

Eight of Hearts Rag Quilt Pattern
Pattern 050

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Please read all instructions before beginning this project. Rag quilt finishes at approximately 56" W x 64" L. Of course, all quilts will vary due to individual sewing techniques, fabric used and shrinkage. Use 1" seam allowance throughout. I like to use the snip- as-you-go process so that I don't have so much snipping to do after completing the quilt. Basically, what this means is that I like to snip triangles after I sew them together, snip the squares after I sew each row of squares together, and snip the row seams after I sew each row together, and I will remind you in case you would like to follow the same process. Much credit is given to our pattern testers for helping make this another successful project. Please visit their sites and blogs at the end of this pattern.

Supplies

Fabric 1 - 5 yards of White Cotton Fabric

Fabric 2 – 1 yard of 1st Pink or Red Print Cotton Fabric

Fabric 3 – 1Yard of 2nd Pink or Red Print Cotton Fabric

Fabric 4 - 1Yard of 3rd Pink or Red Print Cotton Fabric

Fabric 5 - 1Yard of 4th Pink or Red Print Cotton Fabric

Fabric 6 – 6 Yards of Flannel Fabric for backing

Twin Size package of batting

1800 yards of thread

Instructions

Cut 6" Fabric Squares & 4" Batting Squares

1. Cut (112) 6" squares from white fabric (**fabric 1**).
2. Cut (12) 6" squares from **Fabric 2, Fabric 3, Fabric 4, and Fabric 5**.
3. Cut (224) 6" squares from backing fabric (**fabric 6**).
4. Cut (224) 4" squares from **batting**.

Creating New Squares from the Triangles

1. Use 1" seam allowance to sew triangles together. You will have 64 new 6" squares when finished.
2. Sew Fabric 2 triangles to 16 Fabric 1 triangles.
3. Sew Fabric 3 triangles to 16 Fabric 1 triangles.
4. Sew Fabric 4 triangles to 16 Fabric 1 triangles.
5. Sew Fabric 5 triangles to 16 Fabric 1 triangles.
6. Trim excess from seams.
7. Snip triangle seams.



Sew triangles together



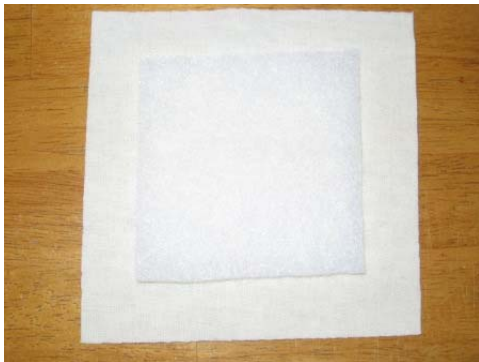
Cut off excess overhang



Snip seams

Creating the Sandwich Squares

1. Stack each square in the following fashion:
 - Backing on the bottom with right side facing downward
 - Batting (centered)
 - Front squares on top with right sides facing upward
2. Sew traditional "X" to hold sandwiches together.
 - To sew the X on the regular squares, sew diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner. Repeat for the other two corners.
 - When sewing the X onto the triangle squares, you will need to stop sewing at the seam then begin sewing the stitches again on the other side of the seam (be sure to secure the stitches where you end and again where you begin on each side of the triangle seams).
 - Sew along the seam to finish the X. See pictures below. The back side should look like a continuous X.



Batting centered on backing



Add squares (regular squares or those made from triangles)



X sewn onto triangles

Make Your Rag Quilt

1. Use the diagram below to sew your squares together. You will have two of each heart. Use 1" seam allowance to sew the squares together.
2. Begin by sewing the squares in rows one & 16 together. Snip squares after completing these two rows.
3. Next sew row two together, **paying close attention to the triangle square placement**, and follow this process through row 15. Snip the seams as you complete each row.
4. Sew the rows together in the proper order. Snip as you finish sewing each row together.
5. Sew around the outer edges using the 1" seam allowance. Snip the edges and you're ready to wash and dry your quilt.

Washing and Drying

1. Wash the quilt in cold water on the gentle cycle.
2. Dry on low.
 - You may want to complete Steps 1 & 2 of this section at a laundry mat for the first wash.
 - If you choose to do these steps in your home appliances, be sure to clean out the tubs and all lint traps very well before beginning and after you're finished. Checking the traps a couple of times and cleaning them may be necessary between beginning and finishing these steps.
3. Shake well outside. Use a lint roller or vacuum to remove any remaining loose strings.



A few close up pictures



Please visit the sites and blogs below of the wonderful ladies who have been so generous to dedicate their time to test this pattern.

