

Love in Chains

54" x 64"

This sweet quilt is made up of some simply pieced blocks with hearts appliquéd on. It's a great way to use up a lot of your pink/red scraps!

Here's what you'll need to make it:

2 1/2 yards for main background

1/2 yard for heart backgrounds

A scrappy assortment of reds and pinks to equal 1 1/3 yards for the chains and hearts

1/2 yard for binding

3 1/2 yards for backing

If you will be using the fusible method of appliqué to attach your hearts, then you will also need 1 1/3 yards of fusible webbing of your choice.

Batting, at least 62" x 72" (twin-size)

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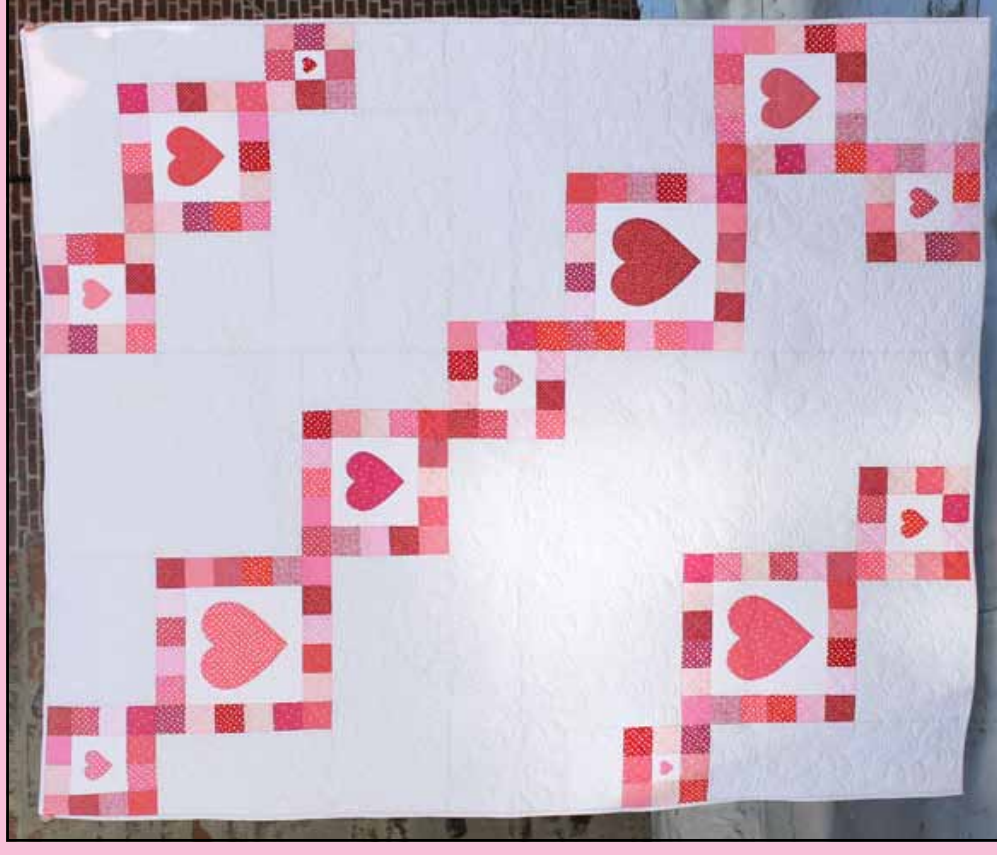
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I designed this quilt for Dear Stella fabrics back in 2015. For a while, they offered it as a free project pattern on their site, but have since taken it down. I kept getting asked for it so often, I decided to offer it again.

This original version of the quilt pattern is available for free. There is a second version of the quilt in a for-purchase pattern if you want a scrappier quilt. The original version has all one background. The second version has a scrappy low-volume pieced background. Both quilts are easy straightforward sewing, and the appliqué is super simple and can be done using your favorite method. You can find the pattern containing both versions in my Etsy shop: prairiemoonquilts.etsy.com

I recommend that you read through all the instructions before beginning to cut and sew.

Cutting Instructions

From the main background fabric, cut the pieces as stated, in the order presented, and label them as you cut them with the number given in parentheses. You will need the numbers later to get all the background pieces into the correct positions. Labels can be found on pages 12-13. (WOF = Width of Fabric)

Cut one strip 14 1/2" x WOF. From this strip, cut one piece 18 1/2" long (#2), one piece 12 1/2" (#17), and one piece 6 1/2" (#3).

