

BLOCK OF THE MONTH –FEBRUARY 2008

In honor of Valentine's Day, this month's block will be red and white, or pink and white, if that suits you better. If you have heart design fabric of another color that will be acceptable as well. We will continue to encourage you to make extra block(s) for the Charity Quilts. Wouldn't that be a loving thing to do?

Two 14" squares of two contrasting fabrics. (One of each fabric)

Put right sides together. Mark a diagonal line from one corner of the block to the other. Sew a seam of 1/4" on each side of the line. Cut down the line, and you will end up with two half square triangle squares. If you have another method you prefer, use it. Use one of the squares for the background. Using the other square, fold it in half along the seam, and cut a heart shape about three inches smaller than the square. You can make it long and skinny, or short and fat, whatever pleases you. Having lots of different heart shapes, will add interest to the quilt. Place the heart on the background square so that the opposite fabrics are together. Line up the seam of the heart with the seam of the square. If you fold the heart in half, top to bottom and fold the square in quarters, you should be able to note a center point to match so that the heart will be more or less in the center of the square. Applique the heart onto the square in whatever way you choose—raw edge, needle turned, fused, machine stitched or by hand. Once the heart is sewn on, keeping the heart in the center, trim the block to a 12 -1/2 in square. You may embellish it if you choose, or turn it in as is.

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