

EQG BLOCK LOTTERY #5

Turn in at May 17, 2005 Meeting

The fifth block exchange will be somewhat different than our previous exchanges. It is in conjunction with Linda Morton's upcoming appliqué workshops in May. (Check out the newsletter for the dates and times of these two workshops. If you have never appliquéd before, try taking her May 16th class. This class is just in time for making the block and exchanging it at the guild meeting on the 17th!!)

The size of this block is smaller than our previous blocks. The block will be 6 inches finished or 6 ½ inches unfinished.

Materials:

Scraps of creams/whites/neutrals and scraps of any print fabrics for the heart.

Cutting:

One 6 ½ inch square for the background. HINT: You can cut a larger square and then trim it down to 6 ½ inches once your appliqué is completed. This helps make all those corners square and allows for any fabric taken up with your chosen method of appliqué.

From print fabric:

1. Cut the background square from your background fabric.
2. Cut a heart shape from your print fabric.
3. Sew the heart to the background fabric in your chosen method.
4. I know, sounds too easy – right? Since there are so many ways to appliqué, I am leaving the method to you to choose. You can hand appliqué, machine appliqué, fusible appliqué or just about any other method you choose. You can embellish, make a mola or go plain; whatever you choose. Your heart can be folksy or perfectly symmetrical. Again, whatever you choose.

For those of you that would like some additional guidance, here are some possible sources for appliqué techniques:

1. Most any book by Alex Anderson. Her book "Hand Appliqué with Alex Anderson" even has heart patterns and directions ready to go.
2. Most any book by Patricia Campbell, Elly Sienkiewicz, Jane Townswick, Irma Gail Hatcher, Carol Armstrong, Anita Shackelford or Linda poole will give you instructions on a variety of more traditional style appliqué techniques.
3. Darcy Ashton and Sandy Bonsib both present information on how to do an more folksy style of appliqué.

I am sure there are many more books available, this is just a few from my own home library.

And once again, if you have any problems or have questions, call me (I'm in the roster) or check with another quilting buddy for some assistance. Good luck and let's have some fun with the one!

Heart may be appliqués by any method you prefer. You can also vary the shape of the heart to suit your desires as long as it fits on a 6 inch finished background or 6 ½ inch unfinished background square. Below are two sample heart shapes, one with a pointed end and one with a rounded end.



These size hearts will fit nicely on the 6" finished/6 ½" unfinished background square.

