

Half Square Hearts

Quilt Size is 61 x 76

Quilt block is 7.5 inches finished (8 inches unfinished with seam allowances)



Quilt Notes

- ✚ There are many ways to make this block. I choose to make mine on a muslin foundation to allow me to use all my small bits and pieces. You may make these Half Square String blocks using whatever method you choose.
- ✚ I used a variety of scraps in each large heart block and pieced half square triangles for my bottom corners. You can either make yours scrappy or use a single fabric for each heart background as shown above.
- ✚ I used a walking foot to assemble the top and ironed all my seams open to decrease bulk.
- ✚ This quilt was designed and made to be donated as part of the HeartStrings Quilt Project.
 - <http://heartstringsquiltproject.com/>

Block Instructions

This quilt is made up of 6 Heart blocks that are EACH pieced from the following.

- ✦ 8 half square string blocks pieced on a muslin foundation and trimmed to 8 inches.
- ✦ 2 string blocks pieced on a muslin foundation and trimmed to 8 inches.
- ✦ 2 squares cut 8 inches.

Cutting instructions for each heart block

- ✦ Cut muslin foundations 8.5 inches.
- ✦ Cut 4 - 9 inch squares from heart background fabric; cut in half on the diagonal.
- ✦ Cut 2 - 8 inch squares from heart background fabrics
- ✦ A variety of strips and strings

Piecing instructions for string blocks.

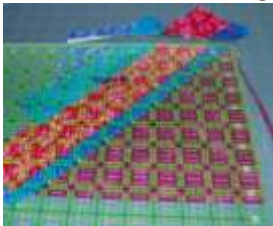
Place half square triangle on muslin square.



Add strings one by one until foundation is covered.



Trim block to 8 inches square. Trim excess foundation from behind the triangle portion of the block.

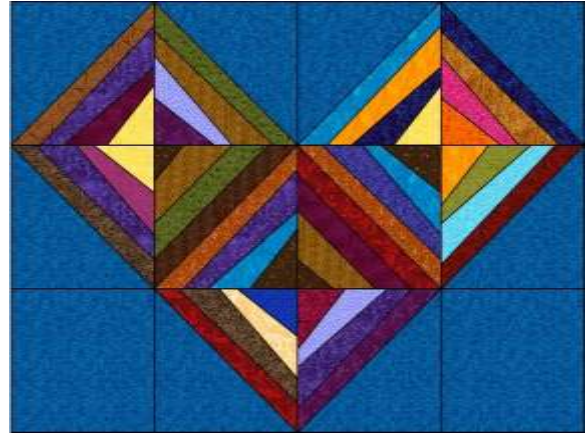


For each heart block, piece 2 string blocks on a muslin foundation and trim to 8 inches square.



Repeat above steps for each of the 6 heart blocks.

Once all the blocks are pieced, assemble 6 hearts as shown below. I made 2 red, 1 blue, 1 purple, 1 green, and 1 yellow for my quilt.



Border

I pieced my border using techniques from the DVD by Ricky Tims – Caveman Quilting. An alternative is shown in the quilt drawing on page 1 of these instructions.

From border fabric, cut 12 rectangles that are 3 inches by 8 inches.

Cut 24 - 3 inch squares from border fabric

Cut 12 – 3 inch squares from heart background fabrics

Sew 2 border squares to a heart background fabric as shown below (Fig 1). Alternate these with the rectangles to create the border shown on page 1 (Fig 2).

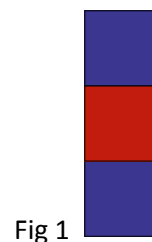


Fig 1

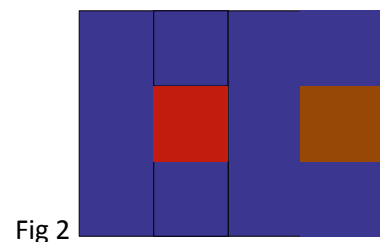


Fig 2

Quilt assembly

Sew the top two heart blocks together and add top border. Sew the other heart blocks into rows and then sew rows together.