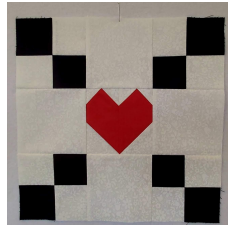


Irish Chain Heart Block

April BOM



Supplies List:

- 1 - 2 1/2" X 21" White strip (bright white solid or low volume print)
- 1 - 2 1/2" X 21" Black strip (black solid, I use color works black)
- 4 - 1 1/2" White Squares
- 2 - 2 1/2" White Squares
- 4 - 4 1/2" White squares

Red

Option #1 (Easier) 1 red solid or tone on tone 5" wide X 4 1/2" tall rectangle. Subcut into: 2 - 2 1/2" wide X 4 1/2" tall rectangles.

Option #2 (More challenging) Various scraps (smaller bits) of red to create a crumb pieced 6" block (prints, solids in light, med and dks)

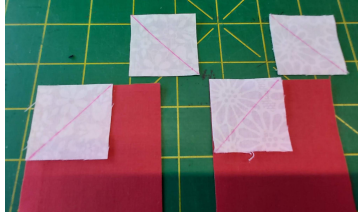
Heart Square:

Option #1 Solid Heart Square:

Follow the directions given for Option #2 steps 4 thru 7

Option #2 Crumb Heart Square:

1. Rifle through your stash and grab all those bits and bobs you should have thrown out but couldn't!! I start by finding similarish sized pieces like odd sized rectangles and short strips and put them into piles. Smaller bits are better in order to get that real crumb hodgepodge look!! Nothing has to be straight or perfect, anything goes!
2. In groups of 2, sew together then press seams open. Then, look for ways to join them to other strip sets, or perhaps, another single odd shape or small strip. Continue to join together in all directions until you have about a 6 inch squareish area of fabric.
3. Cut a 5" wide by 4 1/2" tall rectangle from your favorite part of your crumb pieced fabric. Starch lightly and press nice and flat!! Sub cut into 2 - 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangles.
4. Mark a 45 degree marked line on each of your 4 1 1/2" white squares.



5. Place 1 square on the top left side of each of the crumb rectangles matching the direction of the 45. Sew slightly to the right of the line to accommodate the turn of the cloth. Press and trim to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " past stitching line. Place the other 2 squares on the top right sides of each crumb rectangle matching 45 degree marked line. Sew, trim in same manner as before.
6. Mark a 45 degree line of each of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Place on the bottom of each crumb rectangles matching the 45 degree angles. Sew, press and trim as done in step 5.



7. Sew 2 halves together with seams pressed in opposing directions. Press center seam open

Black and White 4 Patch Blocks:

1. Sew the black and white strips together using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press seam to the **dark**. Pieced strip should measure 21" long by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Sub cut into **8** - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide X $4\frac{1}{2}$ " tall rectangles. Sew together in sets of 2 in order to make **4** - $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square B&W 4 patch blocks. Seams will nest nicely!! Swirl center seams to reduce bulk.

Assemble Block:

Follow placement of squares from the picture below. Press row 1 seams towards the center block, press row 2 seams away from the center block, press row 3 as in 1. All seams are then opposing and will nest nicely when joined. Finished block will measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " Square.

