



*The Magic
in the Middle*

Dupioni Silk Table Topper

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Hearts are all around on this beautiful table topper that uses a variation of the Hearts & Crosses Pattern. Dupioni silk is gently stabilized with 906F Pellon® Fusible Sheerweight, while still maintaining its flexibility. Instructions will guide any sewer through this creative project. Share one with family and friends! Examples shown uses packaged Dupioni Silks available in retail stores.

Fabrics Needed

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| Dupioni Silk or Cotton | 8 fat quarters different colors |
| Backing - Cotton or silk | 1 yard |

Materials Needed

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| Pellon® fusible Sheerweight™ #906F | 1/4 yard |
| Piping Trim | 3 yards |
| Thread | 50 weight sewing thread - gray |

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
General sewing supplies
Rotary Cutting Ruler
Rotary Cutter
Rotary Mat
Iron
Accquilt® Go! Cutter**
Go!Cutter Heart Die

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**<http://accquilt.com>

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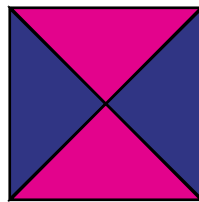
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Cutting Instructions:

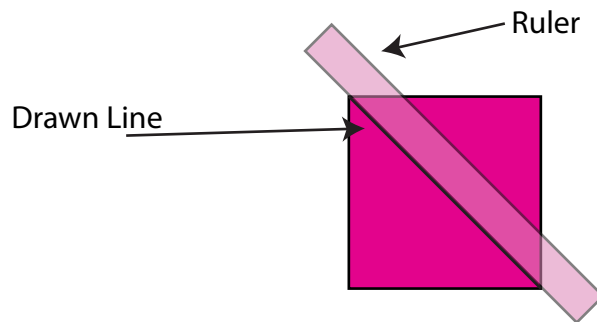
Cut Dupioni silk or cotton as follows:

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| 5 1/2" squares | 16 squares various colors |
| 6 1/4" squares | 4 squares various colors (cut extra squares for more variety in color) |
| 5 1/2" squares for hearts | 16 squares various colors |

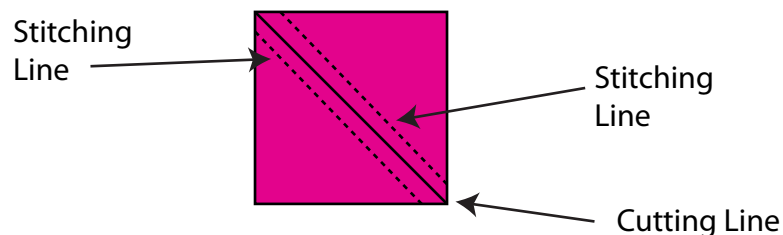
Set the squares for hearts and 5 1/2" squares aside for now and make the hourglass blocks using the 6 1/4" squares. They will look like the following when you are finished:



Layer one each, two contrasting colors, right sides together. Have the lighter square on top, lay a ruler from point to point and draw a line from point to point as shown below:



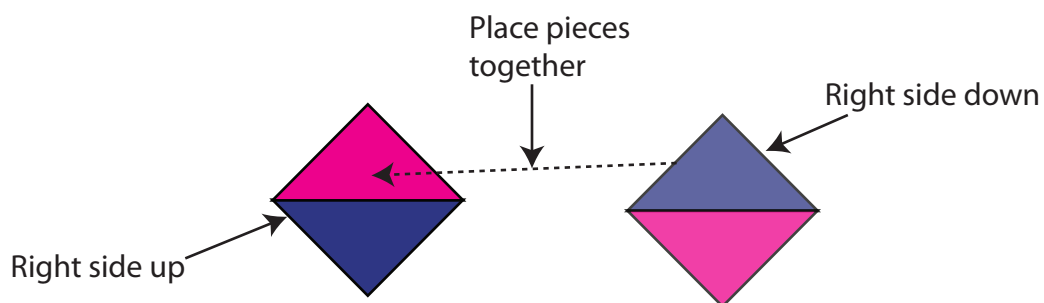
Stitch 1/4" from the drawn line as shown below:



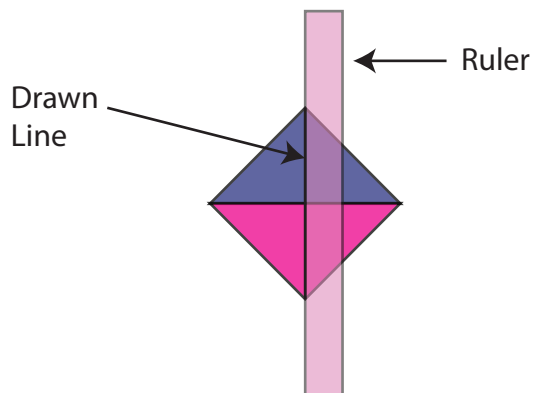
Cut on the drawn line, press towards the dark.



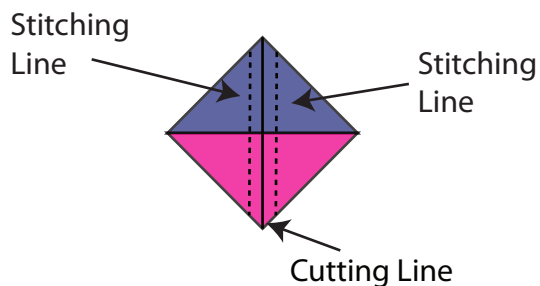
Take two of the squares you have just made and layer them with opposite colors together, right sides together as shown:



Lay ruler from point to point as shown, draw line.



