

Block of the Month for February 2023

Sweet Hearts

12" x 12" Block (12.5" x 12.5" unfinished)



Cutting

Cut:

- One 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" Valentine themed print for the center of the block;
- Two 3 1/2" by 3 1/2" red squares;
- Two 3 1/2" by 3 1/2" white squares.

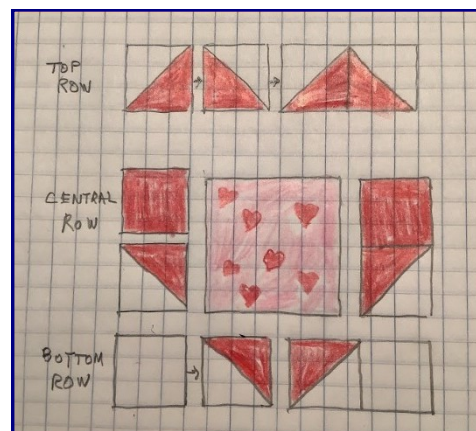
To make all the half square triangles, there are two possible methods:

Method One: cut four 4" squares of white fabric and four 4" squares of red fabric. Draw a diagonal line and stitch 1/4" in on both sides of the line. Cut, iron and trim to 3 1/2" square each.

Method Two: cut one 8" square of red fabric then cut one 8" square of white fabric. Search "Eight half square triangles" on YouTube for directions. Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting and Suzy Quilts each have instructions. It is so fast and easy this way, it's almost addicting! Again, you will need to trim the squares to 3 1/2".

Assembly

- For the central row: stitch a red square to a triangle square, with the reds together. Notice that one triangle square needs to have the red triangle on the right side, while the other set needs to have the red triangle on the left.
- Stitch the above pair of squares to the central print, making sure that the red fabric is against the print fabric. Repeat on the opposite side of the print square.
- For the top row: sew the triangle squares together as if you were making a pair of flying geese. Stitch the top row to the central row.
- For the bottom row: stitch the red triangles together. With the red triangles pointing down, stitch a white square to the white triangle on each side of the row.
- Finish by stitching the bottom row to central row.



Blocks can be sent to Suzanne Ahn, 4848 7th St., Carpinteria, 93013, no later than **February 7, 2023**.

In-person attendees, please bring your completed block to the meeting.