

BMQG BLOCK OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2016 - CRAZY IN LOVE



COLOURS :

Scraps of a variety of pink fabrics

A 10 x 10 inch piece white or off-white background (not tan). This will be trimmed down to 9.5 x 9.5 inches at the end.

The heart will be applied onto the background. You may choose to do raw edge machine applique with fusible webbing or needle-turn. Your heart should finish at the size of the template so if you choose needle turn, add an allowance for turning the edge under.

This block's dimensions are 9.5 x 9.5 inches to finish at 9 x 9 inches.

Method

Place two of the scrap pieces of pink fabric right sides together(1) and sew a 1/4 inch seam along one edge. Iron open with the seam to one side(2).

Cut a straight edge on a third scrap of pink fabric and lay it right sides together with the previously sewn unit but at a different angle. Sew a 1/4 inch seam along one edge (3). Cut off any extra fabric beyond the seam allowance. Iron open with the seam to one side (4).

Continue adding more fabric scraps at different angles, varying the colour values of the fabrics. Use different sized scraps but don't let the size of one dominate the others. Be careful to cover the whole length of fabric along the angle you're sewing, don't stop in the middle.

Stop adding fabric when you have enough to cover the heart template (with seam allowance if using needle turn).

Fusible Web: Trace the heart template onto the fusible web paper backing. Cut out slightly larger than the heart and iron to the back of the pieced fabric. Cut the fabric along the edge of the traced heart. Centre the heart on the background and iron to fuse. Sew around the heart's edge with blanket or zig zag stitch.

Needle Turn: Pin the template to the fabric and cut 1/4 inch outside of the edge for needle turn. Iron the seam allowance under. Clip the indent at the top of the heart to making it turn well. Remove the paper template and centre the heart on the background, pinning it in place. Slip or blanket stitch by hand to sew the heart to the background.

Iron the block. Use a ruler to carefully line up the middle, sides, top and bottom of the heart so there are equal amounts of background around it and then trim the background to 9.5 x 9.5 inches.

