

BLOCK PARTY

Patchwork Heart Quilt Block
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This 6 1/2" patchwork heart quilt block is made with quick-piecing technique. Each side of the heart block is pieced separately, and the two mirror image sides are joined vertically to complete the block.



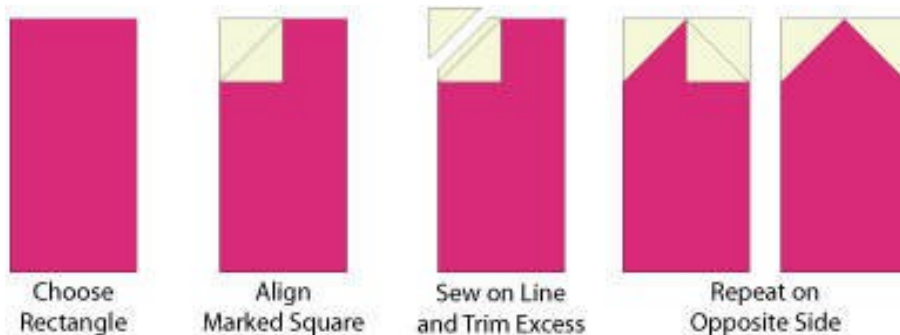
Choose two focal fabrics for each heart: two red or pinks of similar value

Background is a white tone on tone

Cutting Instructions for one (1) block

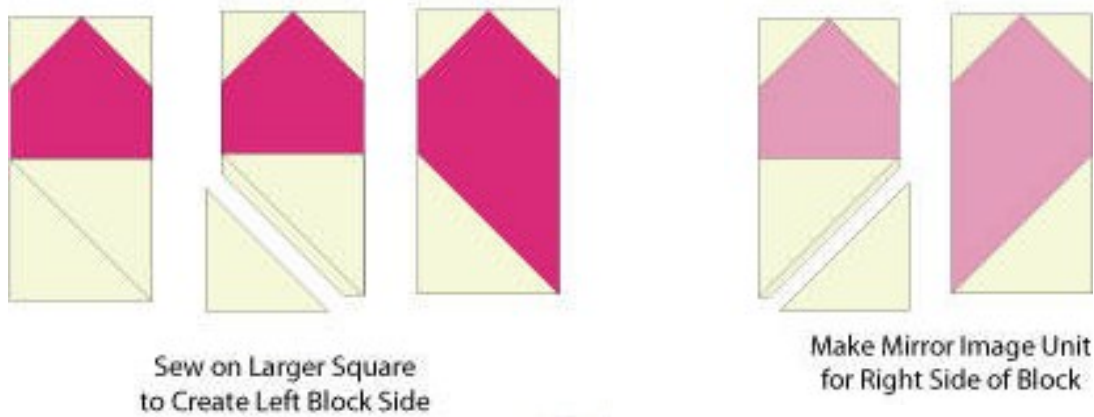
From the Heart Focal Fabrics: cut one (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" from each of the 2 different fabrics
From the Background Fabric: Cut four (4) 2"x2" squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric from corner to the opposite corner.

From the Background Fabric: Cut two (2) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares. Draw diagonal lines on each of these as you did for the smaller squares.

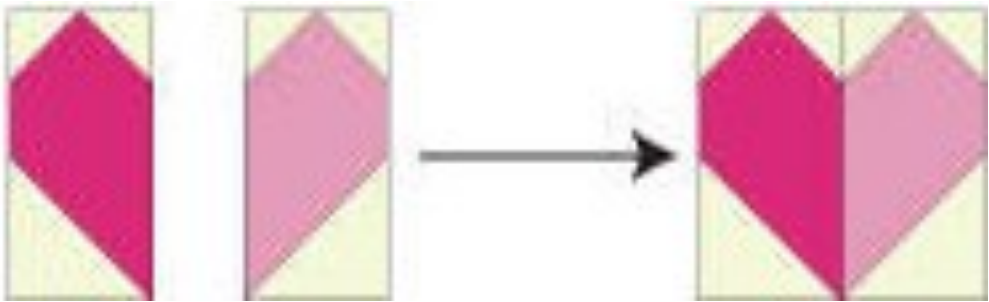


Refer to the illustration as a guide as you assemble the patchwork heart quilt blocks.

1. Choose the 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle you would like to use on the left side of your first block.
2. Align a 2"x2" white square right side down in the upper left corner of the rectangle, with the marked line oriented as shown. Sew a seam on the marked line.
3. Trim away the excess fabric about 1/4" past the seam. Flip the white triangle right side up and press. Pressing open works well, but you can press to one side if you wish.
4. Sew a second white square to the right upper side of the triangle, taking care to position the marked line as shown. Sew on the marked line and trim excess fabric tips as before.
5. For best results, press the seam open or press it in the opposite direction as you pressed the seam on the left half of the block.



6. Use the same method to sew a 3 1/2" white square to the bottom of the left side rectangle, taking care to position its marked line as shown. Trim the excess fabric and press (again pressing open or to one side).
7. Make the right half of the heart quilt block using the same method, with one difference: The seam of the 3 1/2" square will be oriented in a mirror image of the seam on the left side, as illustrated.
8. After trimming, press the seam allowance open or in the opposite direction as you pressed in the left block half.
9. Sew the two heart block halves together vertically to complete the block.
10. Press. The block should measure 6 1/2"x6 1/2".



Monthly Block Party Information:

This is a monthly challenge with a new block pattern each month printed in the newsletter.

There are several ways to participate:

1. You can make the block and bring it to the next meeting. Each month a name is drawn for the winner of the blocks that month. You can only get the number of blocks that people participate that month.
2. If you are like me and never win anything, we have started a group of twelve that make blocks each month. At the end of the year we have a drawing to win one set of 12 blocks. This is a good way to make friends, make something new, and maybe have 12 blocks ready to make a quilt.
3. If you do not want to win blocks, make the block in Red, White and Blue each month to be donated to someone to make Wounded Warrior quilts.
4. You can make the same block to donate to the Ronald McDonald House project.
5. You can also make nine patch blocks to be donated to Project Linus.

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