

Mosaic Hearts

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Please read all of the pattern before cutting. ☺

Fabric requirements;

1 dozen piglets (9inch by 22 inch)	¾ yard for backing
2 ¼ yards from selvage to selvage	1/4 yard for binding
craft size batting	¼ yard for border
thread to blend with quilt top	1/8 yard from selvage to selvage accent strip

You may want to personalize your piece by putting in a **transfer fabric sheet**.
This same sheet can be used for your label on the back.

Color Choices

Your color selection for your *Mosaic Hearts* quilt will vary in backgrounds. This is how I begin my selections;

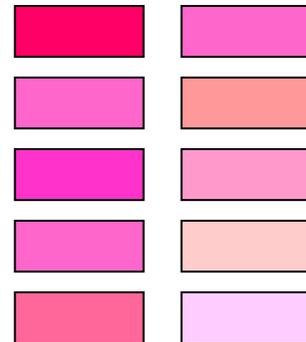
I pick the centers of my hearts first, requires 1to 3 dark red to dark pinks choosing one of these to be a border strip. On one of my samples I chose a black background with hearts of bright colors.

I then pick the accent border requires 1/8 yard of selvage to selvage

Now I pick the next border background selvage to selvage piece ¼ yard **S to S**

That has taken care of the 2 ¼ yard pieces selvage to selvage.

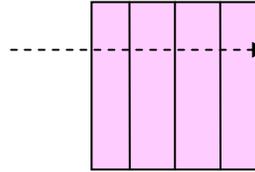
That leaves 10 piglets left; I pick a light medium to almost white light pink. They do not need to be solids. This chart is Just a suggestion of backgrounds, to help you choose.



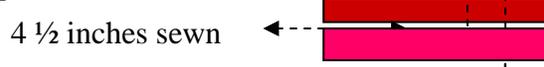
Cutting

1. Cut 2 inch strips from each of the piglets you have chosen.
2. Cut 2 ½ strips of your darkest colors and one of your very lightest. Cut 2 ½ strips into 12 2 ½ inch squares. Mark these diagonally from corner to corner and sew these ¼ inch seam on each side of the line.
3. Cut the squares apart and press to the dark side. Then square to 2 inches. Set the finished half square triangle blocks aside for now. You should have 24.

- Sew the 2 inch strips into sets of four, press in one direction. Cut them into 2 inch strip sets as the arrow shows. Set these aside for now.



- Cut a two inch strip of your darkest fabric. Cut a two inch strip of your second darkest fabric. And to make the third heart I sew the 2 strips together for 4 ½ inches and then cut them apart in 2 inch strips. Then opposite colors right sides together sew them into a 4 patch, and press.



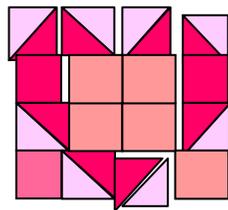
- Cut 4 two inch squares from the darkest color and the second darkest color to be sewn into 4 patches, for the centers of your hearts and press.



- Cut two extra 2 inch background squares at this time for each heart. You will also need 2 single 2 inch squares for each heart color. (see diagram below).

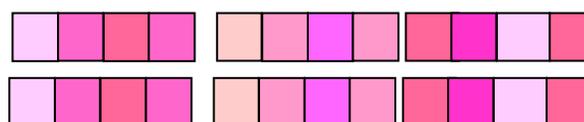
Assembly

- At this point we put our hearts together. Find your half square triangle blocks and lay them out; putting your 4 patch in the middle. **If** you have chosen to put in pictures or a printed piece, now is when you square them to 3 5/8. The size of your 4 patch should be 3 5/8 square. Finish all 3 hearts in the same way. Sew the top four half square triangles together, sewing the two sides next and attaching them to the 4 patch (or Picture) in the middle. The last four pieces at the bottom, to the bottom of the heart. All your hearts are finished.

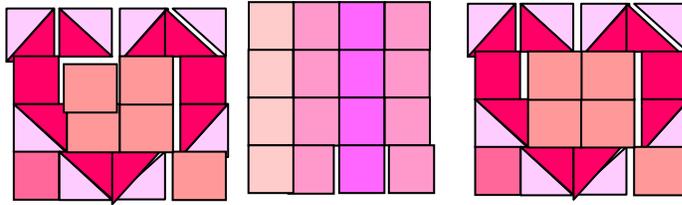


- We will now need to layout the quilt top so you can set your strip sets in a pleasing way. Putting the strip sets from each set so none of the same color squares match, lay them out left to right

- You should have two rows at the top with 3 sets of four. Sew these together end to end. Now sew the two strips you've made together lengthwise to make one long strip.



11. Set the top heart in the center of these strips. Then lay out strip sets of 4 on both sides of the heart. Lay out the rest of the quilt starting with the next heart on the left edge and the next heart on the right edge. Place strip sets of 4 in between the hearts to fill the space. See Diagram.



12. Now lay out two more rows for the bottom of the quilt. The same instructions as in number 10.
13. There should be four strip sets in each space around the hearts. Sew these together making a 16 patch square. Sew the 16 patch squares to the top heart on each side, making a long strip.
14. Sew the 16 patch square in the middle to the heart on the left and then to the heart on the right, making a long strip. Now you may want to press seams and pin the long strips together, then sew them to each other right sides together.
15. Sew the top two strips to the top of the heart and the bottom two strips to the bottom and you quilt top is finished, well except

Borders, quilting and binding

16. I chose several different borders and I have put the appliqué in the pattern for you. The strip border is cut in 2 two inch strips from selvage to selvage for the black. The inside strip is 1 ½ strip cut on the bias to make the stripes go at an angle.
17. Cut the cornerstone squares at 4 ¾ square. I use steam a seam II for the appliqué hearts and the darkest color fabric in the quilt. Draw the heart onto the steam a seam 4 times. Press the steam a seam to the fabric and then cut out your hearts.
18. Sew the borders to the quilt placing a cornerstone in each corner.
19. Iron the hearts onto each cornerstone in the center, choose a matching thread for the heart and a fancy quilt stitch from your machine and sew the heart to the cornerstone. You will be showing off your skill and stitches.
20. Press your top and cut your batting 2 inches bigger around the top. Cut your backing to fit the batting and make your quilt sandwich, layering all three. Then pin baste, in each of the sixteen patches, quilt from corner to corner on the diagonal.
21. Cut two 2 ½ strips to make your binding from you border fabric. Sew these together end to end and press the seam open. Fold these stripes in half making them 1 ¼ inch wide. Sew the doubled fabric to edge of your quilt *Mitering* your corners. Trim the fabric from around the quilt. Press the binding to the other side and pin. And hand stitch the binding to the back. Add a Hanging sleeve at this point and your quilt is finished.