

2024 Honeybees Opportunity Quilt

Show Theme: Sew Your Heart Out

Quilt Pattern: Love Birds (www.whiteplainsquilts.com)

Quilt Colors:

Background: Light gray (provided)

Nose: Red (provided)

Main body of bird: Black, white on black, white, black on white

Contrast (breast and upper wing of bird: Black, white on black, white, black on white

Heart: Color of your cause ribbon or logo of your chosen organization. Fabric should read as a solid. Heart may be one color or may be divided into two colors either horizontally or vertically.

Final measurement of block: 12.5" x 15.5"

Number of blocks needed: 35 (5 across, 7 down)

Final measurement of quilt: Approximately 77" x 90"

Due date for blocks: March meeting

Please sign up if you will be making a block. Include the name of your cause and the color(s) heart your bird will have.

Instructions are included but please destroy any copies of the instructions after you complete your block. Due to copyright restrictions, please do not make any other quilts from these instructions. If you want to make this pattern for personal use, please purchase your own copy from the listed website.

Fabrics needed

Background: See diagram

Body of bird:

One 3.5" square

Four 1.5" squares

Two 3.5" squares

Two $3\frac{1}{8}$ " squares (makes 4 HST's)

Contrast:

One 6.5" x 3.5" rectangle

One 3.5" square

Heart:

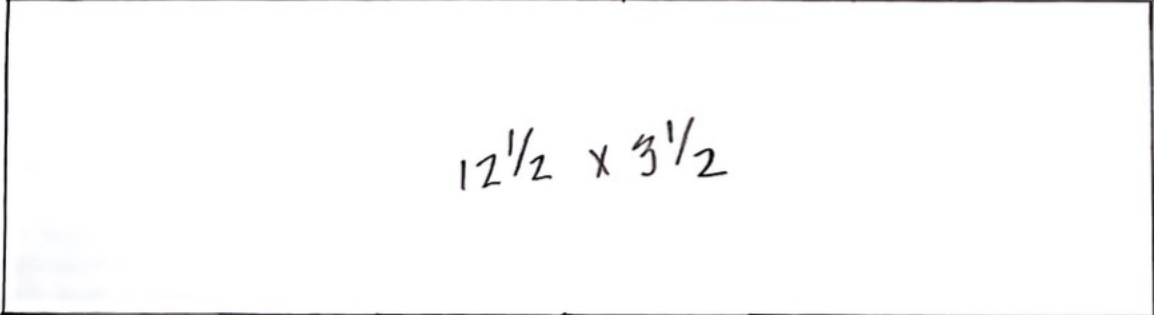
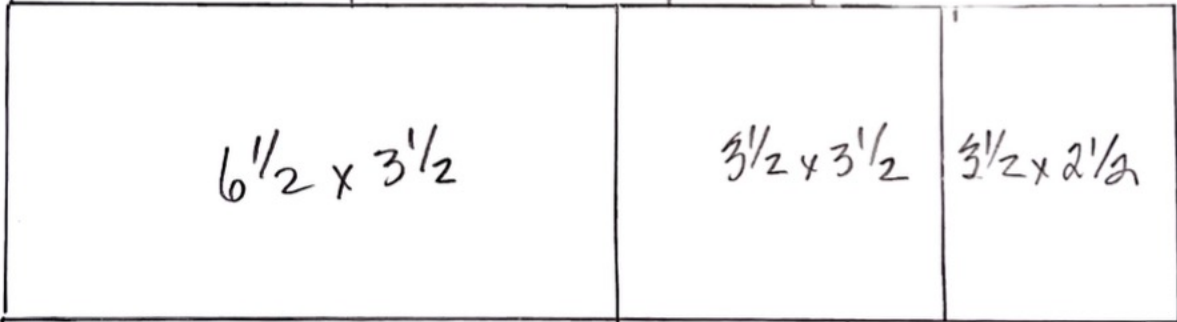
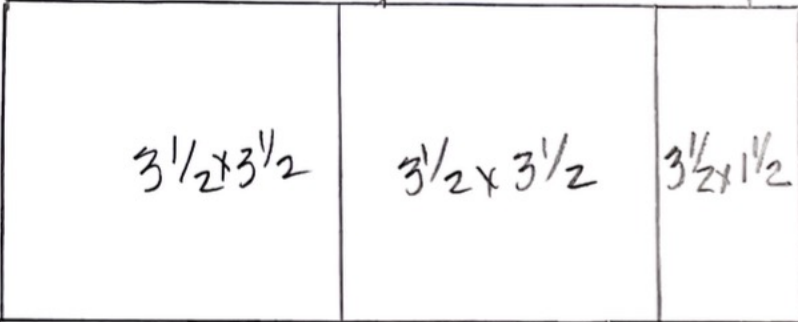
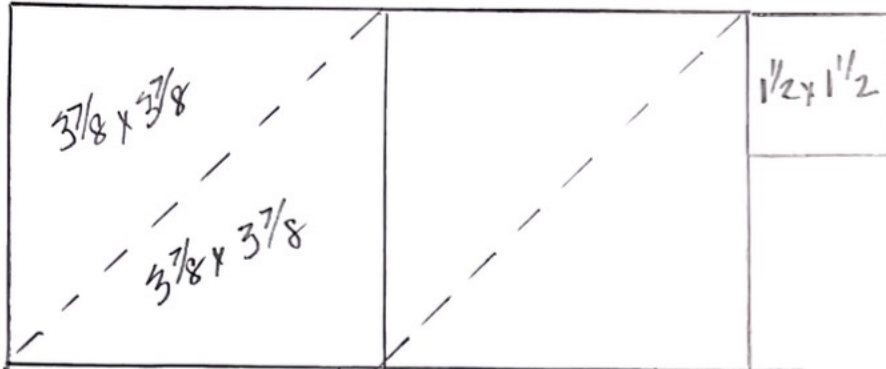
Four 3.5" squares

