

# Memories Tied With Love

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## 60 x 60" Finished Quilt

### Fabric Yardage (based on 42"-wide fabric):

- Cream solid for background and outer border 3 3/4 yards
- Neckties or fabric scraps for hearts and inner border to total approximately 2 1/4 yards (the featured quilt uses about 25 neckties)
- Binding 5/8 yard
- Backing 4 yards
- Batting 70 x 70"
- Lightweight double-sided fusible web
- Template plastic or heart-shape cookie cutters
- Disappearing-ink or water-soluble marking pen

Here is an idea for how to use neckties in a quilt, whether it be a memory quilt or a retirement quilt. This wonderful appliqué quilt will be cherished for many years. Don't have neckties to use? Substitute fabric scraps or fat quarters.

### Cutting Instructions

WOF = Width of Fabric (approximately 42")

#### Cream solid

Cut (1) WOF x 60 1/2" long strip. Subcut lengthwise into:

- (1) 25 1/2 x 50 1/2" background piece
- (2) 4 1/2 x 60 1/2" border strips

Cut (1) WOF x 52 1/2" long strips. Subcut lengthwise into:

- (1) 25 1/2 x 50 1/2" background piece
- (2) 4 1/2 x 52 1/2" border strips

#### Neckties or fabric scraps

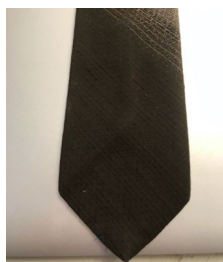
Refer to Preparing Neckties & Heart Appliqués below to prepare fabrics and cut pieces for heart appliqués and inner border.

#### Binding

Cut (7) 2 1/2" wide x WOF strips

### Preparing Neckties & Heart Appliqués

1. If you're using neckties for your appliqués, deconstruct all the neckties and iron them open. Cut out the widest area of the necktie to use for appliqués. Save the tie leftovers to use for the pieced inner border.
2. Cut a piece of lightweight double-sided fusible web a little bit smaller than the size of the necktie fabric or your fabric scrap. Iron to the wrong side of the fabric following the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Designer JulieAnn Chavez used a variety of sizes of heart-shape cookie cutters for her appliqué. If you don't have cookie cutters like this, trace heart patterns A–D on page 5 onto template plastic and cut out on the drawn lines.



#### TIP

**Design Option:** If you would rather use fat quarters instead of neckties or fabric scraps, you will need 8 fat quarters. Cut 2 A hearts, 3 B hearts, 4 C hearts, 4 D hearts, and seven 1 1/2 x 4 1/2" rectangles from each fat quarter.

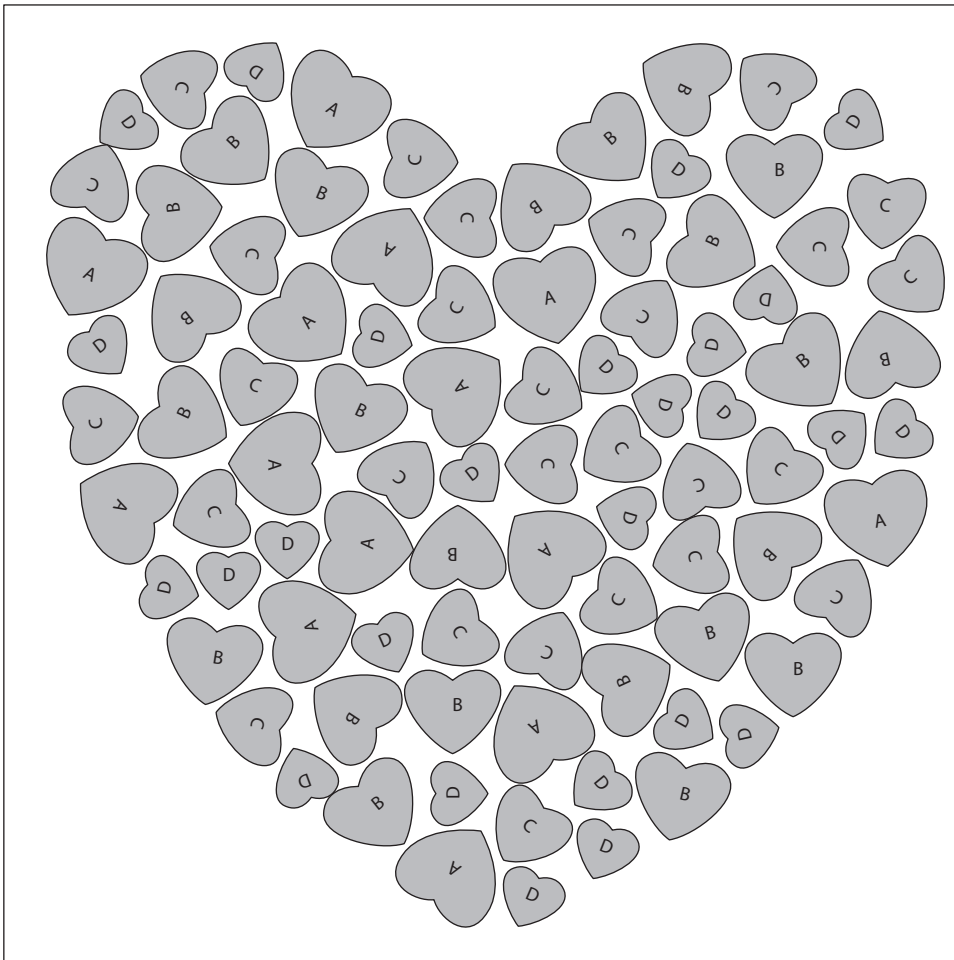
- On the paper backing of a necktie or fabric scrap, trace around a heart cookie cutter or template with a pencil. Cut out on the drawn line. Prepare as many heart appliqués as desired. The featured quilt uses 14 A hearts, 23 B hearts, 28 C hearts, and 26 D hearts.

