

Candy Hearts

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54" x 63"

All the colors of a bag of candy hearts + little applique hearts with love words on them + easy to piece squares = a sweet little Valentine throw quilt! Use up scraps of all your candy colors to make this for your favorite Valentine!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

You will need a total of 174 5" squares in various candy colors, with lots of pink. I used charm packs of 5" squares of Dear Stella Polka Dots for mine, to save myself the trouble of cutting them. The number of charm packs you'll need will depend on the number of charms in your packets, and whether you want to use every charm in the packet. I left out the darker blue squares from my packets because I wanted to include only the candy heart colors in my quilt, and then added in some extra pinks, whites, and grays.

If you wish to buy yardage, you will need a total of 3 1/2 yards of fabric.

If you choose to use a bundle of fat quarters, you will need 15 fat quarters.

One 9 1/2" square white-on-white background for the large heart block

One 8 1/2" square of red polka dot for the large heart

One skein white embroidery floss

One skein bright pink embroidery floss

1/2 yard pink polka dot for binding

3 1/2 yards for backing

60" x 70" batting

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

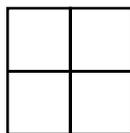
All seam allowances are 1/4", unless otherwise specified.

Set aside 10 of your 5" squares to use for the applique hearts.

Sew the remaining 164 squares into pairs.



Sew the pairs together to make large 4-patches. You will need 41 of these. Each block should measure 9 1/2" square.



Using the template on page 5, cut the large heart out of the red polka dot fabric, and trace the letters onto the heart so that you can embroider them on after the applique is complete. Using your favorite method of applique, attach the heart to the white-on-white background square. Embroider the letters, using white embroidery floss.



Referring to the quilt photo on page 2, arrange the large 4-patch blocks and the heart block in 7 rows of 6 blocks each. In other words, 6 blocks across, 7 blocks down.

Sew the blocks together into rows, then sew the rows together.

From the 10 squares you set aside, cut out hearts using the templates on pages 6-7. Trace the letters onto each heart so that you can embroider them after the hearts are appliqued down.

Referring to the photo on page 2, randomly arrange the applique hearts onto some of the squares in the quilt top, and applique them in place.

Embroider the words onto each heart as desired, using a floss color that shows up well.

Now you're ready to layer and quilt your quilt top.

I used pink thread, and a pantograph called "Sonnet" by Patricia E. Ritter and Valerie Smith to quilt my quilt.

Use the pink polka dot for the binding, and don't forget to add a label. Your quilt is all ready for your favorite Valentine!

