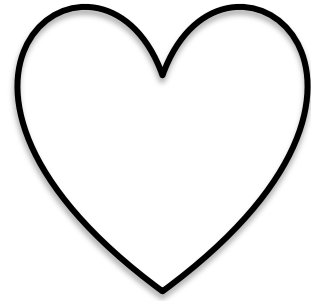


Put A Little Love – Checkerboard Heart Mug Rug



We hope you enjoy this free Checkerboard Heart Mug Rug pattern. It was designed by us and distributed during the Put A Little Love In Your Quilt blog hop hosted by Carol at Just Let Me Quilt.



Ingredients for 5" x 10" mug rug:

8 – 2.5" squares in red/pink fabrics
7 – 2.5" squares in white/low volume fabrics
7 – red scraps for 1.5" heart appliqué
Backing and batting – approximately 6" x 11"
Fabric for binding – all one color or multiple fabrics

1. Select 8 different fabrics in your choice of colors from your stash. Cut 2.5" squares. We used pink, red, and red/white fabrics.
2. Select 7 different fabrics in low volume white from your stash. Cut 2.5" squares. We used solid Bella white fabric.
3. Layout the 15 squares in a checkerboard pattern, alternating red/pink and white in 3 rows of 5 squares.
4. Sew the 5 squares in each row together; press each row in alternating directions so that the squares will nest. Sew the 3 rows together and press again. This should measure 5" x 10".
5. Use the heart template provided to trace the 7 – 1.5" hearts on the back/reverse side of the red fabric. (We used only 6.) Cut these out on the drawn line. The template measures 1.5" x 1.5" so make sure you check that measurement before drawing.
6. Layer the quilt top right side up, batting and backing right side down. Use a few pins to secure or basting spray if you prefer.
7. Add the 7 red hearts to the low-volume/white squares, centering in a pleasing manner.
8. Appliqué through all three layers around each heart.
9. Quilt each red/pink square separately. We used a few different stitches, testing out some fun stitches available on the sewing machine.
10. For our center block, we used a simple joined heart embroidery stitch, free from Embroider Designs.com.
11. Finally, trim and square the quilted top. Add your binding, sew by machine or hand and then enjoy!
12. More information can be found on our blog, in a post entitled *Put A Little Love Checkerboard Mug Rug*.