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2015 Two-Color Delight Mystery Quilt – Clue #4

We're rounding the bend on this mystery! Can you believe this is our next-to-last clue? I hope you're having fun and enjoying the freedom that comes from working with just two colors and BIG blocks!

Backing – Yes, there's a bit of piecing on the back too!

As you'll recall, the finished quilt will measure 92 inches by 94 inches. We need a backing that's several inches wider on all sides, at least 95 inches x 97 inches, so it's easier to "sandwich" together with the batting and top.

Step 1: Cut your 6 yard piece of BACKING FABRIC into two 3 YARD pieces. (Each piece will measure approximately 108 inches long by 40-43 inches wide.) Rotate one piece around so the grain and pattern are facing the same direction on both pieces. Set aside. Don't sew together.

Step 2: Cut five 5½ inch strips of FABRIC A. Sew all strips together end-to-end and cut the resulting one strip of approximately 200 inches x 5½ inch strip into 2 equal pieces, each measuring approximately 100 inches long x 5½ inch wide. Set aside.

Step 3: Remember all those Unit 1-Bs? Join nine Unit 1-Bs end-to-end. They'll be used to create a "racing stripe" down the middle of the back of the quilt. The resulting stripe should be at least 95 inches long. (I added a few red scraps to the end of my middle stripe just to be on the safe side.)

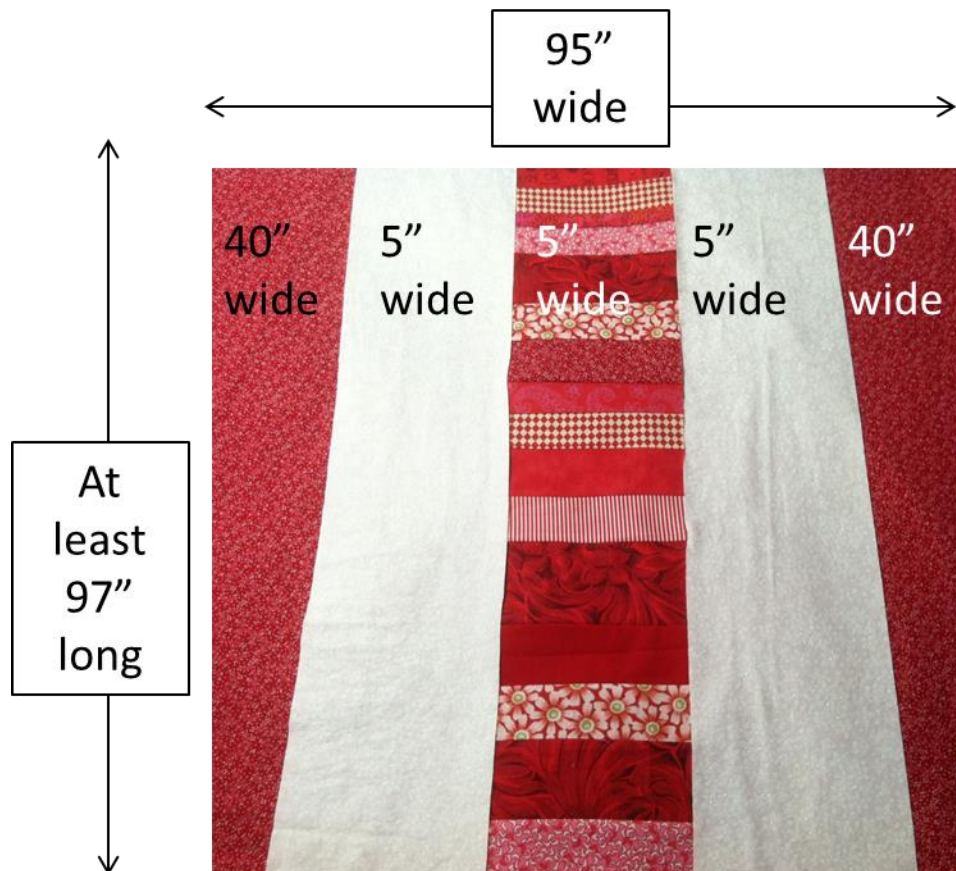


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Step 4: Join all the strips together in this order to create your full backing:

