

Projects

"Love Birds Wall Hanging"



Show your love for Valentine's Day or any day with this whimsically cute wall hanging! Learn applique and basic quilting techniques in this simple project perfect for newlyweds or a pop of color in any room.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
Open toe foot (optional)
All-purpose threads to match fabrics
Monofilament thread (optional)
1/2 yard brown cotton
1-1/2 yard Valentine or whimsical print cotton
Fat quarter of light pink dot cotton
Fat quarter of red flower cotton
Fat quarter of white dot cotton
Small remnant of medium pink cotton
5/8 yard cotton batting
1 package brown medium rick rack
Steam-a-Seam 2
Heart charm or button

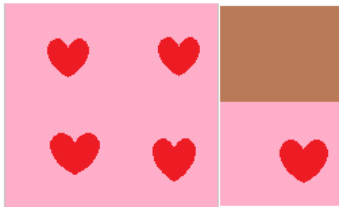
Accuquilt Go die cutting system
Accuquilt birds (55324) die
Accuquilt heart-2," 3," 4" (55029) die
Accuquilt letters (55092) die set (optional)
Iron and ironing board

Instructions:

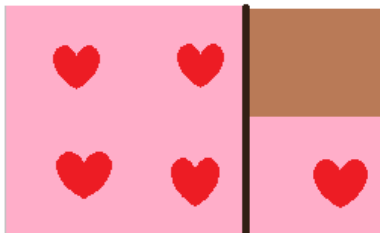
1. Cut a 14" x 14" square from the Valentine print cotton.
2. Cut a 7.5" x 8" rectangle from the Valentine print cotton.
3. Cut a 7.5" x 8" rectangle from the brown cotton fabric
4. Cut a strip of fabric from the brown cotton 7.5" x 24"
5. Using all-purpose thread and a quarter inch seam allowance sew the brown rectangle to the small valentine rectangle. Press the seam.



6. Attach these blocks to the right side of the 14" block valentine rectangle. Press the seam.



7. Use the rotary cutter and ruler to square up the seams. Using a straight stitch sew the rick rack over the vertical seam.



8. Attach the long brown cotton strip to the bottom edge. Press the seam.
9. Using a straight stitch sew the rick rack over the horizontal seam.
10. Use the rotary cutter and ruler to square up the seams. Set aside to prepare appliques.
11. Cut a 6" strip from the pink dot, white dot and red flower fat quarters. Following the manufacturer's directions fuse a strip of Steam-a-Seam2 to the wrong side of each of the 6" strips you just cut.
12. Fuse a piece of Steam-a-Seam2 to the wrong side of the medium pink cotton.
13. Use the Accuquilt Go Cutter and the birds and hearts dies to cut the following applique shapes:
 - Red flower fabric -1 large heart, 1 bird (bottom bird on die), 1 bird wing,

- White dot fabric -1 bird (bottom bird on die), 1 bird wing,
- Pink dot fabric – 1 medium heart
- Medium pink fabric -1 small heart

Note: Make sure the birds are cut so they mirror each other.

14. Fuse another piece of Steam-a-Seam2 to the wrong side of the pink dot cotton print.
15. Cut the letters for “love” from the pink dot fabric.
16. Position the cut applique shapes onto the brown sections as pictured.



17. Fuse the shapes in place.
18. Thread the machine with thread colors to match the appliques and using a simple zigzag or blind stitch sew around the shapes and letters to applique them in place. An open toe foot provides the best visibility when attaching appliques.
19. Once the top is done layer the top piece right side up, the backing right side down (facing the top) and then the batting.
20. Using a ¼” seam stitch around the outer edge leaving a 4 to 6” opening along one edge for turning.
21. Trim any excess batting or backing fabric and clip the corners.
22. Turn the wall hanging right side out. Press. Press the opening closed.
23. Topstitch 1/8” around the outer edge of the wall hanging, catching the seam allowance of the opening and securing it closed.
24. Using matching or monofilament thread stitch around some of the shaped and printed design in the fabric to quilt.
25. Using a medium width zigzag with a short stitch length sew on the heart charm to the bird beaks.

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