Cut two strips 8 1/2" x WOF. From the first strip, cut one piece 10 1/2" (#1), and one piece 26 1/2" (#11). From the second strip, cut three 8 1/2" squares (#5, #20, and #22), one 6 1/2" x 8 1/2" piece (#21), and one 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle (#13).

Cut one strip 12 1/2" x WOF. From this strip, cut one piece 6 1/2" (#4), one piece 16 1/2" (#9), one piece 8 1/2" (#18), and one 6 1/2" square (#10).

Cut one strip 10 1/2" x WOF. From this strip, cut two pieces 4 1/2" (#6 and #8), one piece 8 1/2" (#19), and one 10 1/2" square (#15).

Cut three strips 8 1/2" x WOF. From the first strip, cut a length 26 1/2" (#14). From the second strip, cut a length 18 1/2" (#7). From the third strip, cut a length 20 1/2" (#12). Cut the remainder of the third strip to a 6 1/2" width, and from it, cut a length of 18 1/2" (#16).

From the heart background fabric:

Cut a strip 8 1/2" x WOF. From this strip, cut three 8 1/2" squares (B1), and two 6 1/2" squares (B2).

Cut a strip 6 1/2" x WOF. From this strip, cut one 6 1/2" square (B2), five 4 1/2" squares (B3), and two 2 1/2" squares (B4).

From the scrappy reds and pinks, cut 184 2 1/2" squares, the more variety, the better.

For the hearts, from the remaining pink and red scraps, cut:

3 from template H1

3 from template H2

5 from template H3

2 from template H4

Heart templates can be found on page 11.

All seams are 1/4".

Block Instructions

There are four different sizes of heart blocks. We'll step through each one in turn, beginning with the largest size first.

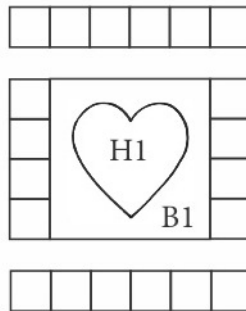
Block 1:
12" finished size

Using your preferred method of appliqué, attach an H1 heart to a B1 background square.

To create the frame, you will need 20 of the 2 1/2" squares.
Sew the squares together into two sets of 4, and two sets of 6, as shown.



Sew the short sets to the sides of the appliquéed heart piece. Press seams toward the heart. Sew the long sets to the top and bottom of the heart piece. Press seams either direction.



The block should measure 12 1/2" square. Repeat this to make 3 of these blocks.

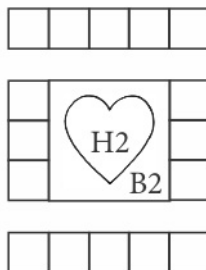
Block 2:
10" finished size

Using your preferred method of appliqué, attach an H2 heart to a B2 background square.

To create the frame, you will need 16 of the 2 1/2" squares.
Sew the squares together into two sets of 3, and two sets of 5, as shown.



Sew the short sets to the sides of the appliquéed heart piece. Press seams toward the heart. Sew the long sets to the top and bottom of the heart piece. Press seams either direction.

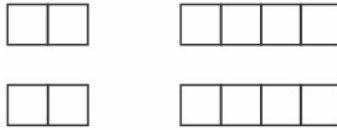


The block should measure 10 1/2" square. Repeat this to make 3 of these blocks.

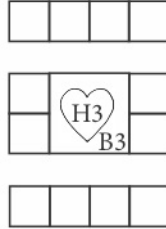
Block 3:
8" finished size

Using your preferred method of appliqué, attach an H3 heart to a B3 background square.

To create the frame, you will need 12 of the 2 1/2" squares.
Sew the squares together into two sets of 2, and two sets of 4, as shown.



Sew the short sets to the sides of the appliquéd heart piece. Press seams toward the heart. Sew the long sets to the top and bottom of the heart piece. Press seams either direction.

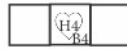


The block should measure 8 1/2" square. Repeat this to make 5 of these blocks.

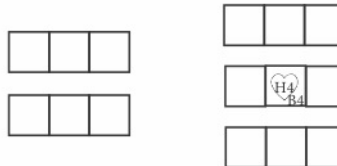
Block 4:
6" finished size

Using your preferred method of appliqué, attach an H4 heart to a B4 background square.

To create the frame, you will need 8 of the 2 1/2" squares.
Sew a square to two opposite sides of the heart piece. Press seams away from the heart.