- The 108 inch x 40-43" wide BACKING FABRIC
- 5½ inch strip of FABRIC A
- Strip of 5½ inch wide x 95 inch long SCRAPPY (or FABRIC C) strip of Unit 1-Bs
- 5½ inch strip of FABRIC A
- The other 108 inch x 40-43" wide BACKING FABRIC

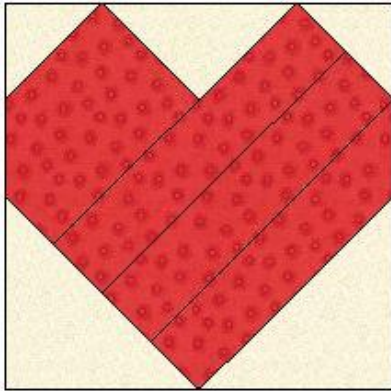
Line up the top edges and then "square up" the bottom of the backing AFTER you've made the entire quilt sandwich. The left-over BACKING FABRIC will be used to make the binding.



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Unit 4-A: "Heart"

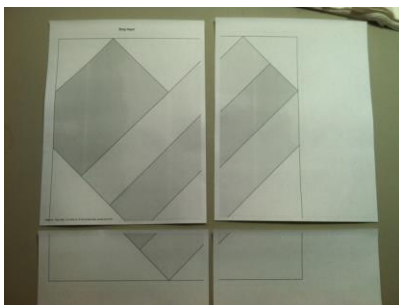
Now we're going to make 6 Unit 4-As, also known as Heart Squares. Each Unit 4-A Heart Square will measure 12½ inches x 12½ inches. (Big!) [Finished size: 12" x 12"]



You can choose from one of 2 methods for this block.

Method #1: Unit 4-A HEART Paper Piecing

This is the method I ended up using. It was more accurate for me than was the piecing method. Because the block is so big, you'll have to print out* the paper piecing template (at the end of this clue) onto 4 pieces of 8.5x11 paper, then cut away the seam allowance as needed before taping the 4 pieces together to make the heart. You'll print it 6 times which means you'll need 24 pieces of 8.5 x 11 newsprint or foundation paper. (see pictures below of how to tape paper foundation together.)



**be sure to set print scaling to "none" or "print actual size"*

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Here is a cutting list for 6 paper pieced hearts. These are such big blocks that this cutting list really makes fast work of creating all 6 hearts.



Fabric A

Cut

- 6 squares 7.25" x 7.25" (/) cut diagonally to give you 12 triangles for positions 8, & 6
- 3 squares 5.5" x 5.5" (/) cut diagonally to give you 6 triangles for position 2
- 6 squares 4" x 4" (/) cut diagonally to give you 12 triangles for positions 9 & 7

