

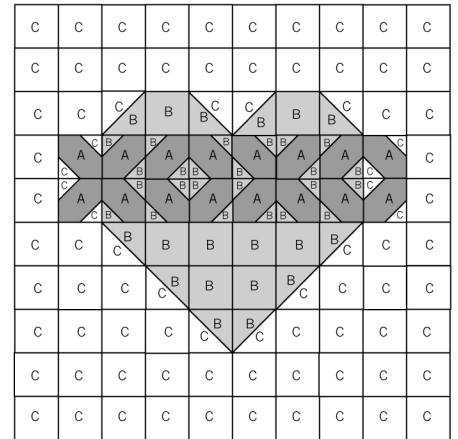
XOXO HEART

by ROBIN PICKENS COLOR and QUILT

Share some hugs and kisses with this patchwork project full of love! This is a good project for using up scraps!

PREPARE

- Please read all instructions and diagrams before cutting and sewing.
- There are 3 sizes for you to cut from the fabrics. Please double check all measurements before cutting!
- Assemble your tools of rotary cutter, see-through plastic quilting ruler, cutting mat with grid, pins, thread, sewing machine, 1/4" seam sewing foot, scissors, iron, ironing surface.
- Press all fabrics before beginning. Press all seams as you assemble and sew.
- All seams are sewn at 1/4" unless noted otherwise.

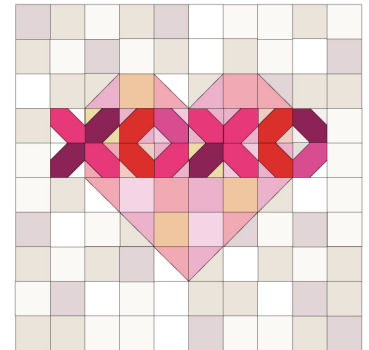
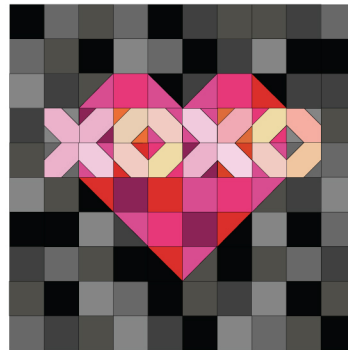
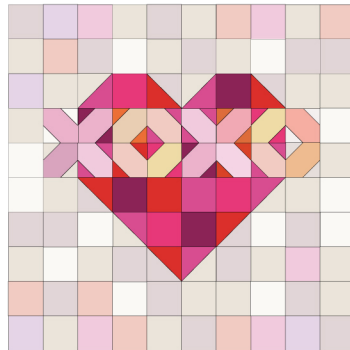


PICKING FABRICS

Select three groups of fabrics to define the shapes, either as color groups (like pink, yellow and green) or light, medium, dark (like white, pink, red). The **A group** makes the Xs and Os. The **B group** makes the heart shape. The **C group** is the background.

You want color or value contrast between the A, B, and C groups. I used scraps but if you have 4 to 5 Fat Eighths for each color group (A, B, C) you will have more than enough fabric. The more variety of fabrics, the scrappier the look.

I like to do "color play" on my computer and try out different combinations. These show you what a quilt would feel like in three colors, like the yellow, pink and green, or in light and dark ranges of pinks and whites and grays. The one all the way to the right uses the darkest colors for a dramatic XOXO with a very subtle light heart.

