



BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

February 2020 Block of the Month

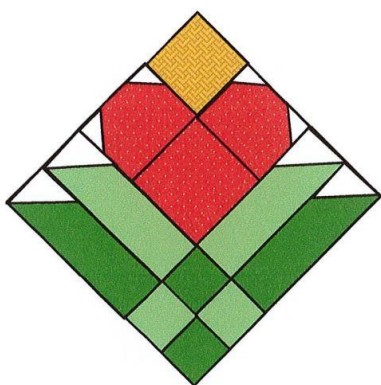
Heart Blossom



Esther Howland (1828 – 1904) was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and was the first in America to publish and sell mass produced St. Valentine's Day cards in 1849. She used lots of lace, three dimensional cut-outs, and colored paper for special effects to the cards. Today, collectors seek these romantic style cards.

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8 ½ unfinished 8 " finished



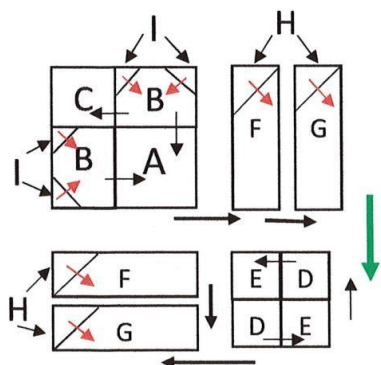
Fabrics: **One** dark red print or solid red. **One** small gold print fabric. **One** medium green print for the leaves. **One** dark green print for the leaves. **One** light beige solid for the background.

Cutting:

- 2 2 ½" x 3 ½" rectangles from red fabric for letter B
- 1 3 ½" x 3 ½" square from red fabric for letter A
- 1 2 ½" x 2 ½" square from gold print for letter C
- 2 2" x 2" squares from medium green print for letter D
- 2 2" x 5 ½" rectangles from medium green print for letter F
- 2 2" x 2" squares from dark green print for letter E
- 2 2" x 5 ½" rectangles from dark green print for letter G
- 4 2" x 2" squares from beige for letter H
- 4 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" squares from beige for letter I

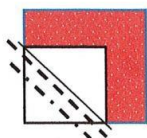
Sewing: First, mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the beige squares with a pencil. Align the 2" x 2" squares at the end of the leaf prints letters F & G and align the 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" squares at the corners of the two rectangle heart prints letter B. Stitch next to the drawn lines and trim ¼" seam allowance on the outer edge. **See legend.** Press according to the **red arrows**. Sew C to top B and lower B to A and press according to the arrows then sew the top unit to the bottom unit and press down. Next, sew E to D and D to E and press according to the arrows. Sew the top and bottom together and press up. Sew F and G together and press according to the arrows. Now, all units are made. Sew the heart unit and the right leaf unit together and press according to the arrow. Sew the left leaf unit and four-patch together and press according to the arrow. Finally, sew the top and bottom units together and press according to the **green arrow**.

Suggestions: **1.** It would be nice if this block is set on point just on the top portion of the bed and the sides are borders. Not a lot of blocks to be made. **2.** Also, use pink hearts for girl's blocks and blue hearts for boy's blocks to make a baby quilt. Only need 3 across and 3 rows down on point plus sashing and/or border needed.



Legend for H & I corners:

- Pencil line ———
- Stitched line - - - - -
- Cut line - · - · - ·



Anne Marie's Scrap Tip Use children's rounded-tip scissors when clipping threads on a quilt top or doing bindings. The tips are dull and will keep the quilt top/fabric from being accidentally cut.