## Quilt Center Appliqué

Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout. Press between each step.

- Sew together the cream solid  $25\frac{1}{2} \times 50\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces to make one large background square that measures  $50\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Place the square on your work surface with the seam running vertically. Use the seam as a reference to draw an outline of a heart on the cream background. With a disappearing ink pen of your choice, lightly draw a large heart on the background fabric.
- Referring to the diagram below, arrange the hearts on the background fabric. Peel the paper off the back side of the heart cutouts and iron following the fusible instructions.
- Sew around each heart using appliqué stitching, raw edge stitching, or satin stitching. Have fun with your work of art!

Quilt center appliqué:



## Add the Borders

### Scrappy (Inner) Border

1. From the necktie or fabric scraps (without fusible web on the back), cut: (52)  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.
2. Sew together (13) assorted  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces end to end to make four inner border strips.

Assembling inner borders:

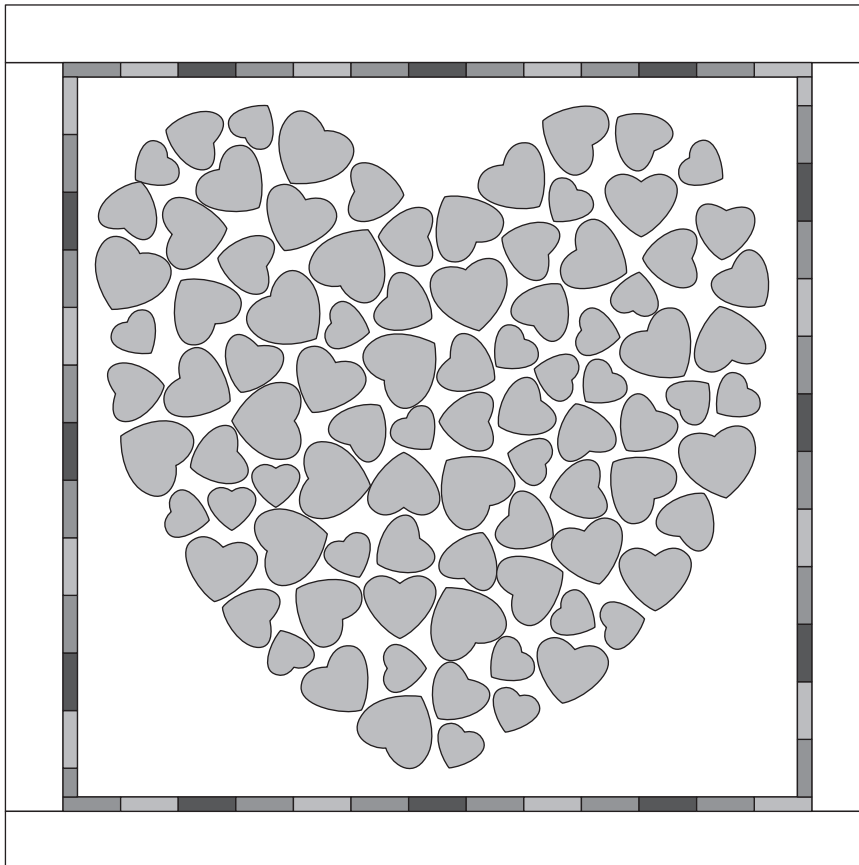


3. Measure the length of the left and right sides of the appliquéd quilt center, along with the center of the unit vertically. Find the average length of these three measurements, then cut two inner border strips to match. Sew to the sides of the appliquéd quilt center. Press seams toward border.
4. Measure the quilt's width across the top, middle and bottom. Find the average and cut the remaining inner border strips to that size. Sew to the top and bottom edges of the appliquéd quilt center. Press seams toward border.

### Outer Border

Sew the cream  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 52\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to the side edges of the quilt. Then add the cream  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 60\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt to complete the quilt top.

Adding borders:

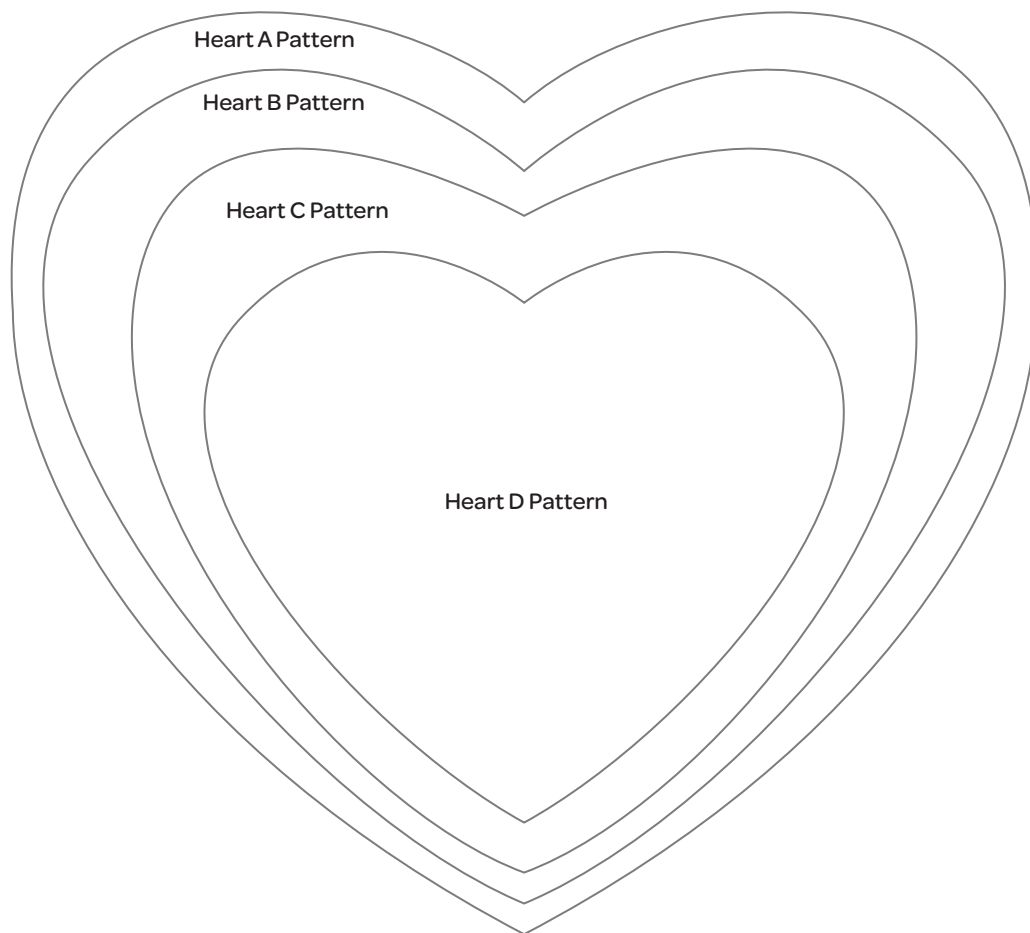


## Finishing

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Quilt as desired and bind.

Pattern quilted with “Ginger Hearts” digital pantograph available at [urbanelementz.com](http://urbanelementz.com).



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