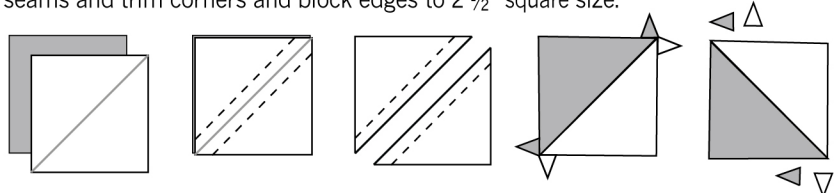


CUT SQUARES

A Group (XOXO) (16) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares	B Group (Heart) (8) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares (5) 3" x 3" squares (24) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares	C Group (Background) (66) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares (5) 3" x 3" squares (8) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares	Binding If making a wall quilt you will need 1/4 yard fabric and cut (3) 2 1/2" wide strips, width of fabric.
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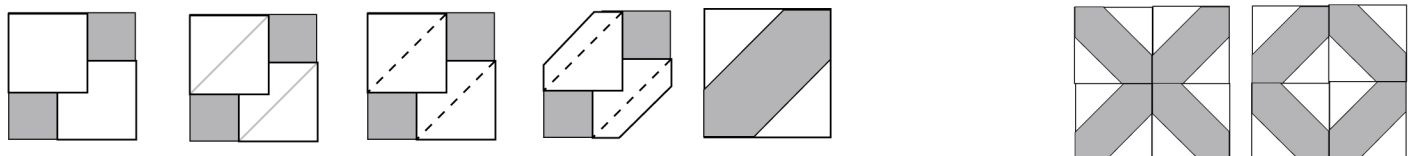
CONSTRUCT HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

Gather your (5) B 3" squares and (5) C 3" squares and pair up a B and C for each Half Square Triangle (HST). Place right sides together and draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on one wrong side of each pair. With right sides together, sew 1/4" seam to each side of the diagonal line. Cut in center down diagonal. Press seams and trim corners and block edges to 2 1/2" square size. You will make 10 HST from the B/C 3" squares.



CONSTRUCT Xs and Os

Gather your (16) A 2 1/2" squares and put 4 aside. With the remaining (12) A 2 1/2" squares place them right side up. Position a 1 1/2" square of group B (heart color) with right side down (so A and B have right sides together) lined up on two opposite corners. Draw a line diagonally on the smaller squares, corner to corner, as shown in diagram below. Sew along line on both small square Bs to attach them to the larger square A. Trim 1/4" from seam towards corner. Press open and trim blocks to 2 1/2" square. Repeat until you have (12) X or O bars with the B group corners. Now make 4 more similar blocks using the 2 1/2" A fabric with the 8 small squares of background fabric C. Trim. Lay out your angled bars to make Xs and Os with the background C pieced blocks to the outer right and left sides.



