

I Love Us

in February Quilt Block

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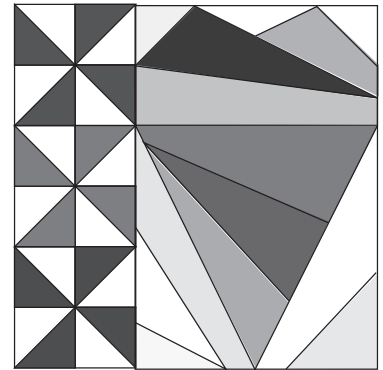
All seams are 1/4". Use a small stitch (I use 1.8) with white or cream thread.

Cutting Instructions

Finished Size 12" square. This block uses four pink batiks ranging from light to dark and two multi-color/pink batiks ranging from light to dark, plus a solid white and a light marbled batik as backgrounds. Fabric numbers are for Marcus Fabric R07 Primo Batik Aurora and Twilight line.

Paper Pieced Heart:

- Cut one strip 3" by 22"ish of white background [paper piece #s 2, 5, 11, 12, 14]
- Cut one strip 3" by 22"ish of light marbled batik (#5815-0166) [piece #s 3, 10, 13]
- Cut one 3" x 5" rectangle of multi-color/pink batik (#5819-0161) [piece # 1]
- Cut one 4" x 9" rectangle of medium pink batik (#5835-0170) [piece # 1]
- Cut one 3" x 9" rectangle of light pink batik (#5817-0126) [piece # 6]
- Cut one 5" x 9" rectangle of multi-color/pink batik 95845-0161 [piece # 7]
- Cut one 4" x 8" rectangle of a second medium pink batik (#5846-0161) [piece # 8]
- Cut one 4" x 9" rectangle of a dark pink batik (#5844-0161) [piece # 9]



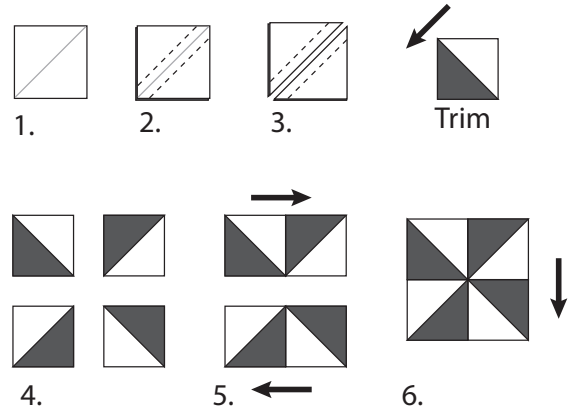
Pinwheels:

- Cut four 3" squares of white background fabric
- Cut two 3" squares of a light marbled batik background (#5815-0166)
- Cut four 3" squares of medium multi-color/pink batik (#5845-0161)
- Cut two 3" squares of a second multi-color/pink batik (#5819-0161)

Piecing Instructions

Pinwheels

1. To create the Half Square Triangles, draw a diagonal line across the background squares.
2. Pair with a multi-color/pink 3" square and with right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn line.
3. Cut on the drawn line to create two Half Square Triangles. Press the seam toward the darker color.



TRIM the half square triangles by lining up the seam with your ruler. Trim to 2 1/2". You need 12 half square triangles

4. Arrange the Half Square Triangle like the diagram.
5. Sew the top two together and sew the bottom two together. Press as the arrows indicate. Make three pinwheels.
6. Sew the top pinwheel to the middle pinwheel. Sew the middle pinwheel to the bottom pinwheel. Press.

If you've not paper pieced before, or need a refresher, there are several videos showing paper piecing on YouTube.com. For two great tutorials, watch these links below.

by Connecting Threads; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2gKMx9CCM>

by Fons & Porter; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=ZJM6QJbBgE0>

Check your local quilt shop for books on paper piecing.

Template A

Using your favorite paper or foundation piecing technique, piece template A and B separately. Start with number one for template A. Start with number 7 for template B.

After the strips of fabric have all been added, for template A, trim on the outside line for a 1/4" seam allowance. For template B, the edges of the 8 1/2" paper are the quarter inch seam allowance. Trim fabric to the paper's edge on the left and right. Trim on the outside line on the top and bottom for the 1/4" seam allowance.

Sew templates A and B together along the horizontal lines between positions 6 and 7. Gently tear away the paper so not to stress the seams. Press the seam in one direction.

Now for some fun. With some coordinating threads, top stitch in some of the fun stitches your machine offers. Stitch a decorative stitch along each seam. Stitch a blanket stitch or button hole stitch along the outside edge of the heart.

Sew the three pinwheel unit to the left side of the heart. Beautiful!