Sew the remaining squares into two sets of 3, as shown. Sew these sets to the top and bottom of the heart piece. Press seams away from the heart.



The block should measure 6 1/2" square. Repeat this to make 2 of these blocks.

Assembly Instructions

Press all seams toward the background fabric, unless otherwise stated.

The quilt top is assembled into 5 large sections that are then joined to create the finished quilt top. We'll do one section at a time. Follow the instructions and diagrams carefully, and do the steps in the order given. Make sure you have all your heart blocks right side up. It helps to label each section in the upper left corner with the labels provided.

Section 1:

For this section, you will need the following pieces and blocks:

- 1 Block 1
- 1 Block 2
- 1 Block 3
- Background pieces #1, 2, 4, 7, and 8

Sew piece #1 to the right side of Block 3.

Sew piece #4 to the left side of Block 1.

Sew the Block 1 section to the bottom of the Block 3 section. Press seam either direction.

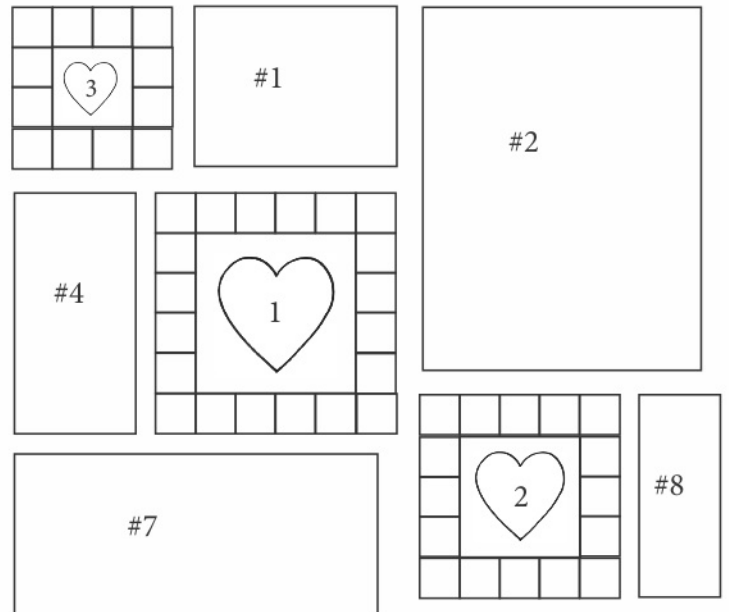
Now sew piece #7 to the bottom of this entire section.

Next, sew piece #8 to the right side of Block 2.

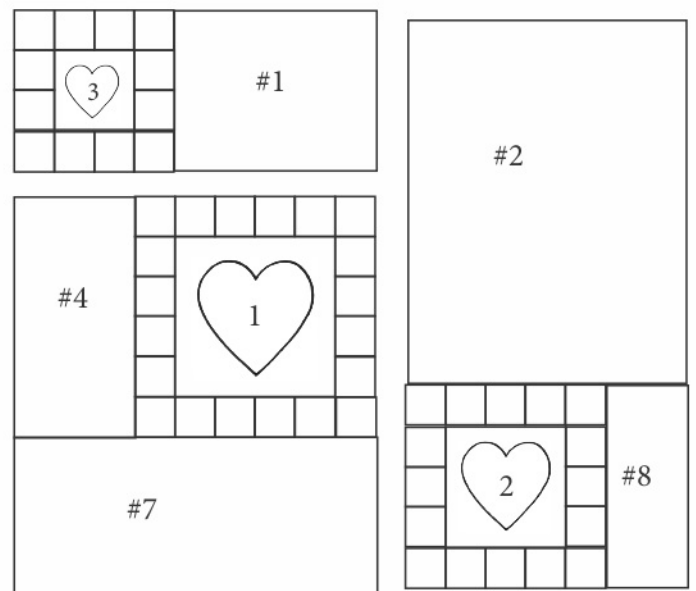
Sew piece #2 to the top of the Block 2 section.

Sew this unit to the right side of the Block 1 and 3 unit, pressing the seam in either direction.

This completes Section 1.



Section 1



Section 2:

For this section, you will need the following pieces and blocks:

1 Block 2

1 Block 3

1 Block 4

Background pieces #3, 5, 6, 9, and 10

Sew piece #5 to the bottom of Block 3.

Sew piece #6 to the right side of Block 2.

Sew piece #3 to the top of the Block 2 unit.

