



Finished block size: 12" square (unfinished is 12 ½" square)

These could make a great Valentine quilt. It's easy! Eight half square triangle units and 8 solid squares. Choice of two background fabrics: black or white. Both backgrounds make the reds and pinks pop. Imagine how interesting a quilt will be with a mixture of the two backgrounds. It could be anything from a checkerboard to an all black with one white or all white with one black. Fun!

Fabric

- 1/8 yard black or black tone-on-tone print OR 1/8 yard white or white tone-on-tone print for the background
- Scraps of reds and dark pinks, including tone-on-tone prints, and prints that "read" red or dark pink

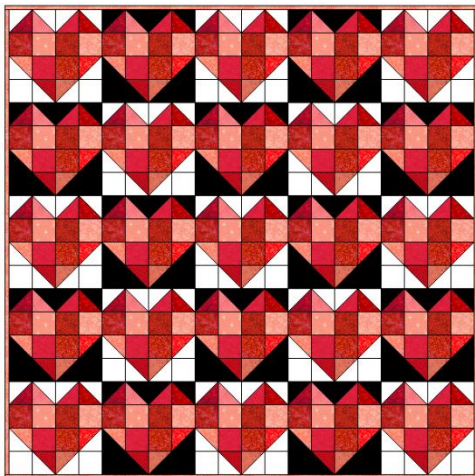
Cut

- Cut (2) 3 ½" squares of the background fabric
- Cut (4) 4" squares of the background fabric (for the half square triangles)
- Cut (6) 3 ½" squares of the red/pink fabrics
- Cut (4) 4" square of the red/pink fabrics (for the half square triangles)

Sew

1. Make the half square triangles (HSTs): Pair each background 4" square with a red/pink 4" square, right sides to together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of background fabric. Sew a line ¼" away from each side of the line you drew. Cut along the line you drew. Each pair will make 2 HSTs, for a total of 8 HSTs. Trim the HSTs to 3 ½" square.
2. Using the above picture as your guide, arrange the HSTs and the solid red/pink blocks in 4 rows as follows: Row 1: HST (background top left) – HST (background top right) – HST (background top left) – HST (background top right). Row 2: Four solid red/pink squares. Row 3: HST (background bottom left) – solid red/pink – solid red/pink – HST (background bottom right). Row 4: Solid background – HST (background bottom left) – HST (background bottom right) – Solid background.
3. Sew each row together. Press seams to the right on row 1 and row 3; to the left on row 2 and row 4.
4. Sew the 4 rows together into the block, nesting seams.

Sample Quilt Layout



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