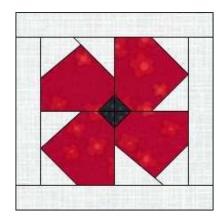
## Hearts and Hands Block of the Month November 2024 – Poinsettia



Fabric Requirements: White on white, red, black

## **Cutting Instructions:**

From red – cut 4 squares 5" x 5"

From black – cut 4 squares 1 ½" x 1 ½"

From white – cut 4 squares 2 ¾" x 2 ¾"; 4 squares 3 ¼" x 3 ¼"; 2 strips 2" x 9 ½" and 2 strips 2" x 12 ½"

## **Sewing Instructions:**

Draw diagonal line on the wrong side of the 8 white squares and the 4 black squares.

On 2 of the red squares, place a 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " white square on one corner and sew just to the outside of the drawn line. Trim to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press away from the red square. Place a second

 $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " white square on an adjacent corner and sew just outside the drawn line. Trim to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press away from the red square. The square should measure 5".

On 2 of the red squares, place a 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  white square on one corner and sew just to the outside of the drawn line. Trim to  $\frac{1}{4}$  and press away from the red square. Place a second

3 %" white square on an adjacent corner and sew just outside the drawn line. Trim to %" and press away from the red square. The square should measure 5".

On each of the 4 red petals, place a black square in the position shown in the diagram at the top of the page. Sew just outside the drawn line and trim to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press so that the seams will nest when you sew the petals together.

Sew the petals together to form the center of the block. Press the top row to the right and the bottom row to the left. The block should measure 9 ½' square.

Sew the 2 rows together and spin the center seam.

Sew a 9  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}{\it "}}$  strip to each side and press to the center.

Sew a 12  $\frac{12}{12}$  strip to the top and bottom and press to the center.



**RBW option:** Substitute a a dark blue fabric for the black 1 ½" squares and the 2" border strips.

This is 12" finished block.

12 ½" unfinished