

# American Retro



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Level: Intermediate  
Finished Size: 45" X 45"  
Block Size: 16" finished  
Number of Blocks: 5

## Fabric Requirements

1 1/2 yards #30159-3 red lattice for setting triangles, borders  
3/4 yard #30154-2 blue w/cherries for sashing and first border  
1/2 yard #30159-4 green with lemons for baskets  
1/4 yard #30156-3 white rose floral for baskets  
1/4 yard #30162-1 yellow dots for backgrounds in the basket blocks and sashing squares  
1/4 yard #30162-2 blue dots for backgrounds in the basket blocks  
1/4 yard #30162-5 pink dots for backgrounds in the basket blocks  
1/8 yard of each of these SKU's:  
#30154-1 yellow w/cherries  
#30159-2 blue w/lemons  
#30160-1 yellow stripe  
#30155-2 blue with roses  
#30156-1 yellow rose floral  
#30158-3 red scallop stripe

## Cutting Directions

#30159-3 red lattice  
Cut (1) 16" block. Cut each block twice diagonally to make (4) setting triangles.  
Cut (2) 11" block. Cut once diagonally to make (4) corner triangles.

## #30160-3 red lattice con't

Cut (6) 1 1/2" strips across width of fabric. Piece, as necessary, to make:  
(2) 1 1/2" X 36 1/2" strips for sides of second border.  
(2) 1 1/2" X 38 1/2" strips for top and bottom of second border.  
(2) 1 1/2" X 43 1/2" strips for sides of fourth border.  
(2) 1 1/2" X 45 1/2" strips for top and bottom of fourth border.  
Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" squares for corners of pieced border.  
Cut (4) 2 1/2" strips across width of fabric. Piece, as necessary, to make approximately 180" of binding.

## #30154-2 blue w/cherries

Cut (5) 2 1/2" strips across width of fabric for sashing.  
Cut (16) strips 2 1/2" X 10 1/2".  
Cut (2) strips 1 1/2" X 34 1/2" for first border.  
Cut (2) strips 1 1/2" X 36 1/2" for first border.

## #30159-4 green with lemons

Template E  
Cut (3) 6 7/8" X 6 7/8" squares. Cut each square once diagonally to make (6) triangles for baskets. One extra triangle.  
Template B  
Cut (3) strips across width of fabric. Cut (20) 2 7/8" X 2 7/8" squares. Cut each square once diagonally to make (40) triangles.

## #30156-3 white rose floral

Template E  
Cut (3) 6 7/8" X 6 7/8" squares. Cut each square once diagonally to make (6) triangles for baskets. One extra triangle.

## #30162-1 yellow dots

Cut (2) 2 1/2" strips across width to fabric.  
Cut (12) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" squares for sashing.  
Template A's Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" squares.  
Template C's Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 6 1/2" rectangles.  
Cut (8) 2 7/8" X 2 7/8" squares.  
Template B's Cut each square once diagonally to make (16) triangles.  
Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 6" rectangles for third (pieced) border.

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#30162-2 blue dots

Cut (1) 2 1/2" strips across width to fabric.

Template A's Cut (2) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" squares.

Template C's Cut (2) 2 1/2" X 6 1/2" rectangles.

Cut (4) 2 7/8" X 2 7/8" squares.

Template B's Cut each square once diagonally to make (8) triangles.

#30162-5 pink dots

Cut (2) 2 1/2" strips across width to fabric.

Template A's Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" squares.

Template C's Cut (4) 2 1/2" X 6 1/2" rectangles.

Cut (8) 2 7/8" X 2 7/8" squares.

Template B's Cut each square once diagonally to make (16) triangles.

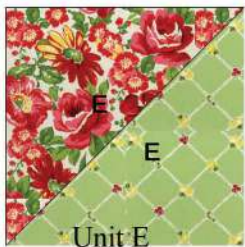
#30154-1 yellow w/cherries, #30159-2 blue w/lemons, #30160-1 yellow stripe, #30155-2 blue with roses, #30156-1 yellow rose floral, #30158-3 red scallop stripe,

From each fabric, Cut (4) 3" X 6" rectangles for pieced border.