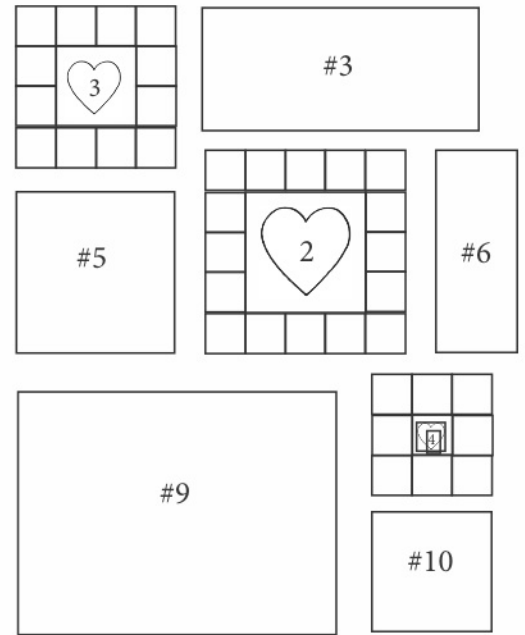
Sew the Block 3 unit to the left side of the Block 2 unit. Press seam either direction.

Sew piece #10 to the bottom of Block 4.

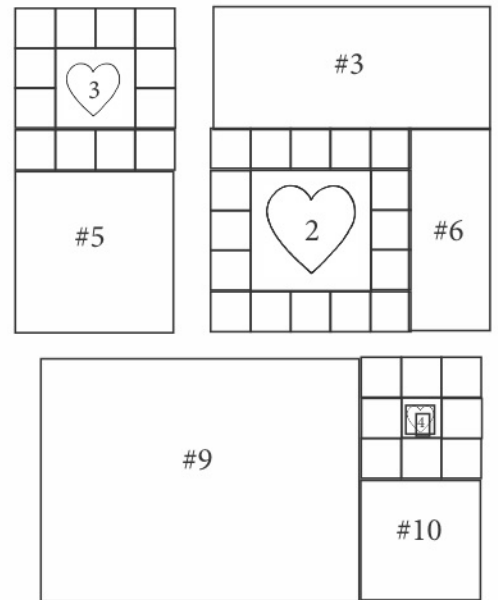
Sew piece #9 to the left side of the Block 4 unit.

Sew the Block 4 unit to the bottom of the Block 2 and 3 unit, pressing the seam either direction.

This completes Section 2.



Section 2



Section 3:

For this section, you will need the following pieces and blocks:

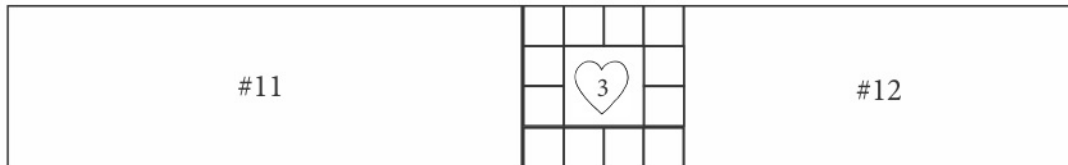
1 Block 3

Background pieces #11 and 12

Sew piece #11 to the left side of Block 3.

Sew piece #12 to the right side of Block 3.

This completes Section 3.



Section 3

Section 4:

For this section, you will need the following pieces and blocks:

1 Block 1

1 Block 3

1 Block 4

Background pieces #13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 20

Sew piece #13 to the top of Block 4.

Sew piece #16 to the bottom of Block 4.

Sew piece #17 to the right side of Block 1.

Sew piece #14 to the top of the Block 1 unit.

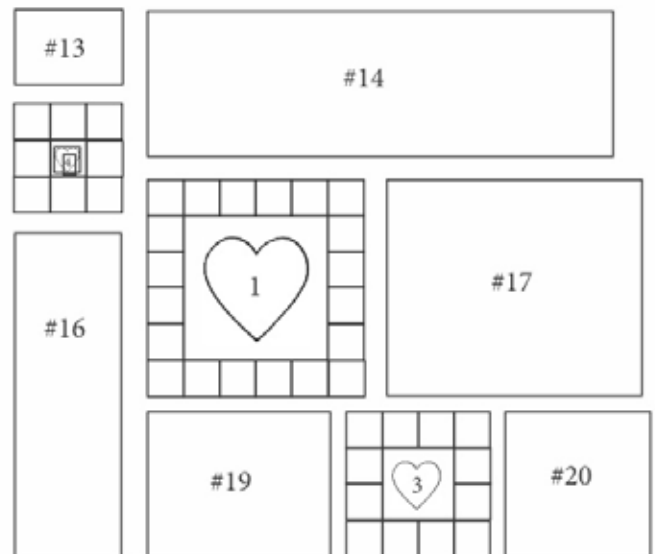
Sew piece #19 to the left side of Block 3.

