

CHERRY BASKET

IN THE Cherry Basket we have a pattern that requires only half of the blocks pieced. It sets together always with alternating squares on the diagonal, filling in at the four sides of the quilt with white half-blocks to complete. There are several basket versions but this one with applied handle and pieced basket is particularly effective. It makes a block 12 inches square, patterns for all parts being here given except the large triangle upon which the handle is applied. This is easily cut by taking any paper at a right angle, measuring 10 inches down each side and drawing across.

Make your set of cardboard patterns exactly like the ones here given. These do not allow for seams; draw on the cloth around cardboard but cut a seam larger and then sew back to the pencil line. Cherry Basket makes a good number to select for one of those popular patchwork pillows, as well as for a Colonial quilt. It takes 25 pieced blocks, 16 plain blocks, and 16 plain half blocks cut on the diagonal for sides, also 4 plain one fourth blocks cut on the diagonal for the corners. Allow 6 yards of unbleached, 2 yards of brown print and 1 1/2 yards of red print.

Quilting pattern number 327, the Cherry Basket, is especially designed to go with this block.