## Instructions

### 1. Basket Block

For each block:

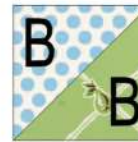


Sew a white rose floral Template E to a green w/lemons Template E to form the center of the block to form Unit E.

Press.

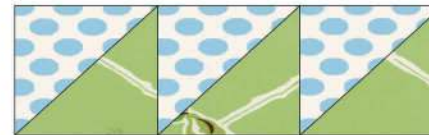
Unit should measure 6 1/2" X 6 1/2".

## Instructions continued



Sew (1) template B blue dot fabric to (1) green w/lemons fabric to form Unit B.  
Repeat to make (8) Unit B's.

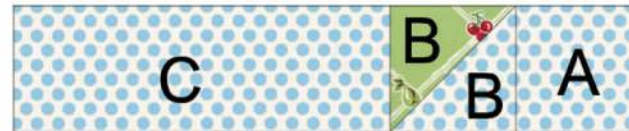
Unit B



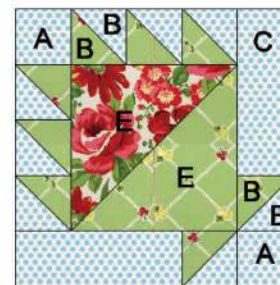
Sew (3) Unit B's together.

Press.

This section should measure 2 1/2" X 6 1/2".



Sew (1) Template C to one side of (1) Unit B.  
Repeat. Sew (1) A to the other side of Unit B.



Assemble block, referring to block diagram.

Press.

Each block should measure 10 1/2" X 10 1/2".

Repeat to make (2) blocks with pink dot background, (2) blocks with yellow dot background.

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## 2. Sashing



Sew (1) 2 1/2" X 10 1/2" blue sashing to each side of each Basket Block, as shown.

Sew (2) sections that each have (1) blue sashing strip and (1) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" yellow dot square at each end.

Sew (2) sections that each have (3) blue sashing strips and (4) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" yellow squares.

3. Sew the sashing sections, setting triangles and corner triangles to the Basket Blocks, referring to quilt picture.

Press.

Trim center of quilt, remembering to leave seam allowances.  
Quilt top should measure 34 1/2" X 34 1/2".

## 4. First Border

Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 34 1/2" strip of blue w/cherries to each side of quilt top for first border.

Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 36 1/2" strip of blue w/cherries to top of quilt and (1) strip 1 1/2" X 36 1/2" to bottom of quilt.

Quilt should now measure 36 1/2" X 36 1/2".

## 5. Second Border

Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 36 1/2" strip of red lattice to each side of quilt top.  
Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 38 1/2" strip of red lattice to top of quilt and (1) 1 1/2" X 38 1/2" strip to bottom of quilt.

Quilt should now measure 38 1/2" X 38 1/2".

## 6. Third (Pieced) Border

Sew the short end of each of the seven different 2 1/2" X 6" rectangles into a strip.

Repeat to make (3) additional strips of rectangles, identical to the first.  
Sew (1) strip to each side of the quilt top for third border.

Sew (1) 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" square of red lattice to each end of one row of rectangles.

Repeat to make a second strip of (7) rectangles with (1) square at each end.

Sew (1) strip to the top of the quilt and (1) strip to the bottom of the quilt.

Quilt top should now measure 43 1/2" X 43 1/2".

## 7. Fourth Border

Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 43 1/2" strip of red lattice to each side of quilt top.  
Sew (1) 1 1/2" X 45 1/2" strip of red lattice to top of quilt and (1) 1 1/2" X 45 1/2" strip to bottom of quilt.

Quilt should now measure 45 1/2" X 45 1/2".

Quilt and bind, as desired.

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