Sew piece #20 to the right side of Block 3.

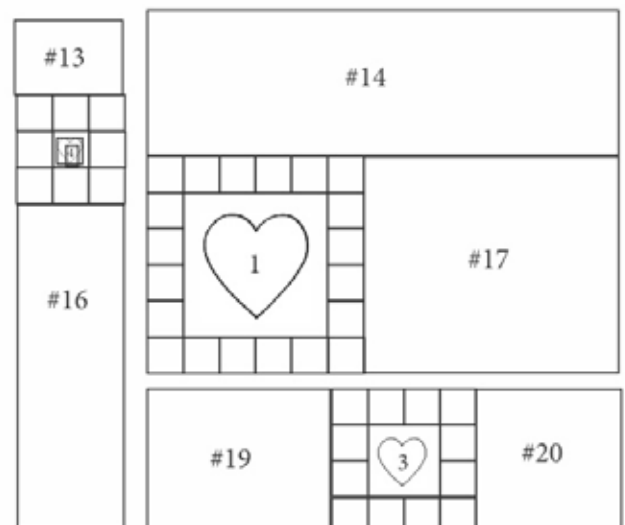
Sew the Block 3 unit to the bottom of the Block 1 unit, pressing the seam either direction.

Sew the Block 4 unit to the left side of this section. Press seam toward Block 4.

This completes Section 4.



Section 4



Section 5:

For this section, you will need the following pieces and blocks:

1 Block 1

1 Block 2

1 Block 3

Background pieces #15, 18, 21, and 22

Sew piece #18 to the bottom of Block 1.

Sew piece #15 to the top of Block 2.

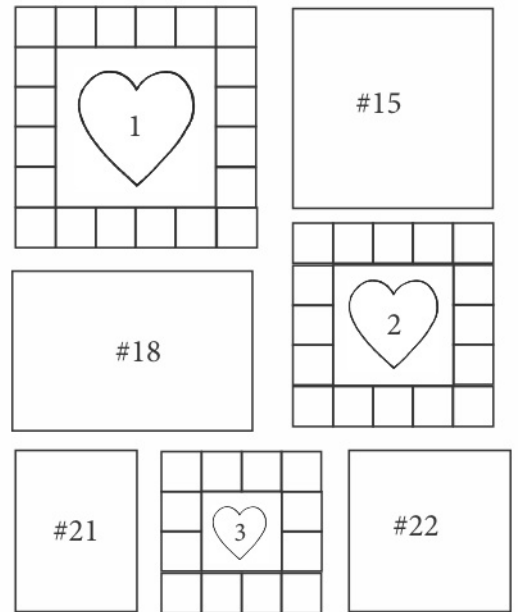
Sew the Block 2 unit to the right side of the Block 1 unit, pressing the seam either direction.

Sew piece #21 to the left side of Block 3.

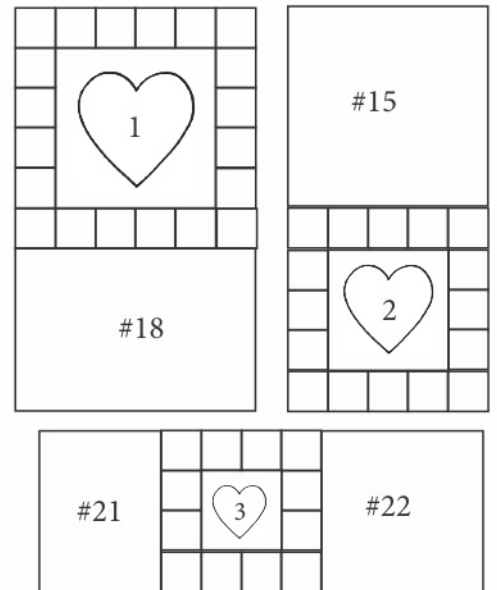
Sew piece #22 to the right side of Block 3.

Sew the Block 3 unit to the bottom of the Block 1 and 2 unit, pressing the seam either direction.

This completes Section 5.



Section 5



Now to sew the sections together . . .

