

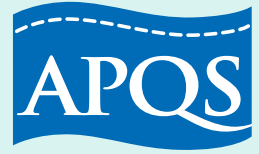
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50" x 60" Finished Quilt

Fabric Yardage (based on 42" wide fabric):

- Red: 2-1/2 yards (includes binding)
- White: 2 yards

NOTE: This pattern uses a flip and fold technique using squares instead of triangles to make assembly easier. Follow the instructions on marking squares and trimming seams. To make cutting efficient, block pieces are cut by the width of the fabric (WOF) and then sub-cut into individual pieces as labeled for each block. With this method, you will have some strip sections left over. Label your patches for easy assembly.

This is the perfect quilt to make to bust your fabric stash and show someone you love them at the same time! Though the pattern features a two-color quilt, you can have fun with fabric. Alternate colors or make a rainbow of American Sign Language (ASL) hands showing the "I love you" hand sign!

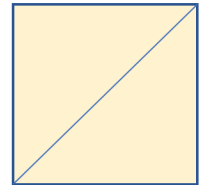
Heart Block (Make 10)

Red Fabric Cutting

Patch A: Cut 2 strips 7-1/2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 rectangles measuring 4" x 7-1/2".

White Fabric Cutting

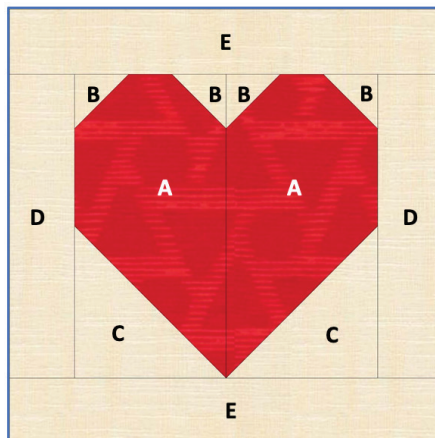
Patch B: Cut 3 strips 1-3/4" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 60 squares measuring 1-3/4". On the wrong side of the fabric, draw a diagonal line on all squares. Set aside 20 squares for the "finger" portion of the hand block.



Patch C: Cut 2 strips 4" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 squares measuring 4". Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square.

Patch D: Cut 4 strips 2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 rectangles measuring 2" x 7-1/2".

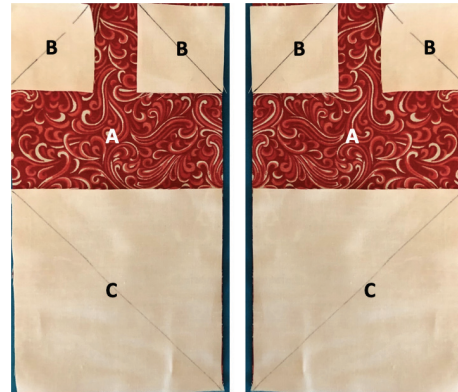
Patch E: Cut 5 strips 2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 rectangles measuring 2" x 10-1/2". (If your fabric is less than 42" wide, you'll need one more strip for this patch.)



Heart Block Assembly Instructions

(Make 10 left side units and 10 right side units)

1. With right sides together, place two marked Patch B squares on top of a Patch A rectangle as shown, aligning Patch B with the upper corners of Patch A. Place Patch C on the bottom of Patch A as shown. Pin in place.



2. Sew along each drawn line as shown below. Gently fold back the top fabric until it is even with the corner and finger press it down. Carefully trim the excess 1/4 inch from seam line. **NOTE:** If the corner does not square up even with the backside, remove stitches and sew again.

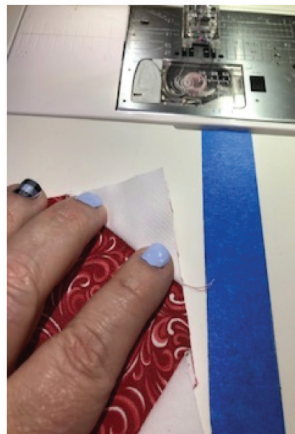


TIP

The corners are sewn on a bias which means it will stretch if you pull. I recommend gently finger pressing as shown before trimming and pressing.)