Fabric B

Cut

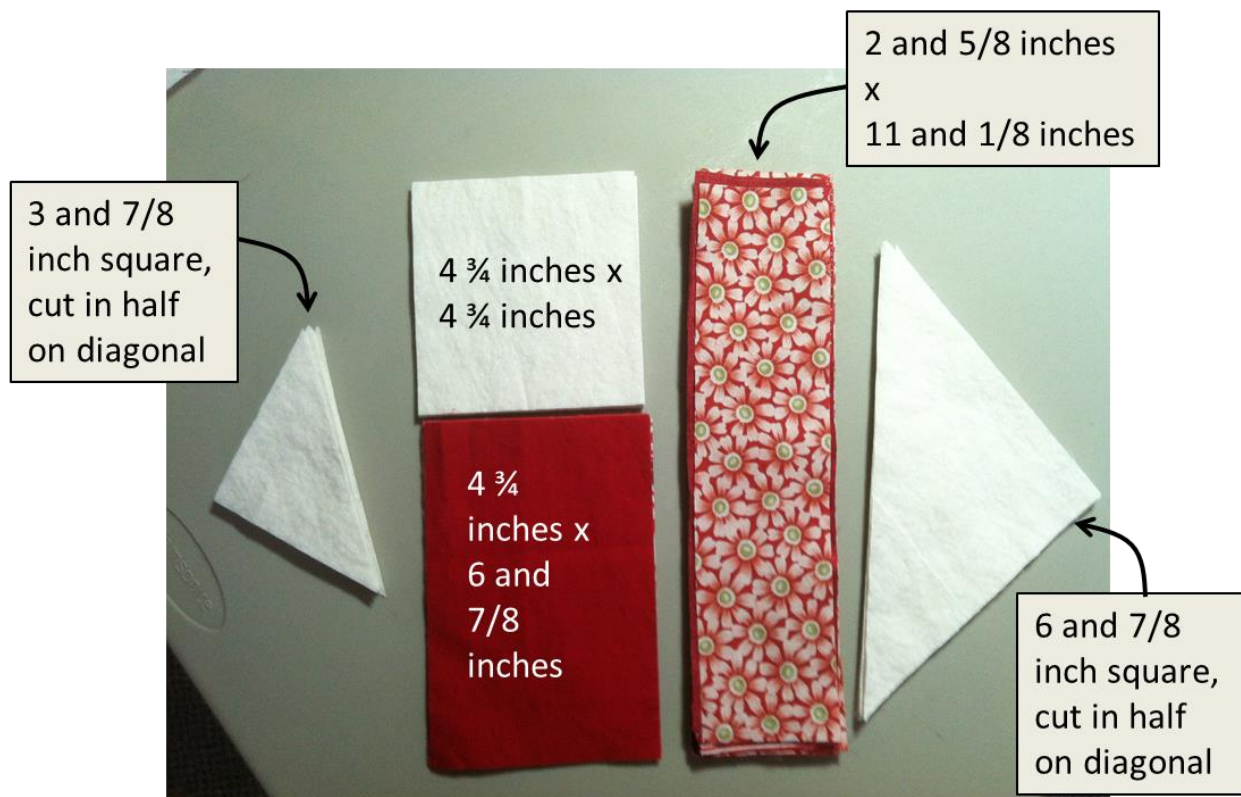
- 6 rectangles 7.5" x 5.25" for position 1
- 18 rectangles 11.5" x 3" for positions 3,4 & 5

Paper-piece the hearts starting with 1 and adding fabrics in order until you get to 9.

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Method #2: Unit 4-A HEART Rotary Cutting and Assembly

- Cut eighteen pieces measuring 2 and 5/8th inches by 11 and 1/8th inches from SCRAPS (or FABRIC B).
- Cut six pieces measuring 4 and 3/4 inches by 6 and 7/8th inches from SCRAPS (or FABRIC B).
- Cut six squares measuring 6 and 7/8th inches by 6 and 7/8th inches from FABRIC A, then cut in half on the diagonal.
- Cut six squares measuring 3 and 7/8th inches by 3 and 7/8th inches from FABRIC A, then cut in half on the diagonal.
- Cut six squares measuring 4 and 3/4 inches by 4 and 3/4 inches.



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Sew the pieces together following these steps – six times to make six HEART Squares.

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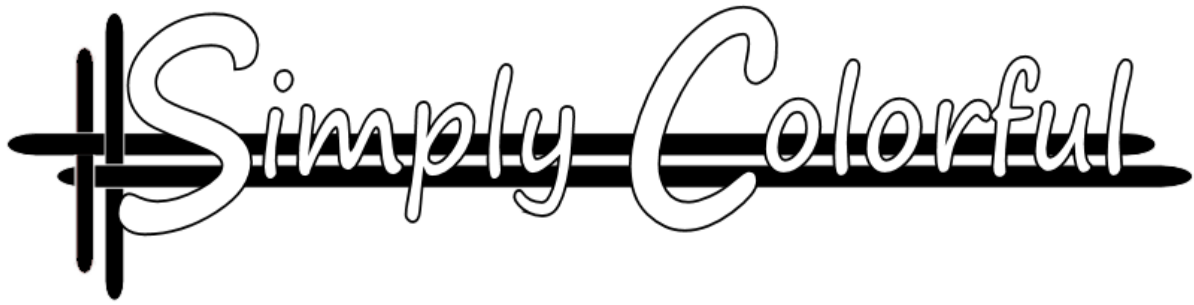


5.



6. Trim it up to measure 12.5 x 12.5 inches.





Congratulations – you're 4/5ths of the way through the mystery!

Have any guesses about the finished design? How will it all go together?

The Final Clue is Next Week!

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