

Block of the Month February: Hearts

February is the month of hearts, valentines, and friendship. It only makes sense for the Block of the Month in February to be hearts. You will need one heart block for each quilt top you are making. Remember, the color palette is your choice, but it looks great in red, white & blue for our Veterans.

Fabric Needed:

Red: cut four 3 ½" x 6 ½" red rectangles.

Blue: cut four 3 ½" x 6 ½" blue rectangles.

Background: cut sixteen 2" x 2" rectangles, eight 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares.

One 2 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each background square.

You will be making 4 hearts: two red and 2 blue (or you can make them all one color or scrappy.)

Left side of the heart:

Align a 2" x 2" background square right-side-down on the upper left corner of a colored rectangle with the marked line oriented as shown. Sew on the marked line, trim excess fabric, and press.

Mirror the process on the right corner of the colored rectangle.

Sew a 3 ½" background square to the bottom of the left-side rectangle, position its marked line as shown. Sew on diagonal line, trim the excess fabric and press.

Right side of the heart:

Align a 2" x 2" background square right-side-down on upper right corner of the rectangle and sew on the diagonal line. Trim excess fabric and press. Mirror the process on the left corner of the rectangle.

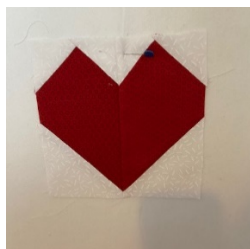
Sew a 3 ½" background square on the bottom right side, trim, press the seam allowance in the opposite direction you pressed in the left block half for less bulk.

Sew the two heart block halves together vertically to complete the block.

Press. The heart quilt block should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2."

Repeat to make four heart blocks.

Sew together as shown (or all four up) to form a 12 ½" x 12 ½" heart block.



Sew a background strip (2 ½" x 12 ½") to the top of the heart block.