Sew on drawn line

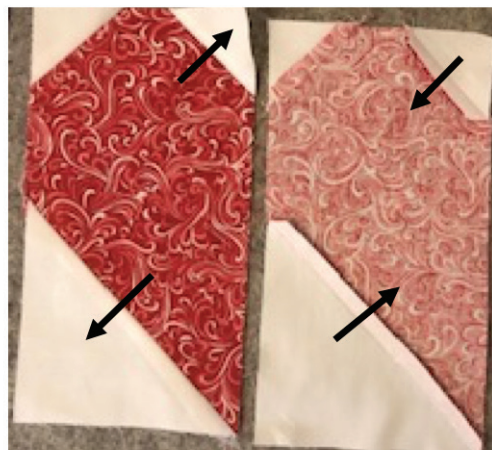


Finger-press top layer

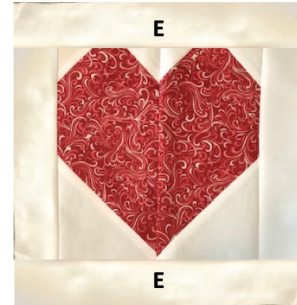


Trim 1/4" from seam

3. Press seams on one half of the heart toward background pieces and toward the red fabric on the other half as shown. Place the heart halves right sides together, nesting the seams; sew from the top of the heart to the bottom. Press this seam open.



4. Sew Patch D background strips to each side of the heart units. Press open. Sew Patch E background strips to the top and bottom of the blocks and press open.



I Love You (ASL) Block (Make 10)

Red Fabric Cutting

Patch F: Cut 5 strips 1-3/4" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 strips measuring 1-3/4" x 10-1/2".

Patch G: Cut 2 strips 2-1/2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 10 rectangles measuring 2-1/2" x 5-1/2".

Patch H: Cut 2 strips 5-1/2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 rectangles measuring 3" x 5-1/2".

Patch I: Cut 1 strip 5" by WOF. Sub cut into 10 rectangles measuring 3" x 5".

White Fabric Cutting

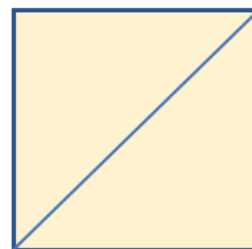
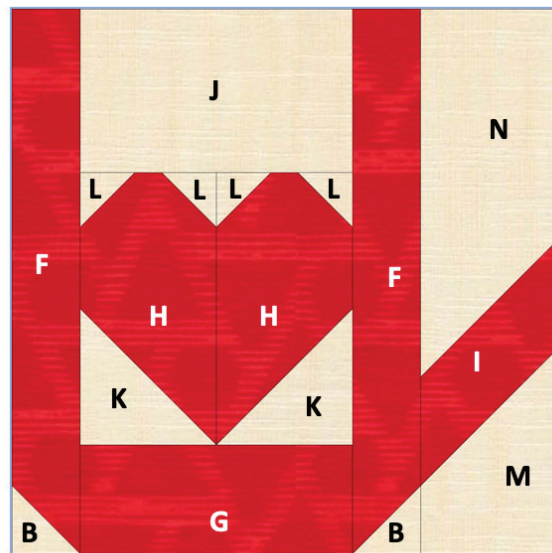
Patch J: Cut 1 strip 5-1/2" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 10 rectangles measuring 3-1/2" x 5-1/2".

Patch K: Cut 2 strips 3" wide by WOF. Sub cut into 20 squares measuring 3" x 3". On the wrong side of the fabric, draw a diagonal line on all squares.

Patch L: Cut 2 strips 1-1/2" by WOF. Sub cut into 40 squares measuring 1-1/2" x 1-1/2". Mark diagonal lines on the wrong side of each square.

