Chain of Hearts
Block of the Month - February 2016
8" x 8" finished block (8 ½" x 8 ½” unfinished)

Fabric: Pale pink or off-white background; Red for heart tops; Orange, pink, and purple pieces for chain

Cut:
Pale pink background
A - (1) 3 ½” x 3 ½” square
B - (2) 2” x 2” squares for outside corners of heart
C - (2) 1 ½” x 1 ½” squares for inside corners of heart
D – (2) 1 ½” x 4 ½” strips
E – (2) 1 ½” x 3 ¼” strips
F – (2) 1 ½”x 2 ½” strips
[OR cut a 1 ½” x 24” strip and then cut pieces C, D, E, and F from that strip]

Red heart
G – (2) 3 ½” x 5 ½” rectangles

Chain
H – (2) bold pink 1 ½” x 1 ½”
J - (1) orange 1 ½” x 1 ½”
K – (2) purple 1 ½” x 2 ½”

Directions
Make the red heart tops. <They will be mirror images: B+G+C and C+G+B.>
Sew one B to the top left corner of one G; and one B to the top right corner of the other G.
Sew one C to the top right corner of the first G; and one C to the top left corner of the other G.
Sew A to one heart top. See diagram. Press and set aside.

Make body of heart.
Sew one pink square (H) to one end of D; repeat for second pink square (H). Press. Set aside.
Sew one purple rectangle (K) to one end of E; repeat for second purple rectangle (K). Press. Set aside
Sew one F background to one side of orange square (J); add second F to the other side of J. Press. Set aside.
Join D+H (pink square on right end) to E+J (purple rectangle on right) Pink square will sit on right end of purple rectangle.
To this, add the strip with orange square in the center (F+J). One corner of orange square (J) will meet the bottom corner of the purple rectangle.
Then add the next E+K strip, again, matching corners of the orange square with the purple rectangle.
Finally, add the last pink/background strip (D+H) to the bottom.
Press seams in the same direction.
To one side (see diagram) of the red heart top, sew the piece you've just made.
Finally, sew the bottom half of the heart and chain to the top that you constructed before.
It's actually so easy!

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name on your block(s). Make it simple: stick your mailing label on the back of each block. If you have any scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned to the block or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the November 5th or 7th meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. We’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday night and Saturday meeting if we have enough blocks. If we get only a few on Thursday night, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.