

# *Early Birds Heart Quilt Pattern*

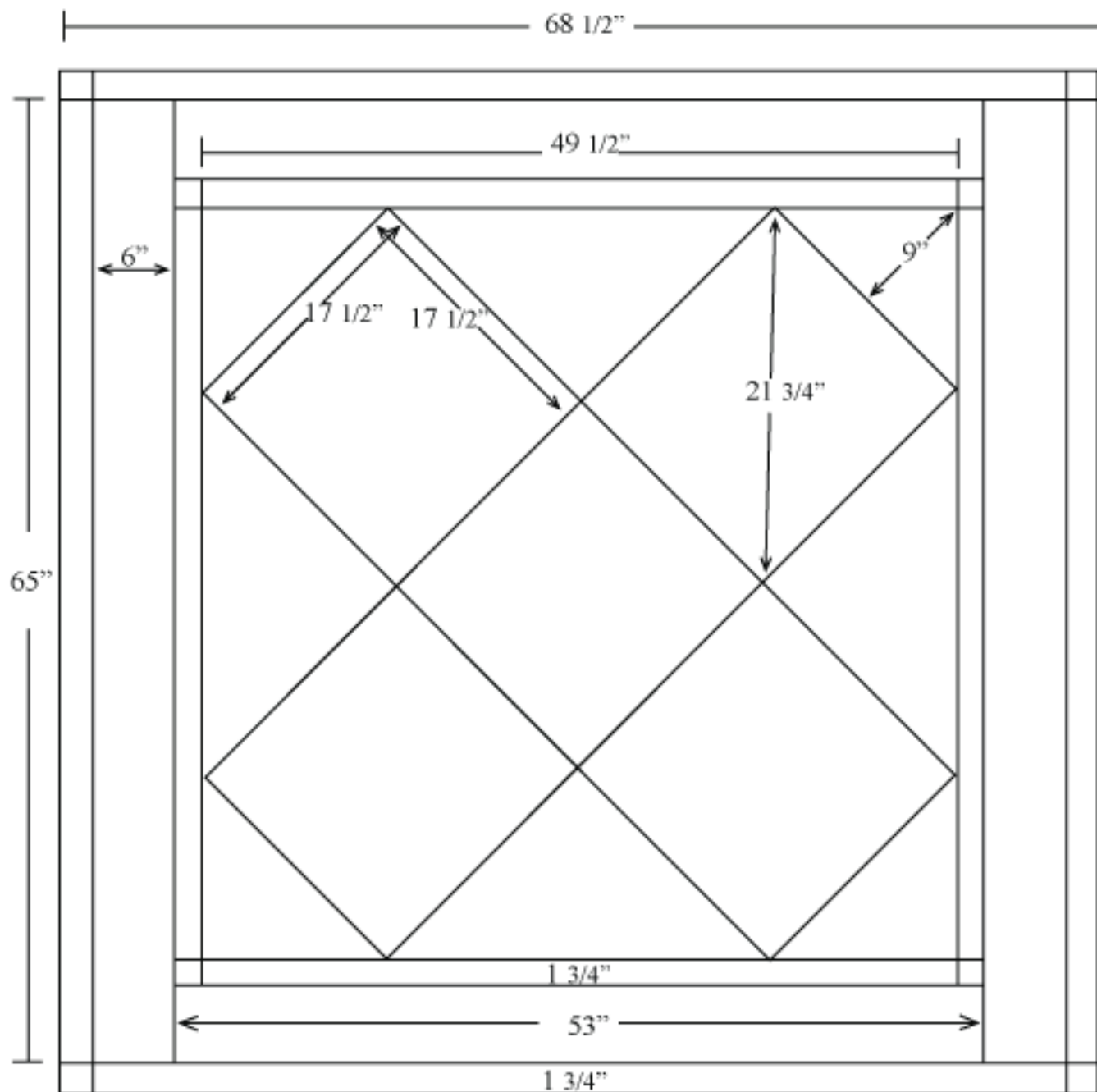


*A quilt made with Jane Sassaman's Early Birds Fabrics*



*Free Spirit* 

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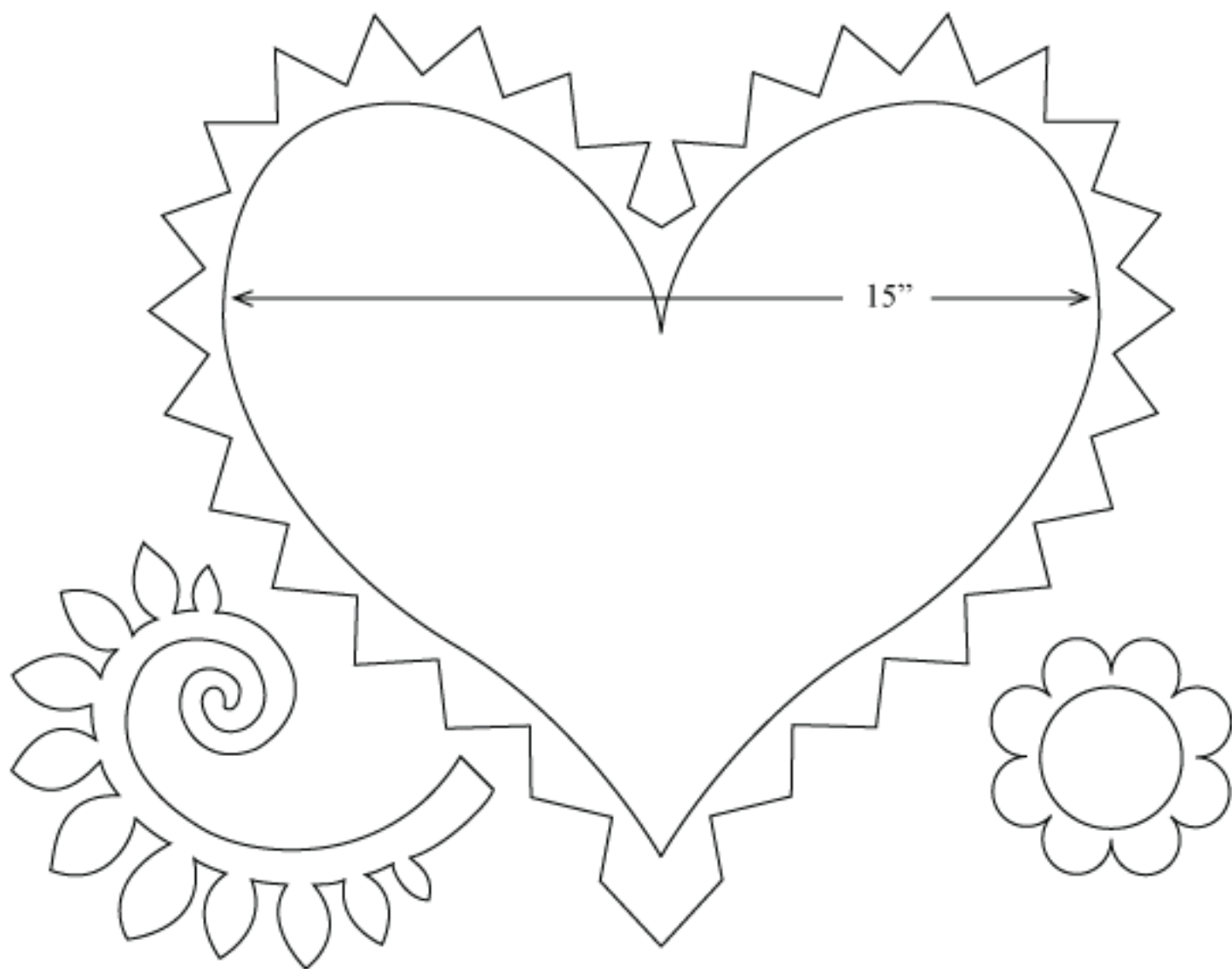


All measurements are "finished" size so add seam allowance when cutting.

### Yardage

2 1/4 yards - Lime Curlicue, PWJS35  
2 1/2 yards - solid black, S12 (includes binding)  
2 yards - Strawberry Serenade, Plum, PWJS39  
1/8 yard - Strawberry Curlicue, PWJS35  
2 yards - fusible interfacing

1 1/2 yards - Plum Curlicue, PWJS35  
5 yards - Berry Patch Border, Plum, PWJS40  
Fat Quarter - Winter White, S29  
1 1/3 yards - Cheeky Checks  
3 yards - fusible web



## PREPARE APPLIQUES

Enlarge the templates 300% or until the smooth heart is 15" across. This can be done at your local print shop. Trace 5 zigzag hearts (whole, without smooth heart in the middle), 5 flower centers and 4 leafy spirals onto the protective paper side of your fusible web. Trace 5 smooth hearts and 5 flowers (whole, without center circle) onto the non-sticky side of your fusible interfacing. Cut out shapes just beyond the traced lines.

Fuse the zigzag hearts to the back of the solid black fabric. Fuse the flower centers to the back of the Strawberry Curlicue fabric. Fuse the leafy spirals to the back of the Lime Curlicue fabric. Cut out the shapes neatly on the traced lines.

Fuse 4 smooth hearts to the back of your Lime Curlicue fabric. Fuse 1 heart to the back of your Plum Curlicue fabric. Fuse your flowers to your Winter White fabric. Cut out shapes neatly on the traced lines.

Fuse the pink center onto the flower and finish with a matching zig zag stitch.



