## Hearts ' n Pieces

To make the quilt pictured:


You need:

- 1 yard of reds and pinks for the strips needed for the hearts
- 4 yards of lights needed for the hearts in reverse and the lights in the chain blocks
- $71 / 8$ yards of various darks for piano key border and other squares around the heart
- $3 / 4$ yard of fabric for the binding

Note: This quilt consists of 3 large $16.5^{\prime \prime} \times 16.5^{\prime \prime}$ blocks. 2 different heart blocks and a chain block:


Cut:
For this heart block:


For each heart block you will need

- From very dark reds and very hot pinks:

3-2" x2" squares
$3-2^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$
1-2"x8"
1-2"x11"
$3-2^{\prime \prime} \times 13.5^{\prime \prime}$

- From very lights:
$70-2$ "x2" squares

For this heart block:


For each heart block:

- From very lights:

3-2" x2" squares
$3-2 " x 5^{\prime \prime}$
1-2"x8"
1-2"x11"
$3-2^{\prime \prime} \times 13.5^{\prime \prime}$

- From very darks
$70-2 " x 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares

For the chain block:


- From very darks:

4-2"x5"
4-2"x8"
4-2"x11"
$25-2 " x 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares

- From lights:

36-2"x2"

Note: Make your darks VERY DARK and your lights VERY LIGHT! You need the contrast to keep the pattern evident.
Borders are discussed later - under "How to make this quilt"

## Construct blocks:

For the heart blocks:


For the heart block, follow the diagram, placing the squares and long strips as indicated. I sewed individual blocks into rows together first and then sewed the rows together until the block was finished. For my quilt, I made 6 of these heart blocks and 6 of the ones where it was reversed.


Note: when making this "reversed" block, keep the 4 corner blocks light.

## For the chain block:

Make a 25 patch block. This will be the center of this chain block:


Sew a 2 " $\times 5$ " dark strip to a $2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ light square on each end


Add that pieced unit to your 25 patch block center like this:


Construct 2 units like this using a 2 " $\times 5$ " strip plus light and dark squares as shown:


Attach to the top and bottom of the above unit:


Make 2 strips like this: Use your 2"x8" dark strip and add 2 lights:


Add these pieces to the two sides:


Make 2 strips that look like this using the 2 "x $8^{\prime \prime}$ long pieces and other colors so that it looks like this:


Add these to the top and bottom of the block so now that it looks like this:


Now using your 2"x11" long colored piece, add light strips to each end like this:


Add to the sides:


Made a strip set that looks like this: Use that 11" strip for the long piece.


Add to the top and bottom to make a final block:


## How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks as shown.
2. Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:

3. Sew blocks together in rows and then sew the rows together.
4. Press well.

Now use this diagram:

5. Add borders (optional, obviously).
a. The first border is red and is made of strips cut 2"x WOF. Attach to the sides, and then the top and bottom (This is totally personal preference - you can attach them in any order you wish.)
b. The second border, made up of $57-2^{\prime \prime} \times 6.5^{\prime \prime}$ piano keys for each side plus $4-6.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares for the corner blocks. Sew all $576.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips together in one long row as picture above. Press. Attach to the side. Repeat for the other side. Then, sew 57 strips together and attach a 6.5" square to each end of that strip. Attach to the top. Repeat for the bottom.
6. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. Quilt as desired. I haven't quilted mine yet. When I do, I'll update the pictures here.
8. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!
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