

Piece by Piece Quilters

August/September Block of the Month

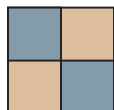
“Guarded Hearts” by Julee Maggiora · 408.722.1891
8” block

Hello!

Thinking about the block I needed to share this month I had my boyfriend in mind. You see, he has moved to North Carolina and I don't know if he'll be returning. That made me think about the Civil War and the many women waiting for *their* men to return. So, when designing the block I thought it would be fun to use Civil War fabrics for this month's block. However...if you choose to NOT use those fabrics, please use the colors indicated below (no batiks). I hope you enjoy!

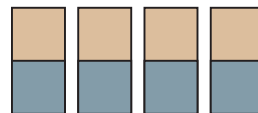
Kindest regards...
~Julee Maggiora

Background: **neutral with small-medium print - no white**
Hearts: **red - no bright red**
Small squares: **medium-dark tans, browns or blues - no black**

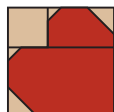


For the 4x4 squares:

Cut (1) background fabric - 10” x 2½”
Cut (1) other fabric - 10” x 2½”
(not the red...it's for your hearts!)



Stitch together on long side using scant quarter inch seam. Press seam toward dark fabric. From the resulting piece cut (4) 4½” x 2½” pieces. Stitch them back together to make (2) 4x4 squares as shown.



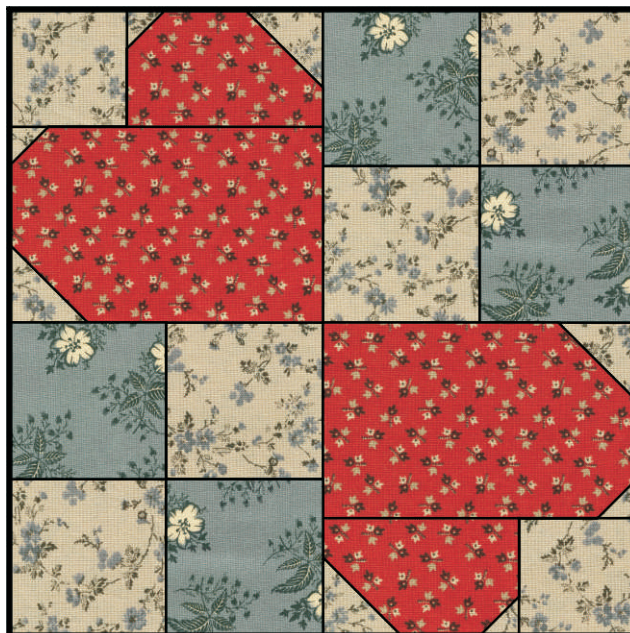
For the paper-pieced Hearts - and using the red fabric you chose:

I have provided the needed foundations on the next page. You will need to make all four pieces. I'm going to assume you know how to use the foundations. If you don't, I'm sure you will find directions in almost any quilt book you may own.

When finished, trim each section to the solid line. Remove paper from Piece B only. Stitch Piece A to Piece B on the seam indicated on the foundation piece. Remove paper from Piece A and press. Trim. You should end up with a perfect 4½” square.

Assembly:

Sew each of your squares together as seen to the right using a scant ¼” seam. You should end up with an 8½” block that will finish to 8”.



Paper-pieced Hearts