Patch M: Cut 1 strip 4-1/4" wide by WOF (note strip width difference). Sub cut into 10 rectangles measuring 3" x 4-1/4".

Patch N: Cut 1 strip 7-1/4" wide by WOF (note strip width difference). Sub cut into 10 rectangles measuring 3" x 7-1/4".



I Love You Block Assembly Instructions

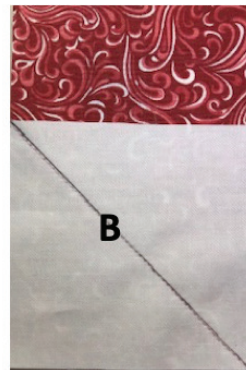
1. Follow Steps 1 - 3 from Heart block to assemble the heart portion of this block using Patches H, K and L.



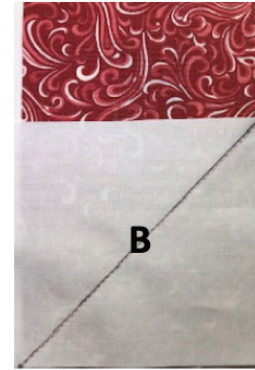
2. Add Patch J to the top of the heart, and Patch G to the bottom of the heart. Press seams open.



- 3. Fingers Assembly:** Place a background Patch B on the bottom of each Patch F with right sides together, orienting 10 patches for the left “finger” and 10 for the right as shown. Sew on the drawn line; finger press the top fabric toward the corner to check accuracy. Trim the excess to within 1/4” of the seam as before. Press seam open.



Left finger unit

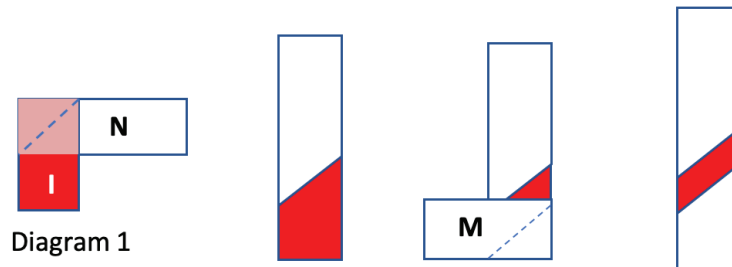


Right finger unit

4. Sew a “finger” unit to each side of the heart units, paying attention to the triangle orientation at the bottom so that the palm of the hand forms properly.



5. Thumb Unit Assembly (make 10): With right sides together, place a Patch N at a right angle at the top of Patch I as shown in Diagram 1. Draw a diagonal line as illustrated; sew on the line. Finger press, then trim seam allowance to within 1/4" of sewn line. Press seam open. Place Patch M on the bottom of the partial thumb unit as shown, with right sides together. Draw a diagonal line. Sew on the line, then finger press the seam. Trim to 1/4" seam allowance and press the seam open.



6. Sew a thumb unit to the right side of each hand unit. Press.
7. Assemble blocks with alternating hearts and ILY blocks four across by five rows as shown on the cover photo.



Small Inside Border

From white fabric, cut 6 strips measuring 1-1/2" by WOF.

Join the strips together on short ends using a diagonal seam line to form one long strip. Measure the length of the left and right sides of the center unit, along with the center of the unit vertically. Find the average length of these three measurements, then cut two strips to match. Sew on to the sides of the center unit. Press seams toward border.

Repeat this process to add the top and bottom inner border.

Outer Border

From red fabric, cut 6 strips measuring 4-1/2" by WOF. Sew two strips together on the short end for both the left and right side of the quilt. Follow the process used for the small inside border to measure the border length needed for the quilt sides. Cut the two strips to length, saving the extra pieces for the top and bottom border. Sew to the quilt sides; press toward border.

Sew the two extra pieces from the previous step to the remaining two border strips. Measure the quilt's width across the top, middle and bottom. Find the average and cut these strips to that size. Sew to the quilt top; press seams toward border.

Pattern quilted with digital pantograph called "Signs of Love" available at www.annebrightdesigns.com.