

Block of the Month: February 2016 Instructions

Heart Block

For February we chose a Heart block in light of Valentine's. This is yet another quick block so that you can fit in a bit of piecing with fun fabrics while finishing your show quilts.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Heart: Red Fabric	Background: Text fabric or low volume	Side Sashing: Any blue solid or reads-as-blue fabric
(2) 3 1/2" squares	(4) 1 1/4" squares	(1) 3" x 10 1/2" strip
(1) 4" square	(1) 4" square	(1) 2" x 10 1/2" strip
	(2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles	

ASSEMBLY:

Take the two 4" squares (red and light) and make a half square triangle (HST): Mark a diagonal center line on the lighter fabric with a pencil. Place the two 4" squares right sides together and sew 1/4" from the drawn line on both sides. Cut on the drawn line, press seams, and trim each newly created square to 3 1/2".

Now, take the (4) 1 1/4" BG squares, mark diagonal lines on the back, place one each in the upper two corners of the two 3 1/2" red squares as shown in picture and sew a thread width above that line. Flip, press, and trim.

Layout your new pieces and sew together as a heart as shown. Then add the two background rectangles to the top and bottom of the heart. Press. Last, sew the two outside sashing strips to the sides - it doesn't matter which strip goes where - changing it up is part of the design as the winner won't have to match seams then.

You will end up with a 10 1/2" square. Admire!

Make one or several of these blocks (each should be different, please) and bring to the February 1 meeting to collect points to win all BOM made by guild members. Five points/blocks will get you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points at http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/.

