

Tying the Knot

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Finished Size: 12" square

Skill level: Confident beginner

Fabrics used: Northcott's *Toscana* suede-look texture

Fabric	Cutting Instructions
A –background - vanilla (#9020-12)	◇ Cut (8) 3½" squares
B – light bowties (#9020-40 morning mist)	◇ Cut (6) 3½" squares
C – dark bowties (#9020-44 atmosphere)	◇ Cut (6) 3½" squares
D – heart (#9020-221 make me blush)	◇ Cut one piece using heart template on page 3

Piecing: All seams are ¼" unless noted.

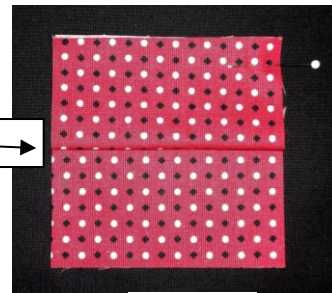
1. Choose (3) squares of B (shown as dotted red fabric in photos) and (2) squares of A.

2. Fold one square of B fabric in half, wrong sides together (don't press it).

3. Lay the folded square, with fold at bottom, on top of a B square so that top raw edges are aligned.

4. Lay an A square face down on top, aligning edges. Sew together along right edge, catching the folded square in the seam.

Fold →



Step 3



Step 4

5. Push A square and B square aside to expose the other end of the folded square.

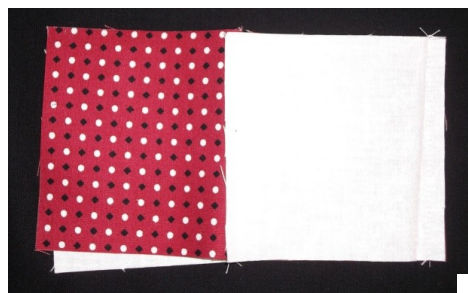


Step 6

6. Lay the other end of the folded square on the remaining B square as in step 3 above.

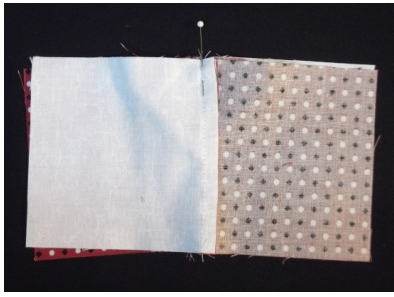
7. Lay an A square face down on top, aligning edges as in step 4 above.

Sew, catching the remaining folded edge in the seam. Press seams toward tie fabric, being careful not to press the folded square.



Step 7





Step 8

folded edge to be at least ¼” long so that when you sew this seam, you don’t create a pucker. Pin through all layers at the fold.

10. Sew from end to end, catching the folded square in the seam.

11. Finger-press seams behind folded square. Press seams beyond folded square to one side with an iron, being careful not to press folded square (tie knot).

12. Repeat with the remaining B squares to make a total of 2 bowtie blocks. Also repeat with the C squares.

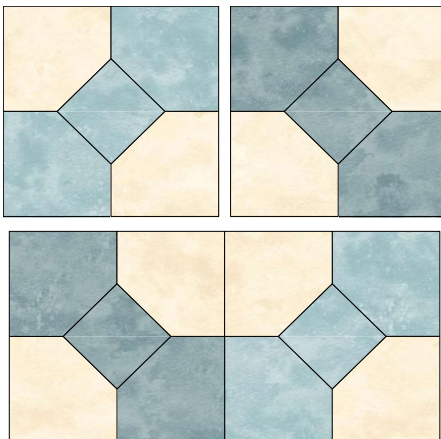


Step 9



13. Arrange bowtie blocks alternately in 2 rows of 2 as shown; sew into rows then sew rows together.

14. Heart: a) Press under ¼” on Fabric D piece. Using image as a guide, pin in place in center of block.
b) Invisibly hand- or machine-stitch curved edges in place using matching or clear thread.



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