

Project: Romance In Red

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Combine simple designs and classic red-and-cream prints for an endearing cozy pillow.



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Materials

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard total assorted red prints (blocks, binding)
- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard cream print (blocks, pillow back)
- 14½" square muslin
- 14½" square batting
- 12"-square pillow form

Finished pillow: 12" square

Finished block: 6" square

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted red prints, cut:

- 2—2½×28" binding strips
- 2—6½" squares
- 6—2⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 12 triangles total

From cream print, cut:

- 2—12½×10½" rectangles
- 6—2⅞" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 12 triangles total
- 6—2½" squares

Assemble Double X Blocks

1. Sew together one cream print triangle and one red print triangle to make a triangle-square (Diagram 1). Press seam toward red print triangle. The triangle-square should be 2½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make six triangle-squares total.
2. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out triangle-squares and three cream print 2½" squares in

three horizontal rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make a Double X block. Press seams in one direction. The Double X block should be 6½" square including seam allowances.

3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a second Double X block.

Assemble and Quilt Pillow Top

1. Referring to Assembly Diagram, lay out two Double X blocks and two red print 6½" squares in pairs.
2. Sew together pieces in each pair. Press seams toward red squares. Join pairs to make pillow top. Press seam in one direction.

Finish Pillow

1. Layer pillow top, the 14½" batting square, and the 14½" muslin square. Machine- or hand-quilt as desired. The featured pillow was quilted in evenly spaced diagonal rows.
2. Press under ¼" along a long edge of each cream print 12½×10½" rectangle. Press under an additional 2" and topstitch in place to make two hemmed pillow back pieces.
3. With wrong sides together, pin pillow back pieces to pillow top, aligning raw edges and overlapping folded edges. Sew pieces together along all four edges to make pillow cover.
4. Bind with red print binding strips. Insert pillow form.

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DIAGRAM 1

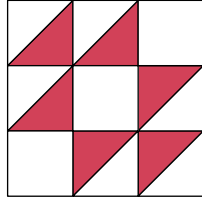
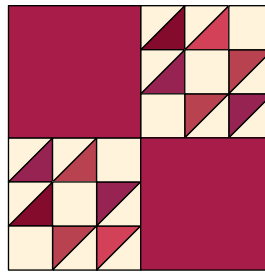


DIAGRAM 2



ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM