

# Quilting in the Rain

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My pattern is simple and you can use fabrics you have laying around in your stash or scraps. Thank you for being here, and I hope you enjoy this fun tutorial I've put together for you all!

### Materials for a 16.5"x17.5" Sweethearts Mini Quilt:

- Mini hearts: scrap fabrics or a charm pack/mini charm pack would work.
- White fabric: 1/4 yard or a fat quarter
- Inner border: Fat eighth, or scraps at least 1"x11.5" long
- Outer border: one fat quarter
- Binding: 1/8 yard
- Backing: one fat quarter

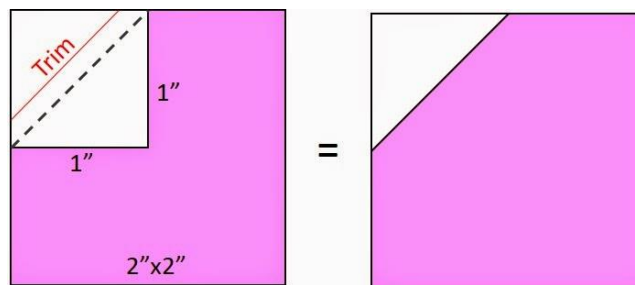
*Note: When sewing, always use a 1/4" seam allowance*

#### Step 1: Assembling Mini Hearts

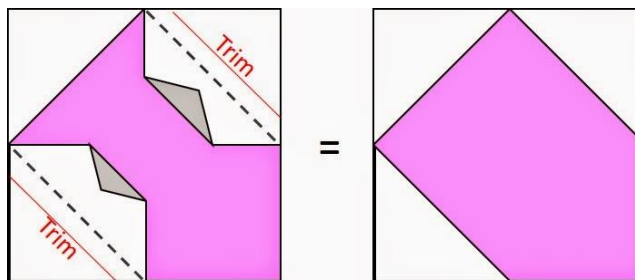
To make **one** mini heart, you will need: two 2" squares and two 1.5" squares from coordinating print fabrics, plus six 1" squares and two 2" squares from white fabric.

Take one 2" square from your print fabric. Then take three 1" squares and mark a diagonal line from corner to corner.

With right sides facing together, align one 1" square along the corner of the 2" print square. Sew exactly where you marked the diagonal line, and then trim 1/4" away from where you sewed. Press the corner to open.

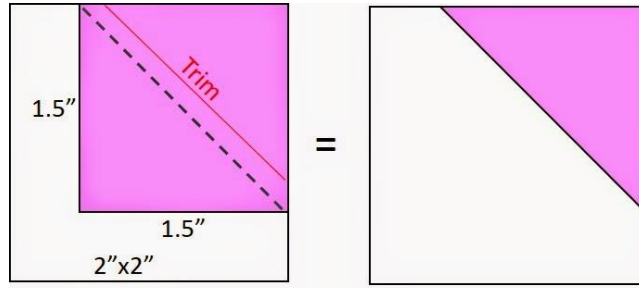


Repeat, but with the other two 1" squares on two more corners. *Make two of these.*

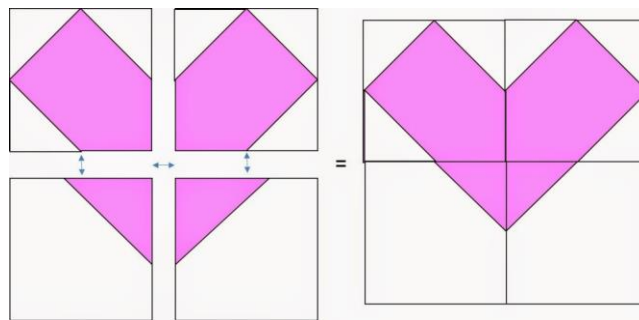


Next, take one 2" square from your white fabric. Then, take two 1.5" squares from your print fabric and mark a diagonal from corner to corner.