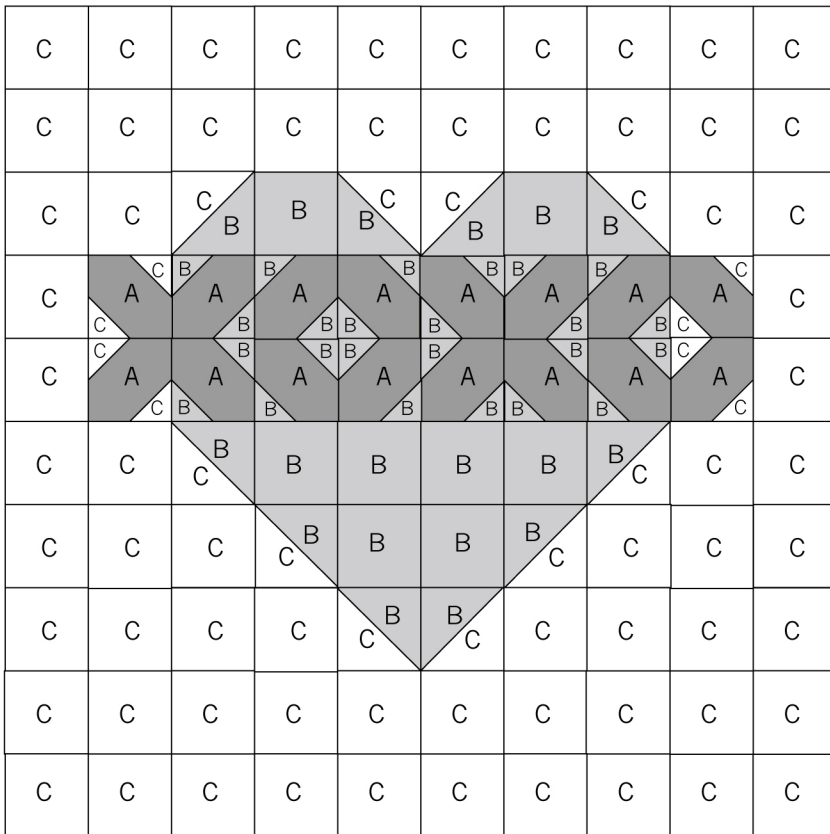
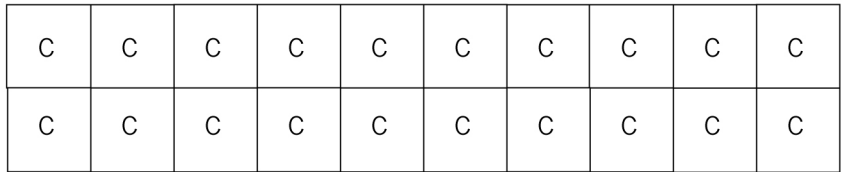
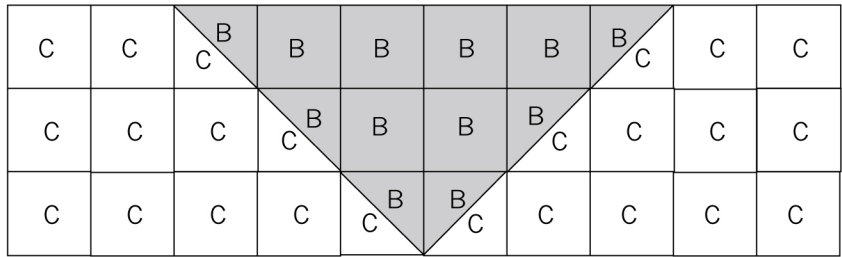
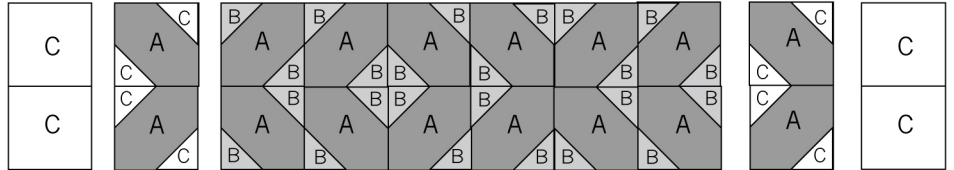
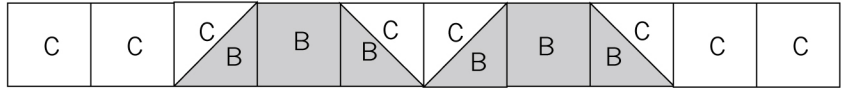
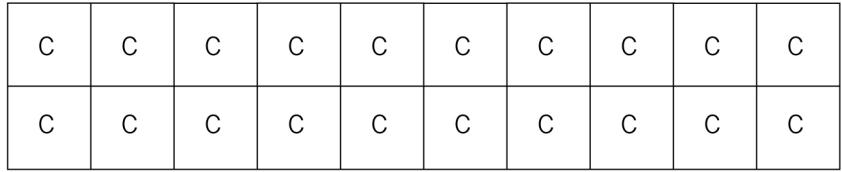
CONSTRUCT HEART and BACKGROUND

Place HST to make edges of heart and fill with group B fabrics. Line up Xs and Os in heart making sure the background group C pieces are to the outer edges of the letters, just outside of the heart perimeter. Arrange C background squares and join squares together, side to side, in rows. Press seams. Next join rows top to bottom to complete 20" quilt top.

Make your quilt sandwich with backing and batting, quilt as desired.

This makes a nice pillow cover if you want to quilt it and sew it to a pillow backing. Or if making a wall quilt, add binding by using the 3 width-of-fabric strips. Binding based on 2 1/2" strips, straight of grain).

Enjoy your hugs and kisses filled hearts!



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