

Kapiti Coast Quilters Block of the Month

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Crazy Heart

Adapted from "The Crazy Quilt Handbook" Revised 2nd Edition by Judith Baker Montano

Materials needed

Scraps of fabric

Cotton foundation 6" x 8"

Cream background 7" x 9"

Method



1. Cut a small piece with five angled sides fabric from a dark, solid fabric. Pin the piece onto the foundation piece at the centre.
2. Cut a wide rectangle. Lay it along angle 1, right sides together.
3. Sew from one end of Angle 1 to the end. Flip rectangle over, trim the seam and press.
4. Cut a second wide rectangle and lay it against Angle 2. If you are right-handed work in a clockwise direction and counter clockwise if you are left-handed. Sew from the edge of the previous piece to the edge of the second angle. Cut out from behind and press flat after flipping.
5. Continue in this manner until all the angles of the centrepiece are covered. Note that on Angle 5, the wide rectangle must extend over the pieces that cover both Angle 1 and Angle 4.
6. Now cut more angles from the pieces you have sewn down. Use a variety of shapes and sizes.
7. Continue adding pieces in a clockwise direction until you have filled your foundation piece.
8. Cut out the centre of the heart shape template. Place the template on your crazy quilting and move it around until you find a design placement you like. Mark the heart shape on the fabric and a ¼ 'allowance. Cut out on the allowance.
9. Outline each seam with decorative stitches, beads, buttons, or lace.
10. Centre the heart on backing fabric and machine finish using a satin or blanket stitch. This can also be appliqued on by turning in the seam allowance.