

Raincross Quilt Guild Block of the Month

September 2024 - June 2025

The final quilt will measure 36" by 52" before optional borders. You will need $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for sashing around your blocks. Use fat quarters, scraps, or whatever you choose. We will be creating a row each month from September through June. Then you will have the summer (July and August) for borders, quilting and binding your quilt.

Block #3 Hearts - November 2024

For this block you will need

Background

Various pinks/reds

Completed block size 12.5" wide by 10.5" high.

This will finish to 12" x 10".

Cut

16 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares

24 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " various colored squares

Sew

- Using 10 background squares and 10 assorted colored squares make 10 half square triangles. Make the half square triangles by putting one background and one colored square RST, sew one diagonal and cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the stitching. Press toward the color.
- Assemble according to the diagram. Sew squares into rows and sew rows together.

Hint: I found it helpful to lay out the colored squares first.

Now make two more blocks but don't sew them together.



This block goes together quickly and it is a good chance to teach a skill I learned from Jeri Read years ago and after having to ask her to explain it several times I got it! I find it saves time and if you don't know it, I'll try to explain it here.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Red		Red		Red	
2		Red		Red		Red
3	Red		Red		Red	
4		Red		Red		Red
5	Red		Red		Red	

- Turn square B1 over on A1 (they will be right sides together). Repeat with B2, B3, B4, and B5.
- Pick up C1 and put it face up on C2, put this pair on top of C3, pick up this stack and put it on C4, and this stack on C5.
- Repeat step 2 for columns D, E, and F.
- Now you have six stacks of squares.
- Pick up the first stack and put it on top of the next stack (C). Pick up that stack and put it on top of stack (D). Continue stacking squares.
- Pick up the top pair (B1 and A1 RST) and stitch the right seam.
- Repeat for all the pairs. Do not cut them apart but clip the "string" of squares.
- Open the first pair (A1, B1) and put the next square (C1) from the stack face down and stitch the right seam. Continue to the end of the string of squares. At the end of the string, clip the thread and repeat for columns D, E and F.
- Now it's up to you. You can clip the rows apart, press and sew them together OR you can sew the rows together without clipping them apart and then press. Thanks, Jeri.