Stitch 1/4" from drawn line, then cut along drawn line:



Cut sixteen 5 1/2" squares out of the Pellon® Sheerweight fusible interfacing. Fuse one piece on one side of each dupioni square following manufacturer's instructions.



Cutting the Hearts

Use the large heart die and your Go! Cutter to cut 16 hearts from the 5 1/2" squares (optional).

OR

Use the heart template from the template page and trace and cut 16 hearts from the 5 1/2" squares.



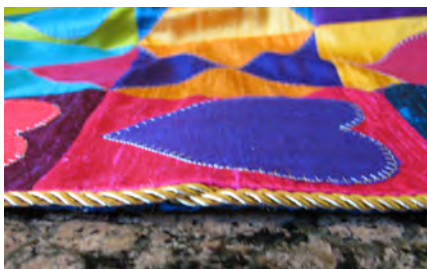
Center a heart on one of the 5 1/2" squares, using two contrasting fabrics. Fuse in place. Do decorative stitching around the edge of the heart, such as blanket/buttonhole stitch, feather-stitch, or straight line stitching.

Layout

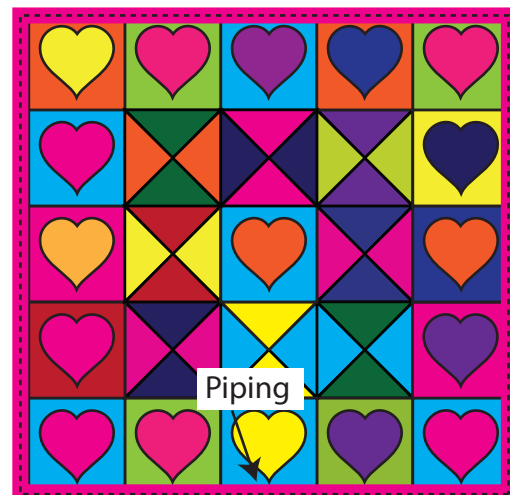


Arrange the blocks as shown above. Pay attention to the orientation of the quarter-square triangle blocks so they will frame the center heart. Sew rows across. Press seams for rows 1, 3 and 5 to the right. Press seams for rows 2 and 4 to the left. Sew rows together. Press seams open.

Pin piping onto the right side of the table topper along the outer perimeter seam line beginning at the middle of one side. Pin piping all the way around paying attention to the curve at the corners. Overlap the piping 1/2" when back at the beginning. Stitch 1/8" from piping using a zipper foot.

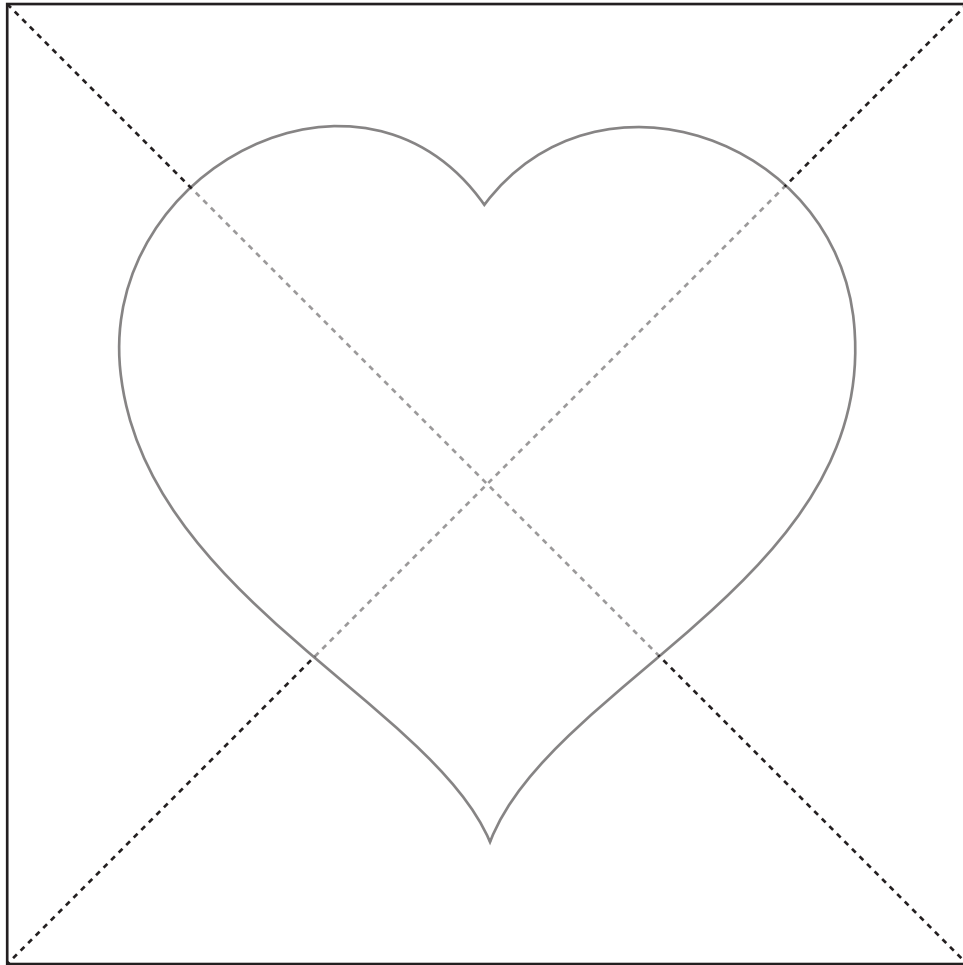


Closeup of Piping overlap



Seam Allowance of Piping Facing Out

Template for Heart



Trace around heart only.