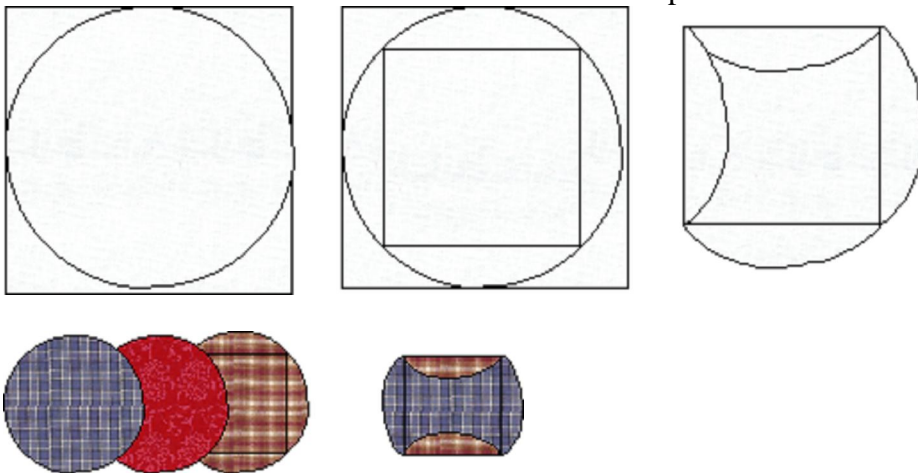


Ragamuffin Hearts by Nantucketsue

This is ragged on one side and smooth on the reverse so in effect a quilt-as-you-go method. This was made from scraps so the sizes of the pieces dictated the shapes and the arrangement. The variations are endless.

Requirements are an assortment of homespun fabrics and coloured flannel (I used red).

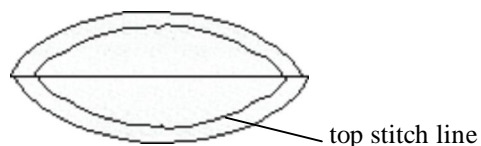
1. From 8½" squares of different fabrics cut circles (I used a plate as a template)' (Or you can layer the squares and then cut out the circles together.
2. Make a 6" square cardboard template to fit in the circle and fold over the edges of all the layers on to the cardboard (Of course you can make larger or smaller blocks as required and as many as you like).
3. Press with iron to form a crease and remove template.



4. Machine stitch the sides together along the crease lines. Press flaps in and either pin or use a little fabric glue to secure.



5. When all sections are joined together top stitch through all layers around intersections ½" from the edge, (I have used a light contrasting thread) in either a straight or decorative). **Leave outer edges open to join to straight pieces.**



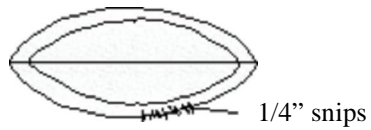
6. Using the fusible paper method cut out heart shapes to fit neatly within the frame. These can be appliquéd on each block at this stage or added later, although it is easier to manoeuvre on smaller sections.



7. Cut strips of fabric 1" larger than the finished size you require, assemble sandwich layers and join together using ½" seam allowance: stagger rows in brick formation or straight strips, or even squares and arrange around centre heart section. Add small squares to even up corners on staggered rows.



8. Add binding of your choice. I just cut strips from the longest piece I had available. I applied four red flannel circles as in the picture.
9. Finishing off: Snip sections all round and along raw edges close to stitching but being very careful not to cut through the top stitching (quilting)



9. (Place inside an old pillow case and secure). Throw in washing machine on a short cycle cool wash, short spin and lightly tumble dry if desired. Give it a good shake (outside as it gives off a lot of fluff).

