

Shabby Fabrics

Celebrate the Year

Block 7



Piece the Heart

From a variety of blue fabrics, cut a total of 9 - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares. Shorten your stitch length. Sew the 9 squares together in three rows of three, pressing seams open. Then sew the three rows together top to bottom. Press seams open.

From two red fabrics and one cream fabric, cut strips 1 1/2" x 5". Sew these three strips together, top to bottom, making sure the cream strip is in the center. Press seams open. Sew this unit to the right side of the blue pieced unit and press seam open.

From two red fabrics and two cream fabrics, cut strips 1 1/2" x 8". Sew these strips together, top to bottom, making sure one cream stripe is on the bottom and one red strip is on the top. Press seams open. Then sew the striped unit to the bottom of the red, white and blue unit. Press seams open.

Applique

Cut an 11" x 11" background piece out of cream fabric.

Using the Heart Diagram and either fusible webbing or freezer paper, prepare the pieced heart for applique. Be sure to add 1/4" all the way around the shape if you plan on turning the edge under.

Follow the instructions from Block 1 for preparing the wool felt doily heart and banner. Applique the wool felt doily heart to the background. Applique the pieced heart to the center of the wool felt doily heart using the applique technique of your choice. Do not attach the banner at this time.

Finish the Block

Remove the paper from the banner. Transfer the month name to the banner using a light box and fine pen. Then draw the star outlines on either side of the month name, making sure to draw a dashed line and NOT a solid line. Position the banner on the pieced heart as shown in the photo above. Iron in place. Using three strands of metallic gold embroidery floss, add the stitching around the doily and banner in the same manner as described in Block 1. Using three strands of DMC 844 (dark gray) embroidery floss, stitch the month name using a back stitch. For the stars, you will be using blue, red, and gold-colored embroidery floss. For each star, use three strands and a running stitch.

*You **must** use glass jewels when following this technique as plastic jewels will melt!* Hot set jewels can be applied with a household iron. Place the jewels on the banner in a pleasing arrangement. Set your iron to its hottest setting. Lay a thin piece of fabric (muslin works well) over the jewels. Press the iron straight down over each spot for 5-7 seconds - **do not** slide the iron back and forth as it will slide the glue off of the jewels! Continue to iron the jewels to the block in this fashion until all the jewels are securely attached. Once the jewels are set, they will be permanently affixed to your block. Once all applique, embroidery, and embellishing is complete, trim block to 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" by trimming 1/4" off equally on all sides.

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Block 7 - July

English

July



German

Juli

Russian

ИЮЛЬ

Portuguese

Julho

Spanish

Julio

Italian

Luglio

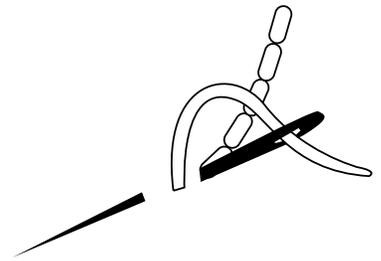
French

Juillet

Dutch

Juli

Backstitch



Running stitch

