

Love Letters Quilt

Finished size about 24-1/2" x 28-1/2"

5 different fabrics are used for this. I used the Bliss fabric line by Bonnie and Camille from Moda and the 4" letters from my Love Letter appliques. You could draw your own 4" letters if you don't want to buy them or use templates you may already have. My letter applique templates include 4" and 8" letters. Use 1/4" seams through out to construct this quilt.

Materials

1/2 yard background fabric for background squares and sashing strips
3 different fat quarters for letter appliques
1 fat quarter for sashing squares
1/4 yd border fabric
1/4 yd binding fabric
1 yard backing fabric

Step 1 - Cut the following

Background Fabric
16 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" Rectangles
40 2" x 5-1/2" Sashing strips
Sashing Square Fabric
25 2" Sashing squares

Step 2

Trace reversed letters and hearts onto the smooth side of paperbacked fusible. Follow the manufacturers instructions and fuse the letters to the wrong side of the letter fabrics.



Allow the fused letters to cool completely. Cut out the letters and remove the paper backing.

Step 3

Center each letter on to a 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" background rectangle. Fuse to background using the manufacturer's fusing instructions.

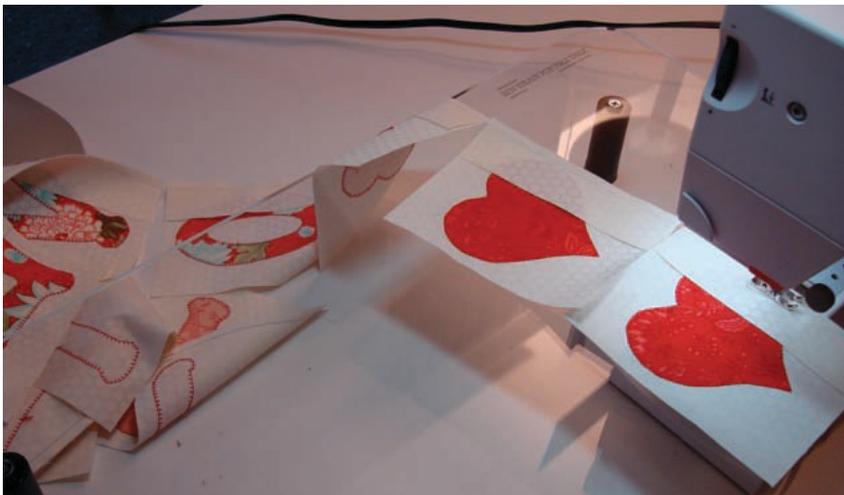
Step 4

Stitch or appliqué each letter using blanket stitch on your machine.



Step 5

Sew a sashing strip to the right side of each letter except the Es and the last heart that is at the end of the row. You can chain stitch these to save some time.



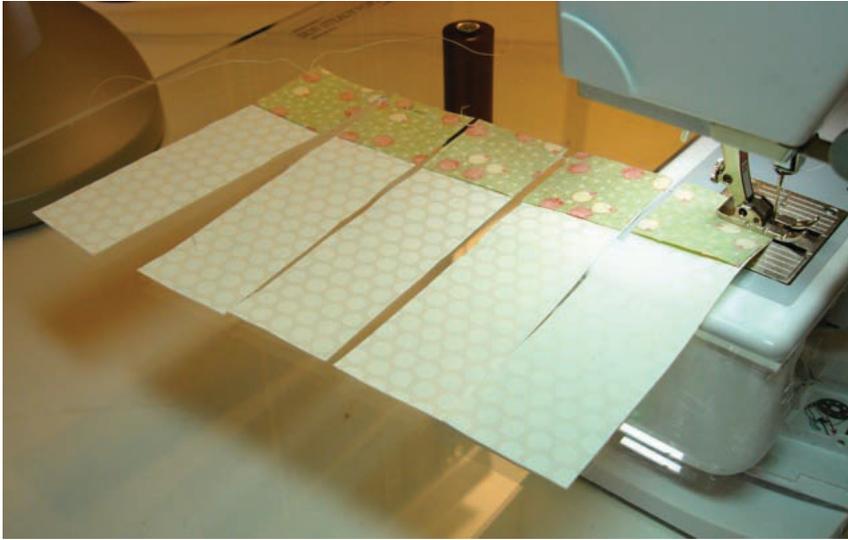
Step 6

Sew the blocks together to form a row that spells the word Love and press the seams to one side



Step 7

Sew sashing squares to sashing strips to make one strip as long as the row of Love Letters. Press the seams in the opposite direction of the Love Letter row.



Step 8

Sew a strip of sashing to the bottom of your first Love Letter row matching the sashing squares to the vertical sashing strips. You can nest the seams to make sure they match up or pin each seam. I tend to rush this step and it's much easier to get the seams to match up if you take your time.



Step 9

Sew all the rows together.

Step 10

Sew the remaining sashing strips to the sides, top and bottom of the quilt.



Step 11

Measure down the center (length) of the quilt to determine border length for sides of quilt. Cut 2, 2" strips the correct length and stitch each strip to the sides of the quilt (ease in any fullness).

Step 12

Measure across the center (width) of the quilt to determine border length for top and bottom of quilt. Cut 2" strips the correct length and stitch to top and bottom of quilt.

Step 13

Make a quilt sandwich and quilt however you like. This one is easy to quilt on your home machine. You can use the envelope method to put the quilt together if you don't want to bind it.

Suggestions:

Quilt in the ditch on all the block and sashing seams and around all the letters and hearts. Large serpentine stitch in the centers of all the sashing. Bind your quilt, have fun and spread Love.