With right sides facing together, align one 1.5" square along the corner of the white square. Sew exactly where you marked the diagonal line, and then trim 1/4" away from where you sewed. Press the corner to open. *Make two of these.*



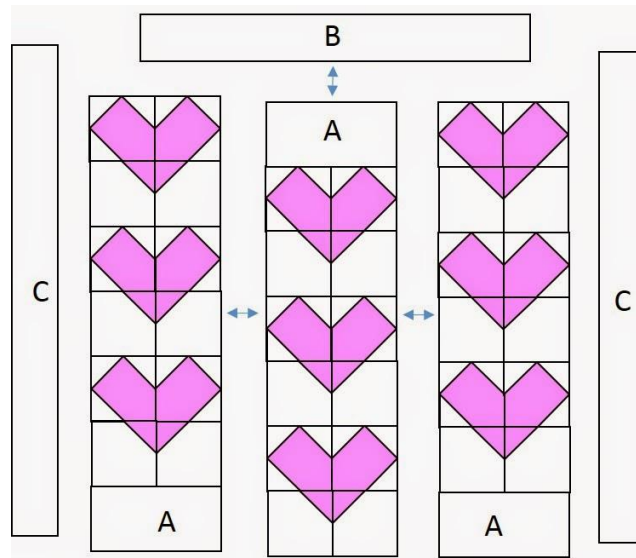
Arrange the four pieces you assembled as show below to form a heart, then sew together.



**Repeat the above to make a total of 9 mini hearts.**

### Step 2: Add Background Fabric

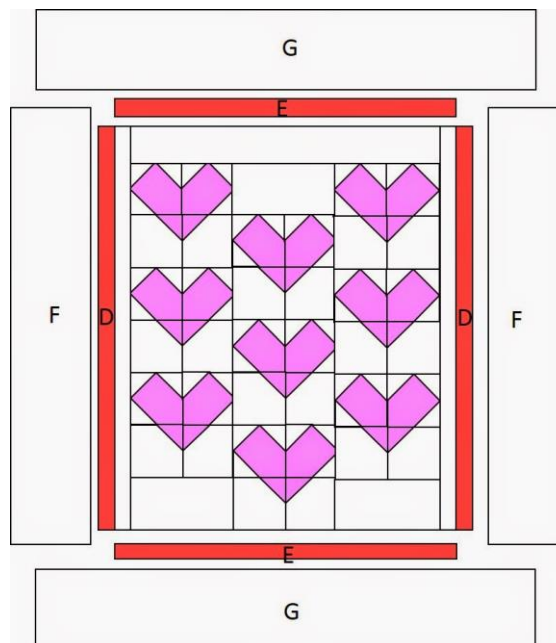
From white fabric, cut three 2"x3.5" rectangles (A), one 1"x9.5" strip (B), and two 1"x11.5" strips (C) for the sides. Assemble as shown below.



*Note: Although it's not illustrated in my images, as you start assembling your hearts into rows and adding background fabric, the 1/4" seam allowances will naturally round out the points in the hearts, to make the cutest little mini hearts!*

### Step 3: Add Borders

From your inner border fabric, cut four 1"x11.5" strips (D) and (E). Attach in that order. From your outer border fabric, cut two 3"x12.5" rectangles (F), and two 3"x16.5" rectangles (G). Attach in that order.



**Step 4: Finish it!**

This mini quilt measures 16.5"x17.5", so a fat quarter would work well for the backing fabric. [Baste](#) and then quilt. I did simple quilting and outlined the hearts with a 1/4" seam allowance. To bind, cut two 2.5" strip along the length of fabric. You can find an easy to follow binding tutorial [here](#).

I gotta say, this quilt was an awesome excuse to buy Sweethearts and my favorite jelly sugar hearts...!! I'm such a sucker for seasonal candies.



Thank you for stopping by, and I hope you make something beautiful!