

MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTER'S GUILD

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

February, 2006

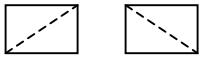
Well, here's another fairly easy block. Since February is Valentine's month, I couldn't resist using the Heart block for our Block of the Month.

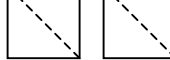
You need only two fabrics – I used a solid red for the heart and a white with red mini-hearts for the background. Once again, many of the pieces are triangles with lots of exposed bias edges, so it's a good idea to spray a little starch on the fabrics and handle the cut pieces with care so they don't warp out of shape.

This makes a 12" block (12-1/2" unfinished)

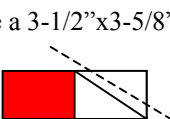
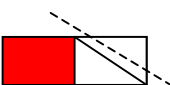

CUTTING:

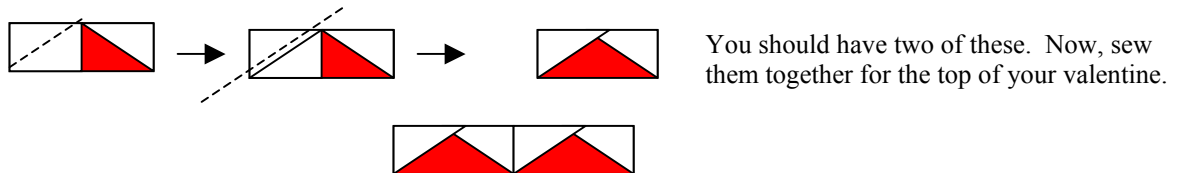
From the Red: cut two 3-1/2" x 6-3/4" rectangles and one 12-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangle.

From the White: 1.) Cut four 3-1/2" x 3-5/8" rectangles. With a pencil mark on the wrong side along the diagonal as shown (because they are not squares, be sure to mark these as mirror images) 

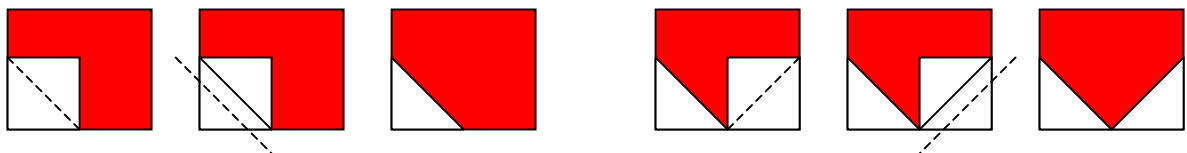
2.) Cut two 6-1/2" squares. Also mark (on the wrong side) the diagonal 
Since these are squares, it doesn't matter which way you mark them.

ASSEMBLY:

1.) With right sides together, place a 3-1/2" x 3-5/8" rectangle on one of the 3-1/2" x 6-3/4" rectangles 
Stitch along the drawn line.  Now cut 1/4" above stitching line and press the seam to the white.  After you've made 2 like this, repeat on the left



2.) Now do basically the same thing with the larger squares for the bottom of your valentine:



3.) Now, just sew the two pieces together and you have a beautiful Valentine!!!



This block is for the February meeting. The Monkey Wrench is our block for January.

To view this block in color and previous Blocks of the Month, go to www.mpqg.org and click on Block of the Month.

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