Sew Section 2 to the right side of Section 1. Press seam toward Section 1.

Sew Section 3 to the bottom of Sections 1 and 2. Press seam toward Section 3.

Sew Section 5 to the right side of Section 4. Press seam toward Section 4.

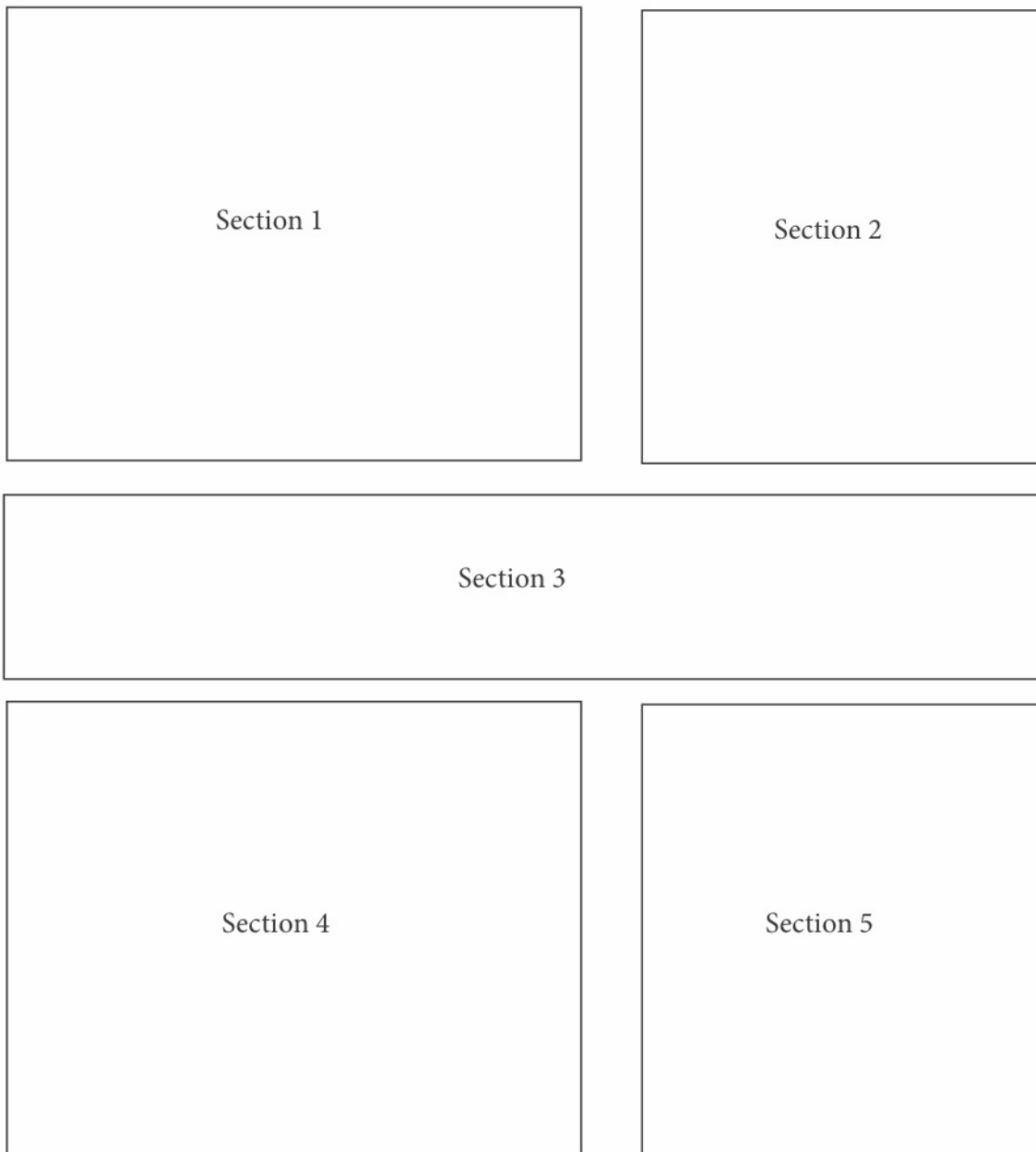
Sew Sections 4 and 5 to the bottom of Section 3. Press seam toward Section 3.