Background Cutting Diagram

14"

16"

16"



14"

BLOCK ASSEMBLY

This pattern uses the two-at-a-time HST method; each pair of squares will make two HSTs.

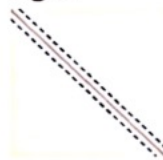
1. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " Background square. **Fig. 1**

Fig. 1



2. Pair each Background square with a $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square of FQ fabric. (Use five squares of each color, the remaining color squares will be used to create the heart shapes.) Place the squares RST and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the marked line on both sides. **Fig. 2**

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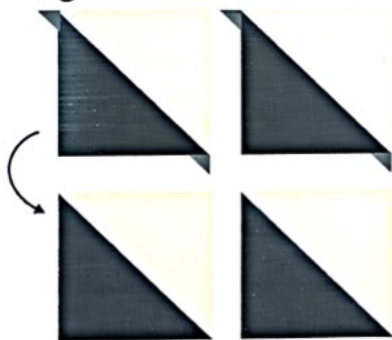


3. Cut on the marked line. Press open the two HSTs; with the seam toward the darker fabric. Trim to the unfinished size of $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat for remaining pairs for a total of 100 Background/Color 1-10 HSTs. **Fig. 3-4**

Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Tip: When assembling HSTs in step four, one color in each pair will become the Group B color for the block and the other color will become the Group C color. If you haven't done so already, this is a good time to start planning out how you will mix and match colors in the blocks.

4. Using the same "two-at-a-time" method, pair two different $3\frac{7}{8}$ " color squares together to create the HSTs that will form the bottom "v shape" of the heart. Repeat for a total of 40 HSTs. **Fig. 5**

Fig. 5



Steps 5-8 refer to assembling the pieces needed to create the rows of your block. Set the pieces aside after each step. You will begin to put them all together in step 10.

5. Select a block to assemble. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Group B squares. Noting the direction of the marked lines, align each square RST in the top corners of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " Group C square. Sew directly on the marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam. Press the corner triangles open with the seam toward the smaller triangles. Repeat this step for a total of two identical units. **Fig. 6-9**

Fig. 6



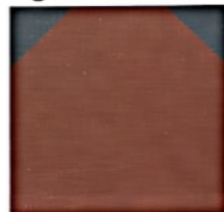
Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



6. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " Background square and one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Group B square. Noting the direction of the marked lines, align each square RST on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Group E rectangle as seen in Fig. 11. Sew directly on both marked lines. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both seams. Press the corner triangles open with the seams toward the smaller triangles. **Fig. 10-13**

Fig. 10



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Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



7. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ Group D square. Noting the direction of the marked line, align the square RST on the top left corner of a $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Background rectangle. Sew directly on the marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}''$ away from the seam. Press the corner triangle open with the seam toward the small triangle. Join a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Background rectangle to the top. Press seam open. **Fig. 14-19**

Fig. 14



Fig. 15

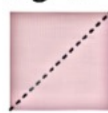


Fig. 16



Fig. 17



Fig. 18

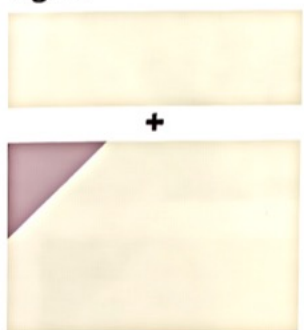
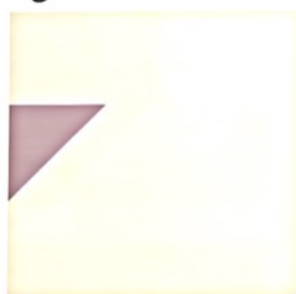


