

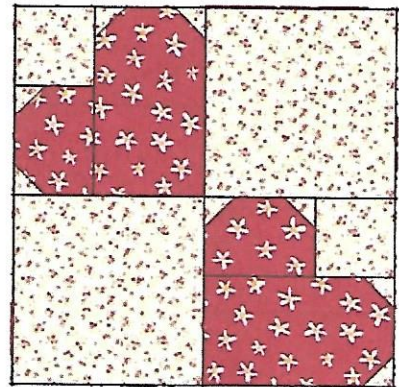
Block of the Month - February 2012  
"Sweet Heart Block" (unfinished block size 12½")\*

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Here's a quick and easy pieced block to make for a special quilt. There are only 3 main pieces in each heart, plus 4 smaller squares that are added to help shape the curves. Use Valentine red or pink for the hearts, and white-on-white, or a print that is mostly white, for the background. Valentine prints would be pretty!

Cut:

Red – two 3" x 4" rectangles, and two 4" x 6½" rectangles  
White – Two 6½" squares, two 3" squares, and eight 1½" squares

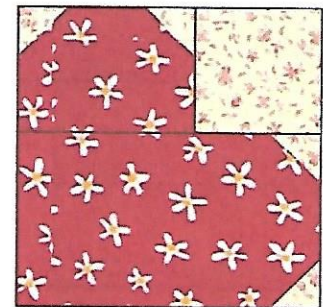
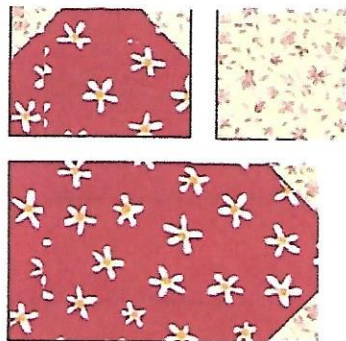
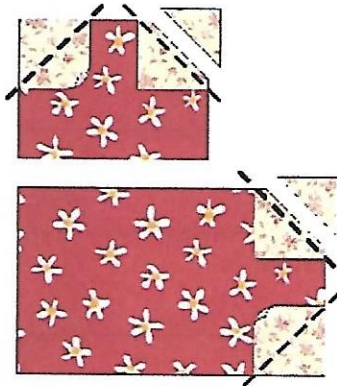


Diagonal corner piecing is used to stitch the 1½" white squares to the red rectangles, rounding off the corners that form the heart shape.

To make one heart: Line up 1½" white squares at two corners each of a small and a large red rectangle, with right sides together, as illustrated below, left.

*Note that the red rectangles must be positioned exactly like this, and squares added only to the corners shown, in order to round off only the corners that shape the heart!*

Diagonally stitch across the small white squares, stitching the two layers together. Trim off corners, leaving ¼" seam allowance; press triangles toward corners.



Heart (make 2)

Arrange the two red rectangles with rounded corners and the 3" white square, as shown, above center, and stitch together to make a heart, above right. Make two hearts.

Arrange two hearts and two 6½" white squares as shown in illustration at top of page, and stitch together to make the Sweet Heart Block.

Nine of these blocks would make a crib size quilt (about 41" square, including borders ½" and 2"). With hearts positioned as suggested, it would look something like the one shown at right. →

These versatile hearts could also be arranged a number of other ways, depending on the look you'd like for your quilt.