[Alwayscrafty2](#)

[Anniesandbears](#)

<http://www.alwayscrafty2.com>

www.brownbunnypatch.com

[Brownie4](#)

<http://brownbunnypatch.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.cyowebsites.com/>

<http://www.cyowebsites.com/forum/>

www.fortheloveofprim.com

<http://www.helenscottagecrafts.co.uk/1411.html>

<http://www.kountryberryshoppe.com/>

www.oltimenotions.com

www.painteddaisycraftshoppes.com

<http://www.painteddaisycraftshow.com/>

<http://www.prairiegirlboutique.com>

<http://www.sassysoapsnsuch.blogspot.com>

<http://www.simplycutecrafts.com/>

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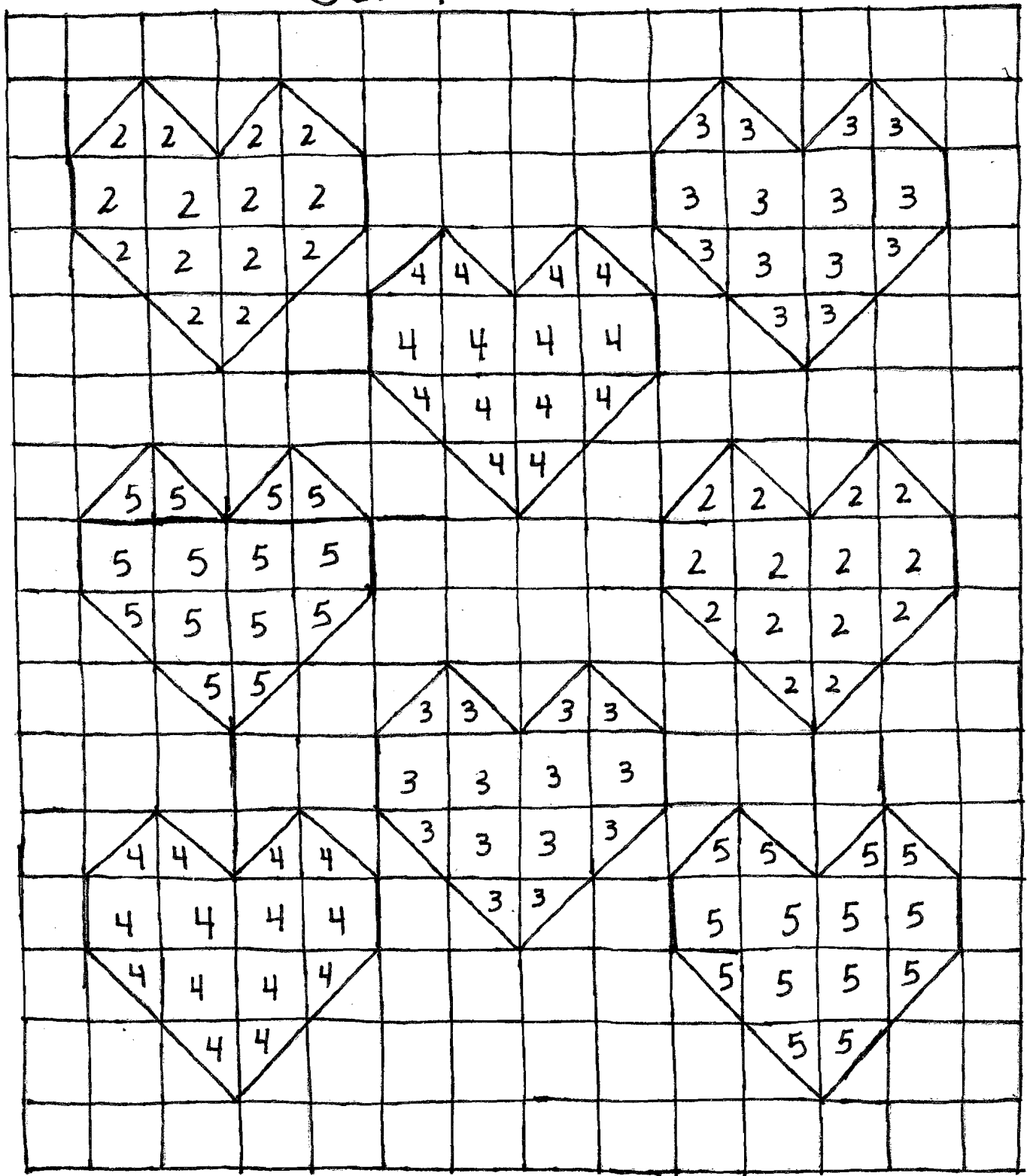
<http://stores.ebay.com/Always-Crafty-2-and-More>

<http://wolfiesdenandbeyond.blogspot.com/>

Congratulations! You now have a beautiful homemade heirloom. The shedding becomes less frequent with each wash. You may make quilts from this pattern for fun or profit. Please give designer credit to Sew Practical.



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Blank squares
represent fabric

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