February, 2011 Block of the Month **Swedish Valentine,** a 10" finished block Adapted by Diane Kirkpatrick

From fabric #1, red or predominately red with white print, cut four 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares and cut one 6 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle

From a coordinating fabric #2, red with white print, cut four 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares and cut one 6 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle

From fabric #3, white with red heart fabric, cut one 2 1/2" x 2 ½" square

From fabric #4 white or white on white background fabric, cut one 4 ½" x 4 ½" square and cut two 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares

Row 1: Sew 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares #1, #2, #1 together to make a strip

Row 2: Sew 2 ½" squares #2, #3, #2 together to make a strip

Row 3: Repeat Row 1

Sew all three rows together to form a nine-patch

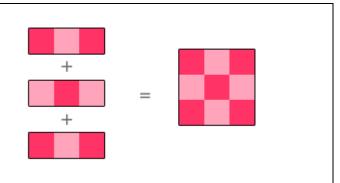
Draw a diagonal line on each of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " #4 background squares

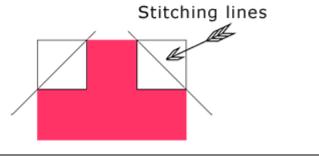
At the **top** of each corner of the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " #1 and #2 rectangles (with the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " running horizontally), stitch two of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " #4 background squares as illustrated. Next, flip the corners back to the stitch line and press carefully. Trim off the excess to $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

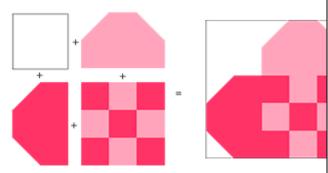
Stitch the #4 $\,4\,$ ½" background square to the #2 rectangle as illustrated.

Stitch the #1 rectangle to the nine-patch as illustrated.

Join the two rows together to complete your block.







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