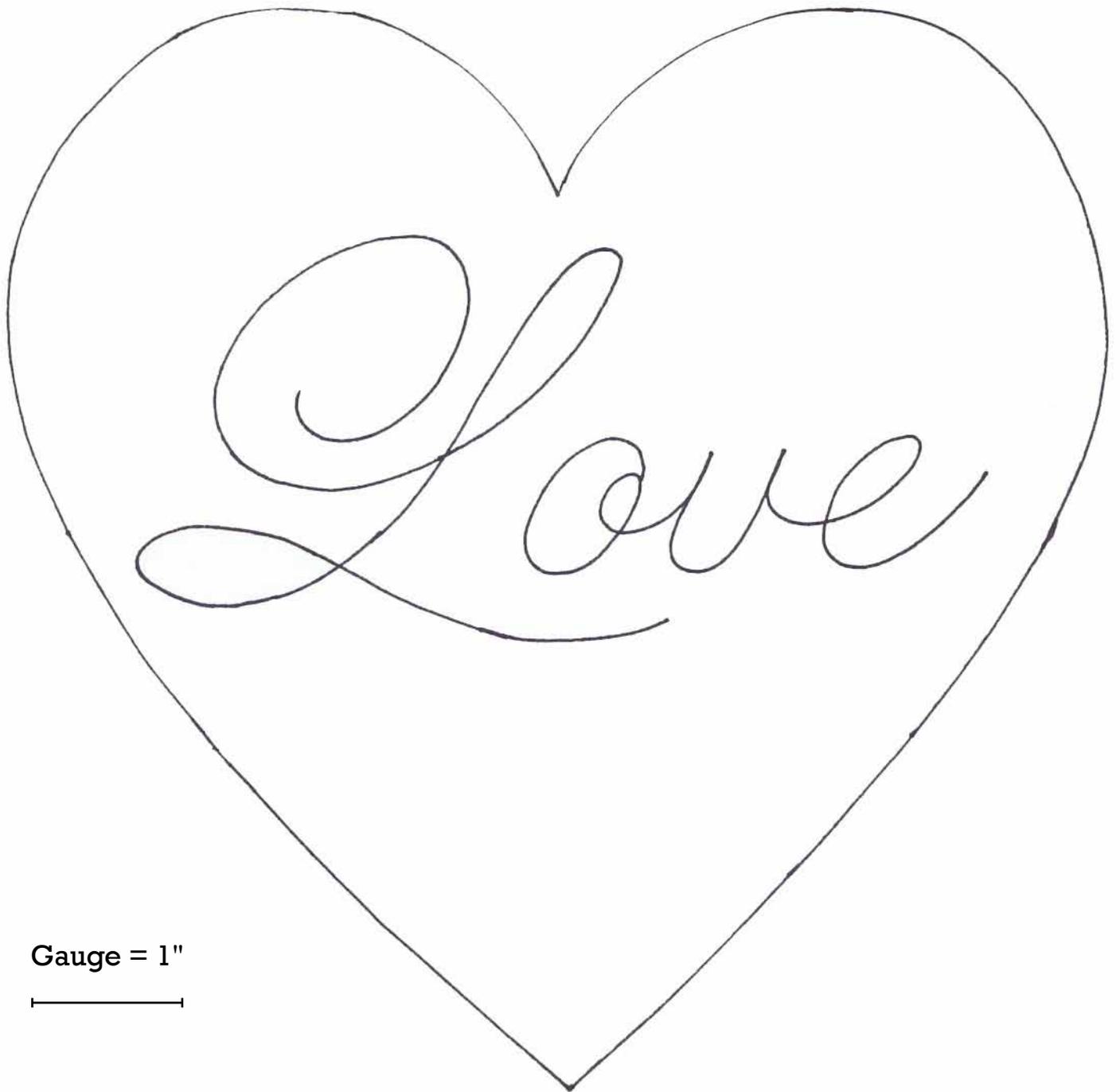


If you are using the needle-turn method of applique, don't forget to add seam allowance to each heart.

If you are using the fusible method, no seam allowance is necessary.

Check the gauge when printing to make sure the pieces have printed out the correct size.

I used three strands of embroidery floss to embroider the words onto the hearts after they were appliqued onto the base squares. You could ink them on with a fabric pen, if you prefer.

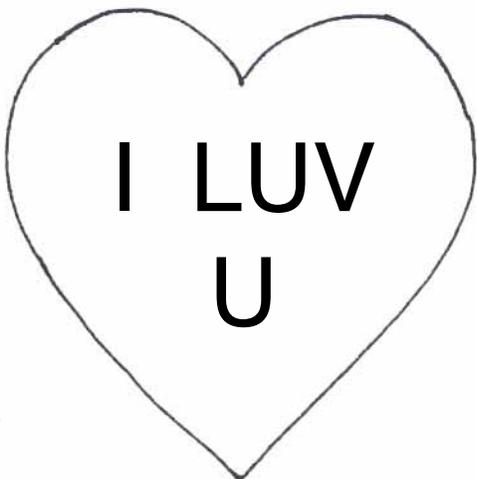
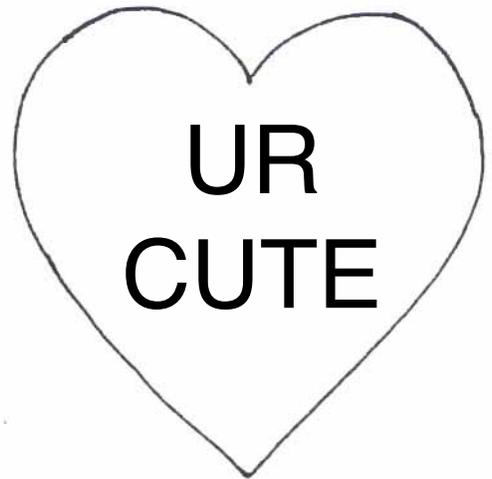
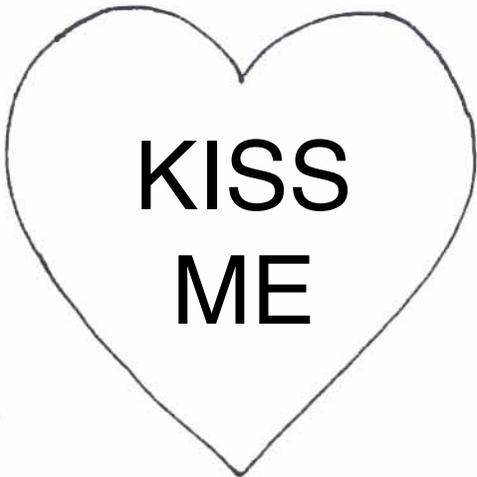


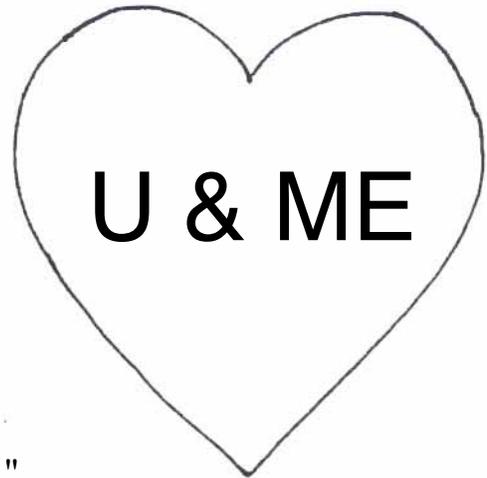
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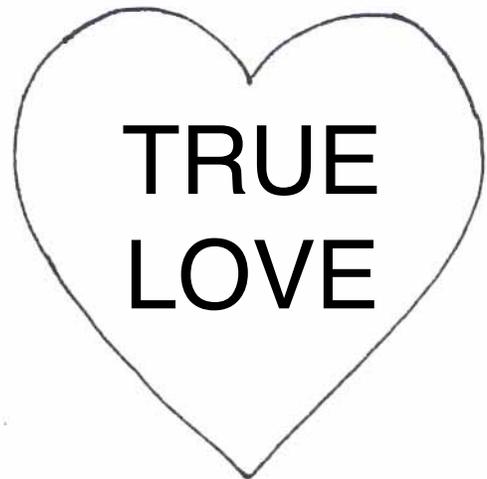


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