2. Lay out your baskets around the square, making sure the handle corresponds to the correct basket. Matching centers, stitch basket to appropriate side of handle square.
3. Stitch a D triangle to each end of each of a C background strip, making sure that the Ds will end up flanking the correct basket. Be sure to align the straight edges.
4. Add the C-D strips to the appropriate sides of the block.
5. Complete the block by stitching B background triangles, matching centers, to fill out the corners.

Sew 4 each

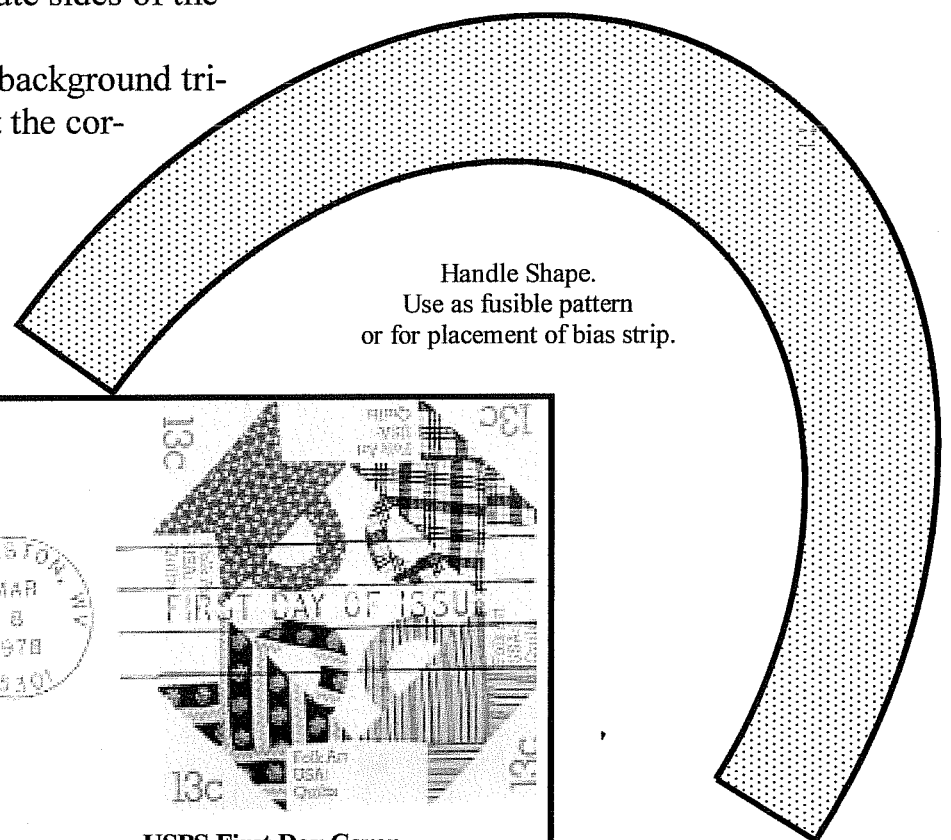


**Assembly Diagram**

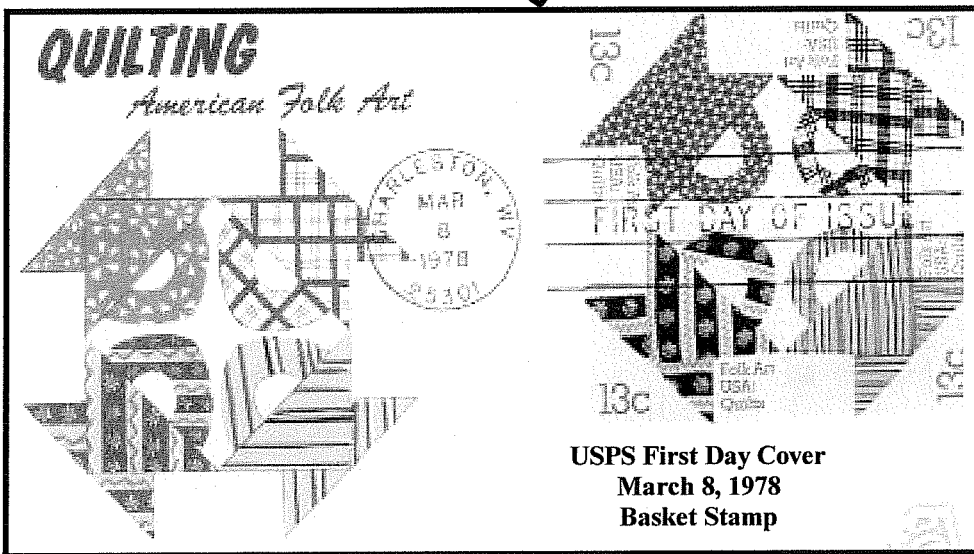


Add to basket sections then add the final triangle.

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Handle Shape.  
Use as fusible pattern  
or for placement of bias strip.



USPS First Day Cover  
March 8, 1978  
Basket Stamp

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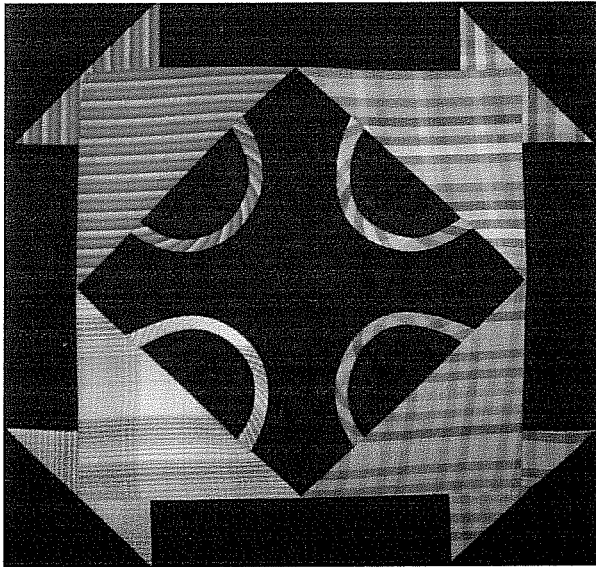
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## **Folk Art Basket Sampler – Postage Stamp Basket Block**



Are you ready? Here is block 4 of our Folk Art Basket Sampler. Do you have the first three completed? This one is beautiful, historic and relatively simple to make.

The beauty part is obvious. Four fabric baskets shine against your chosen background! But historic? Yes! This Saturday, March 8, 2008 is the thirtieth anniversary of the issuance of the Pastage Stamp Basket stamp by the United States Postal Service.

It may not seem like a big deal now, but the current quilt revival was just taking hold in 1978. The United States Bicentennial had just occurred July 4, 1976. The Bicentennial brought a resurgence of the traditional American crafts and quilting was at the forefront of those crafts. Little more than 18 months later, the USPS issued this stamp, further igniting the quilt fervor that was sweeping the nation.

Now thirty years later, that quilt revival is still in full force. With the advent of rotary equipment and all the wonderful fabric available today, there are plenty of wonderful quilts for us all to make! And the Folk Art Basket Sampler is gonna be one of them!

And the Postage Stamp Basket is easy, considering how complicated it looks! Applique the handles on the center square, add the basket body triangles, then the basket bases and finally the background triangles to complete the block... It's a snap! Click below for the PDF of the pattern for the 12" finished block.

[Postage Stamp Basket block for Folk Art Basket Sampler Pattern](#)