

A Nordic Christmas

Mini Blocks

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Week 2: Churn Dash



Finished size: 3" x 3"

This is the second in my series of Christmas ornaments to adorn the house. While they are small, I have chosen blocks and techniques that make working with these small pieces much easier. I do recommend that you use starch both before cutting out your pieces and as you press the units. And take your time as you sew, slowing down can really help with the necessary accuracy. Since this is a stand-alone block, while I have the finished size listed as 3" it does not matter at all if you are off a bit. Using this pattern along with the photo tutorial on my blog will help you to have success as well. Happy Quilting!

Debra

Fabric Requirements

The blocks in this series are made using scraps of 2 red fabrics, 1 white on white print and one red and white print. Fat Quarters will work very well.

You will also need:

1 Fat Quarter of fabric for the Backing and Binding.

DMC Pearl Cotton #5 (the loops for hanging.)

Cutting Directions

From White cut:

A-(cut 2) 2" x 2"

C-(cut 1) 1" x 8"

E-(cut 1) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From Red #1 cut:

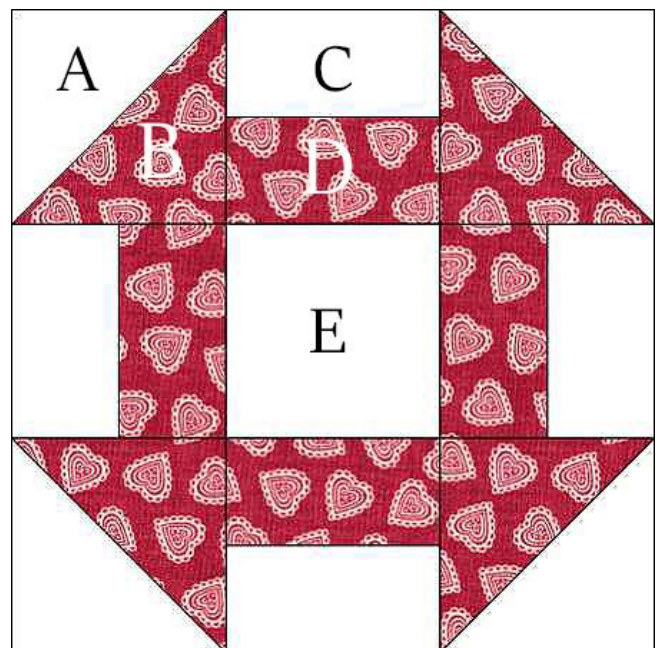
B-(cut 2) 2" x 2"

D-(cut 1) 1" x 8"

Backing: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

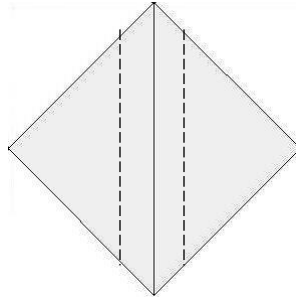
Batting: 4 1/4" x 4 1/4"

Binding 1 1/2" x 18"

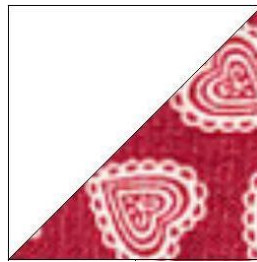


Step 1: Corner Units

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the A squares. Place right sides together with the B squares and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the drawn line (Dashed lines) Press towards B.

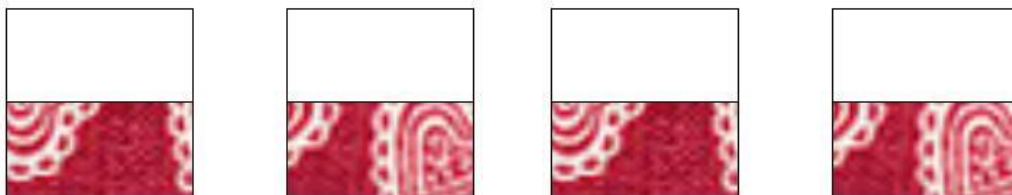


Trim the resulting Half-square Triangles to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Be sure to line up the diagonal line of your ruler with the diagonal seam.



