

a Be My Valentine b

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Finished Quilt Approximately: 57-1/4" x 58" - Finished Block Size: 12-1/4" x 12-1/2"

Be My Valentine fabrics by Exclusively Quilters - Style #3704

Fabric Requirements: Based on 44" wide fabric

One *Be My Valentine hankies* panel (8606-1)

1 yard large heart print (8607-1)

1-1/2 yards red sentiment print (8614-1)

2/3 yard cream sentiment print (8614-9)

5/8 yard red mini heart print (8613-1)

3/8 yard pink mini heart print (8613-10)

3-3/4 yards fabric for backing

(#8607-1 large heart print suggested)

64" x 64" quilt batting

An additional 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.

You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.

Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

Cutting Directions: All measurements based on a 1/4" seam allowance.

From **large heart** fabric cut:

Six 4-1/2" x 44" strips for border

From **red sentiment** fabric cut:

Six 2-1/2" x 44" strips for binding

Eighteen 1-1/2" x 44" strips, set aside six strips for borders then recut remaining strips into eighteen 1-1/2" x 12-3/4" and eighteen 1-1/2" x 11" strips

From **cream sentiment** print cut:

Eight 2" x 44" strips recut into twelve 2" x 13" and twelve 2" x 12-3/4" sashing strips

From **red mini heart** print cut:

Five 2-3/4" x 44" strips, from one strip cut two 2-3/4" x 5" strips

From **pink mini heart** print cut:

One 4-1/2" x 44" strip recut into four 4-1/2" squares and four 2-3/4" squares

One 2" x 44" strip recut into sixteen 2" squares

Blocks and Sashing:

1. Read directions completely before starting!! Each hanky from the panel needs to be trimmed to 10-3/4" side to side and 11" top to bottom. When trimming, the cut edges should be at about 1/2" from the outside edge of the print area of the block. Do not cut the blocks smaller than 10-3/4" x 11". The cutting of the hankies may take some time, so relax and do it right.

2. Stitch a 1-1/2" x 11" red sentiment strip to right and left sides of each hanky. Press seam to red. Sew a 1-1/2" x 12-3/4" red sentiment strip to the top and bottom of each hanky.

3. Lay out all the hanky blocks in three rows of three blocks each using the arrangement in the quilt diagram - or your own arrangement. To right, left and between the blocks lay out the 2" x 13" cream sentiment strips within the horizontal rows (strips running up and down) and the 2" x 12-3/4" cream sentiment strips above and below the blocks (strips running right to left). Place the 2" pink heart squares between the sashing strips for the cornerstones. Stitch all the blocks, sashing and cornerstones into rows then sew the rows together.

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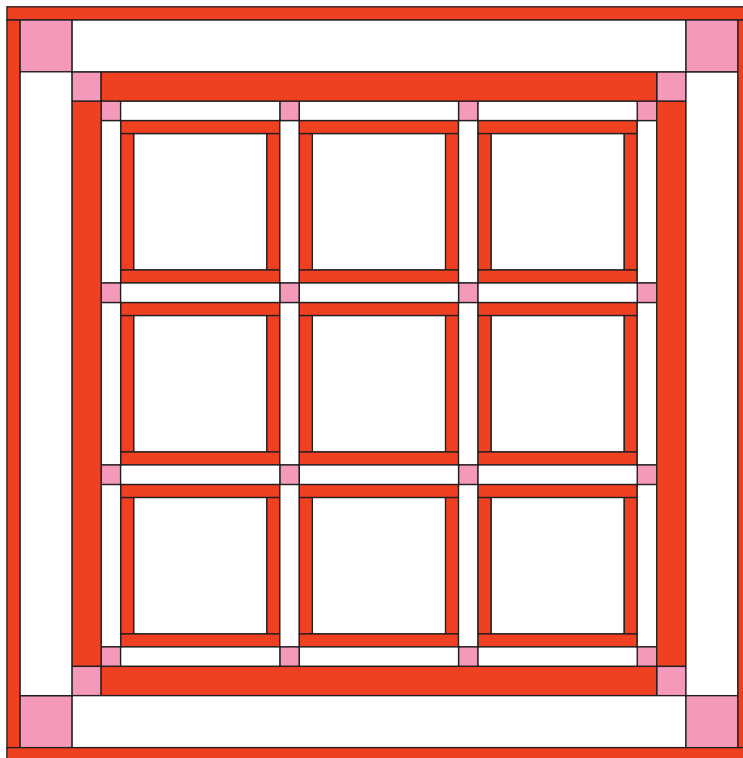
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Borders:

1. Trim two 2-3/4" x 44" red mini heart strips to a length equal to the width of the quilt center. Sew a 2-3/4" pink mini heart square to both ends of each of the trimmed strips and set aside for top and bottom borders. Stitch a 2-3/4" x 5" red mini heart strip end-to-end with the two remaining 2-3/4" x 44" red mini heart strips. Sew these to the right and left sides of quilt. Press and trim excess. Add the prepared top and bottom borders.
2. Cut two 4-1/2" x 44" large heart fabric strips each into two equal lengths. Sew each half-length strip end-to-end with full-length strips. Trim two strips to width of quilt top then add the 4-1/2" pink mini heart squares to ends. Stitch two remaining strips to right and left sides, press and trim excess. Add the prepared top and bottom borders.
3. Cut two 1-1/2" x 44" red sentiment strips each into two equal halves. Sew each half to a full-length strip. Add borders to right and left sides then to the top and bottom - pressing and trimming excess after each border addition.

Finishing

1. Cut backing into two equal lengths. Sew the two lengths together along selvage edges. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt or tie as desired.
2. Prepare binding from six 2-1/2" x 44" strips of red sentiment. Sew strips together into one long binding strip. Press strip in half lengthwise.
3. Carefully trim backing and batting even with quilt top.
4. Leaving an 8" tail of binding, sew binding to top of quilt through all layers matching all raw edges. Miter corners. Stop approximately 12" from where you started. Lay both loose ends of binding flat along quilt edge. Where these two loose ends meet, fold them back on themselves and press to form a crease. Using this crease as your stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding together right sides together. Trim seam to 1/4" and press open. Finish sewing tape to quilt.
5. Turn binding to back of quilt and blind stitch in place.



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