## APPLIQUE BLOCKS

Cut out four 18" Plum Curlicue (17 1/2" finished) squares and one of the Lime Curlicue fabric. Strip the protective paper from the zigzag hearts. Center a flower and a zigzag heart on all five blocks. Fuse the black hearts into place.

Straight stitch the flower very close to it's edge and then finish the edge with a matching zigzag stitch. Carefully cut away the fabric behind the flower. Using black thread, satin stitch around the zigzag hearts.

Center the smooth hearts over the black zigzag hearts. Green hearts on the purple blocks and purple heart on the green block. Pin and straight stitch around the extreme edge and finish with a matching satin stitch. Carefully cut away the fabric from behind the smooth hearts.

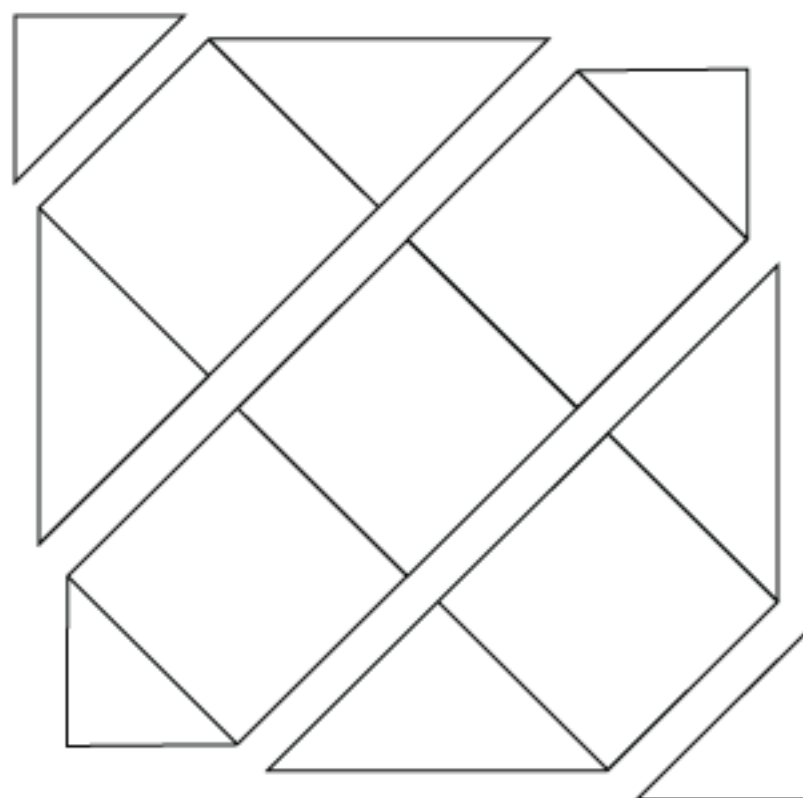
## HALF SQUARE AND QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLES

Cut four 17 1/2" (finished size) half square triangles from the Berry Patch Border fabric, being sure to center the design the same way for each triangle.

Now cut four quarter square triangles for each corner from the top flowered half of the border fabric. Center and fuse the green leafy spiral to the triangle and finish with a matching satin stitch.

## ASSEMBLE THE BODY OF THE QUILT

Sew strips of diagonal rows and press the seams toward the purple fabric. Sew the rows together and press seams open.



## FIRST CHECKED BORDER

Cut five 2 1/4" selvedge to selvedge strips of Cheeky Checks to feature the white and purple check. Cut the strip so there is approximately 1/8" of purple fabric on either side of the white checks. Piece these strips end to end so the checks run without interruption. Cut into four 50" lengths so the pattern is the same at both ends. Attach two opposite borders and press seam toward the checks.

Cut eight 2 1/4" squares from the Strawberry Curlicue fabric. Sew a pink square to both ends of the two remaining strips. Press seams toward the checks. Attach the strips to the other two sides.

Fussy cut six 6 1/2" strips from the Plum Strawberry Serenade so the birds are featured and positioned in the same place in each row. Piece the rows together so the design is uninterrupted. Cut into two 53 1/2" strips and attach to opposite sides. Press seams toward the birds.

Cut two 65 1/2" Serenade strips and sew to the other two sides. Press seams toward the birds.

## FINAL CHECKED BORDER

Cut six more 2 1/4" Cheeky Check strips to feature the purple and white checks, just as before. Piece them end to end and cut into four 65 1/2" lengths so the pattern is the same at both ends. Stitch two to opposite sides and press seams toward the birds.

Add the remaining pink squares to the ends of the last checked strips. Press seams toward the pink and attach to opposite edges.

Press seams open.

Piece the remaining border fabric for the back of the quilt. Quilt and bind with black fabric.



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Three triangles of varying shades of teal and blue are arranged in a vertical stack, pointing downwards. They are positioned to the right of the "Free Spirit" text.