Fig. 19



8. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ Background square. Noting the direction of the marked line, align the square RST on the top right corner of a $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Group B square. Sew directly on the marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}''$ away from the seam. Press the corner triangle open with the seam toward the triangle. **Fig. 20-23**

Fig. 20



Fig. 21

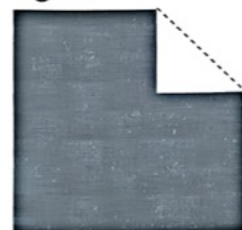


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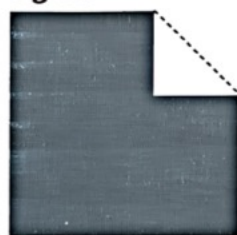


Fig. 23



Tip: Double check the direction of seams before pressing. Nesting the seams correctly will reduce bulk and create more accurate points.

9. Create two rows using the four Group B/C pieces and two Group B/Background HSTs. Press the seams in the top row to the right. Press the seams in the bottom row to the left. Join the rows together; seams will nest. Press seam open. **Fig. 24-25**

Fig. 24

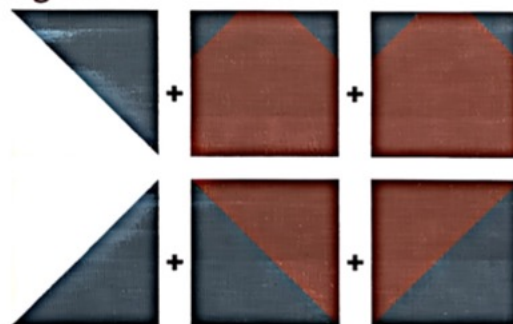
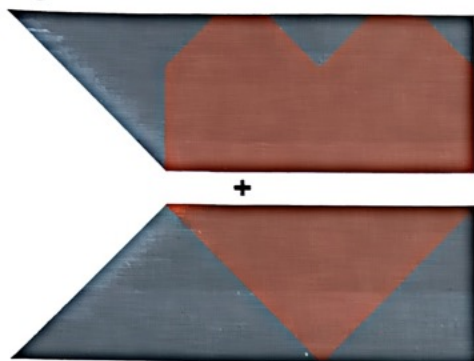
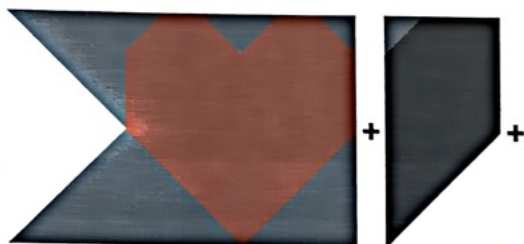


Fig. 25



10. Join a $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ Background rectangle to the right side of the Group B/E piece. Press seam to the right. Join this piece to the right side of the larger unit. Press seam to the right. **Fig. 26**

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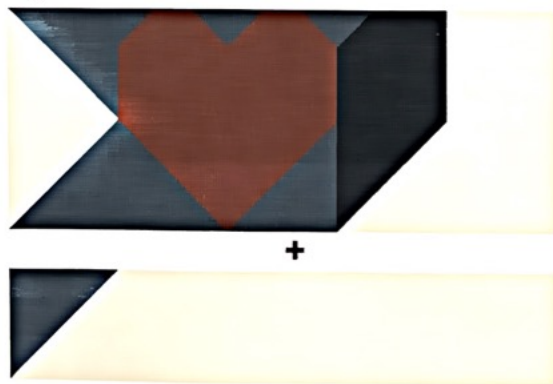


11. Join a $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$ Background rectangle to the right side of the Group B/Background HST. Press seam toward the Background rectangle. Join this piece to the bottom of the block. Press seam downward. **Fig. 27-28**

Fig. 27



Fig. 28



12. Create a row using the remaining assembled pieces: one $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ Background square, one Group A/Background HST and one Group B/Background HST. Press all seams to the left. Join this row to the top of the block. Press seam upward. Finished blocks will measure $15\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$. **Fig. 29-30**

Fig. 29

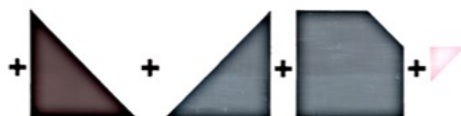
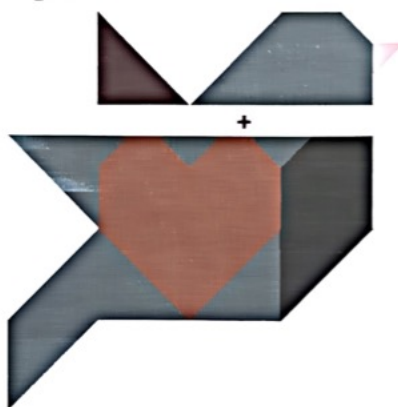


Fig. 30



13. Repeat all Block Assembly steps to assemble 20 blocks for the quilt top.