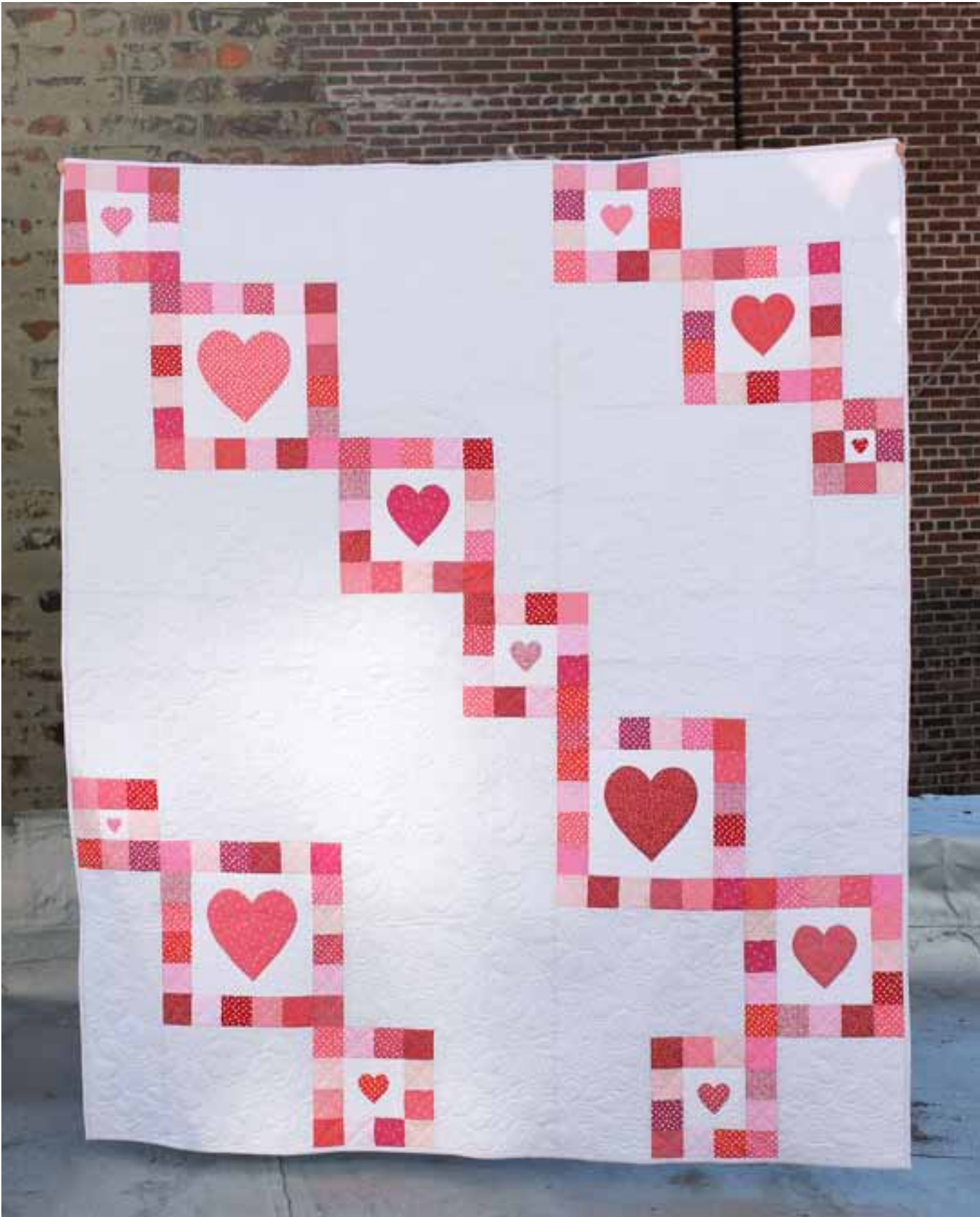
This completes the quilt top.

You are now ready to layer, baste, and quilt your quilt.

I lightly custom quilted my quilt using an X in each square of each frame, and doing a freehand feathery fill in all the large background areas. I outlined each heart, and echoed inside the larger ones, then stippled the background around each heart.

Use the binding fabric to make the binding. Cut the strips your preferred width (I always cut mine 2 1/4"). You'll need 7 WOF strips to make your binding. Don't forget to add a label!



