

February Block of the Month: Valentine Heart

Block finishes at 12" (unfinished at 12 1/2").

Materials:

From background fabric cut: 4 - 6 1/2" squares

From main fabric cut: 4 - 6 1/2" squares, approximate since this is to cut the hearts.

Construction:

This month we will be making appliquéd Valentine hearts. Though a simple pattern, the heart allows you to embellish and decorate your hearts to express your own taste. This is a great opportunity to use rick rack, lace, beads, embroidery, and paints to create fabric Valentines.

There are many ways to appliquéd and so I'm leaving it to each of you to choose a method that appeals to you. If you haven't ever appliquéd, I recommend finding a guild member to show you how. A good option for this is to come to Tuesday evenings at the library.

Choose one of the methods below:

1.) Trace and cut out a copy of the heart template, adding a 1/4" seam allowance to appliquéd by hand. Appliquéd a heart to the center of each background square. Press blocks smooth and sew in a 2 x 2 grid. Finished square should measure 12 1/2".

OR

2.) Trace and cut out a copy of the heart template onto the paper side of fusible interfacing, such as Wonder Under or Steam a Seam, on the line to appliquéd by machine. Appliquéd a heart to

the center of each background square. Press blocks smooth and sew in a 2 x 2 grid. Finished square should measure 12 1/2".



Remember your 1/4" seam allowance.

You can choose to make a complete quilt top by repeating these instructions or you can set this block aside and make a sampler quilt. We look forward to seeing everyone's blocks.