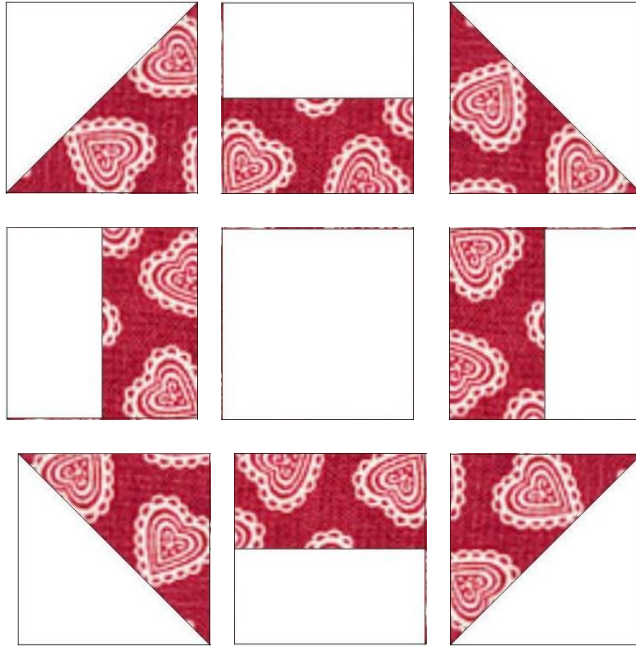
Step 2: Middle Units

With right sides together sew the C and D strips together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press towards D. Cut into four $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

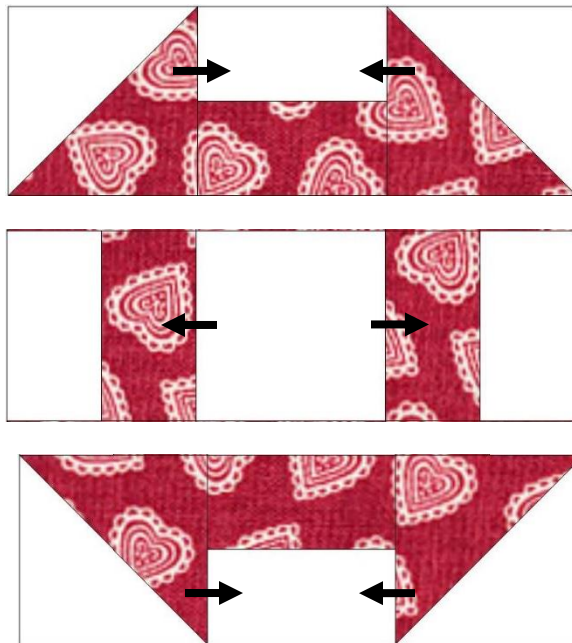


Step 3: Making the Block:

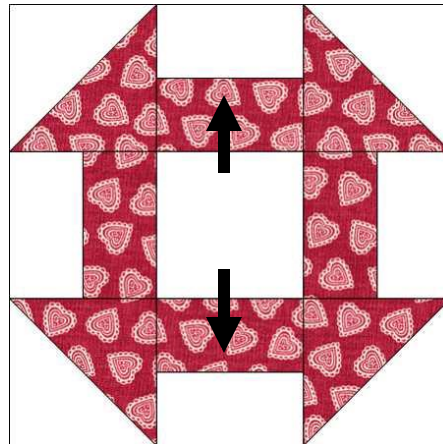
Lay out the units as shown to make a nine-patch block.



Join together into rows pressing as indicated by arrows.



Join the rows together to complete the block, matching seams and pinning as needed. Press towards the top and bottom rows.



Step 3: Quilting the Block

Layer the backing, batting, and quilt block. I prefer Basting Spray to hold the layers together for small quilts.

Quilt as desired. For my sample I went stitched $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the inside of the entire shape and the center square.

Step 4: Binding and Finishing:

Press Binding in half. Attach to the front of quilt, mitering the corners as you go. Fold binding over to the back of the quilt and attach with a slip stitch to complete the binding of the quilt.

Cut a length of Pearl Cotton thread and attach a loop to the top for hanging your mini quilt.

My photo tutorial can be found on my blog: search for Nordic Christmas Week 1. I have also posted video tutorials this week to show how I do the quilting and binding on these little blocks. They can be found on my "Tutorials" page.

That's it! I hope you will consider sharing your finished block with me on my Facebook Sew Along page. I love to see what you are making with my patterns and always comment. Until next time.... Happy Quilting!

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