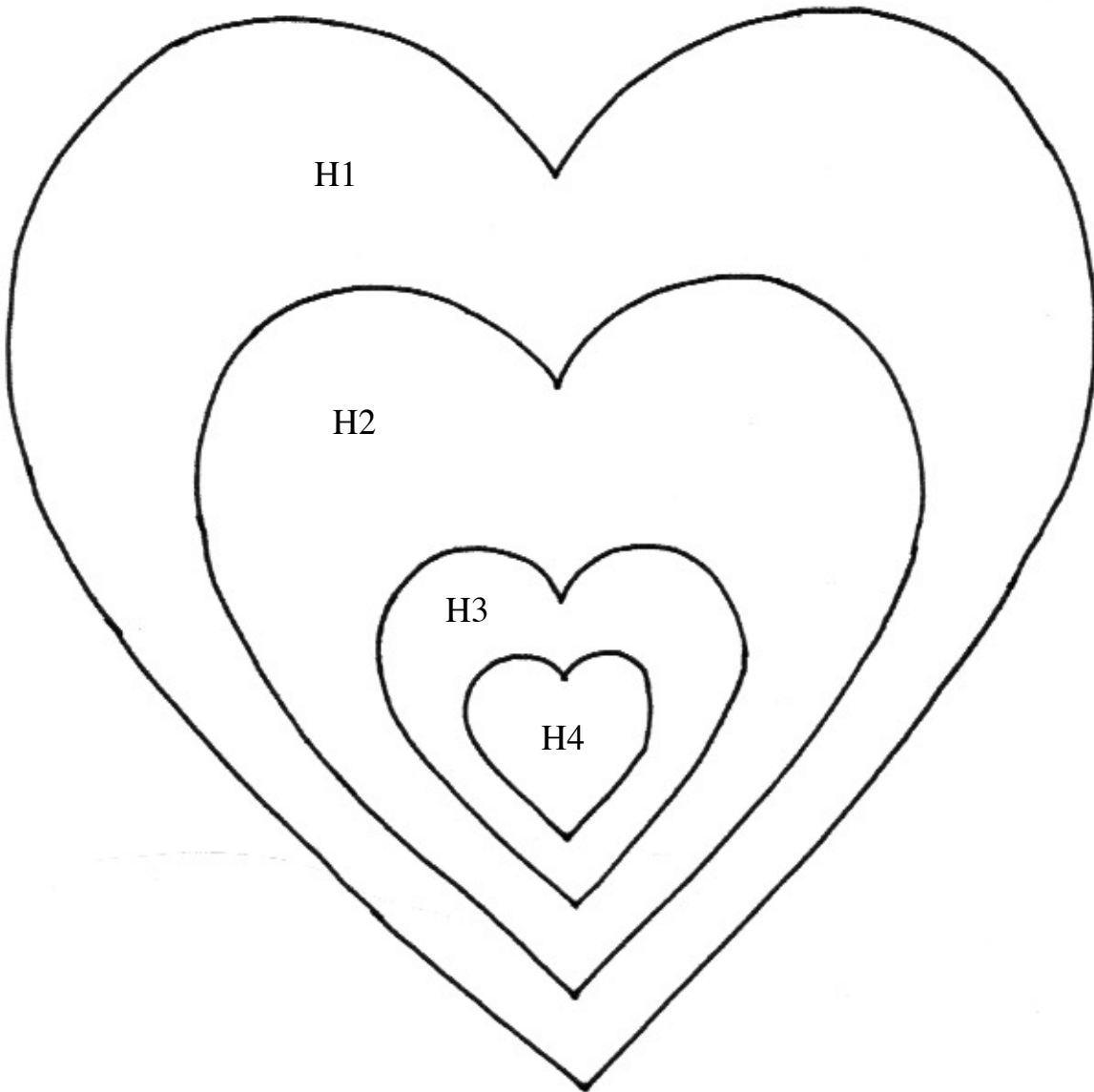


Appliqué Templates

Make sure that the gauge measures exactly 1" when printed so that your pattern is the correct size. If not, adjust your print size accordingly.

Remember to add seam allowances if you're doing needle-turn appliqué.

Gauge = 1"



Labels

Use these labels to label your sections as you finish them, and your special block pieces as needed, so you don't have to try to figure out later what you've done! Just copy this sheet, cut them apart, and fasten the appropriate labels to the proper pieces.

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Background Piece 1

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Background Piece 2

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Background Piece 3

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Background Piece 5

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Background Piece 21

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Background Piece 22

Love in Chains
Piece B1

Love in Chains
Piece B2

Love in Chains
Piece B3

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Piece B4

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Piece H1

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Piece H3

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Piece H4

Love in Chains
Block 1

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Block 2

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Block 3

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Block 4

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Section 1

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Section 4

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Section 5

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Binding

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