



Quilted travel game, played the same way as you play X's and O's.

Let's get started. This cool polka dot fabric is from Northcott's [Urban Elementz](#) collection, and I love it!

materials

- ¼yd #21463-64 blue dots – heart shapes
- ¼yd #21463-28 pink dots on pink – circle shapes
- ½yd #21621-99 black with white polka dots – sashing, backing and binding
- ½yd #9000-00 white – background
- 20" x 20" batting
- 5 [heart buttons](#)
- 5 round [buttons](#)
- 1 pkg [HEATNBOND Lite Iron-On Adhesive Sheets](#)

- 24" rick rack
- UNIQUE SEWING Air Erasable Fabric Marker – Fine – Purple



Northcott's fabric collection 'Urban Elementz' with sewing tools needed to make quilted game

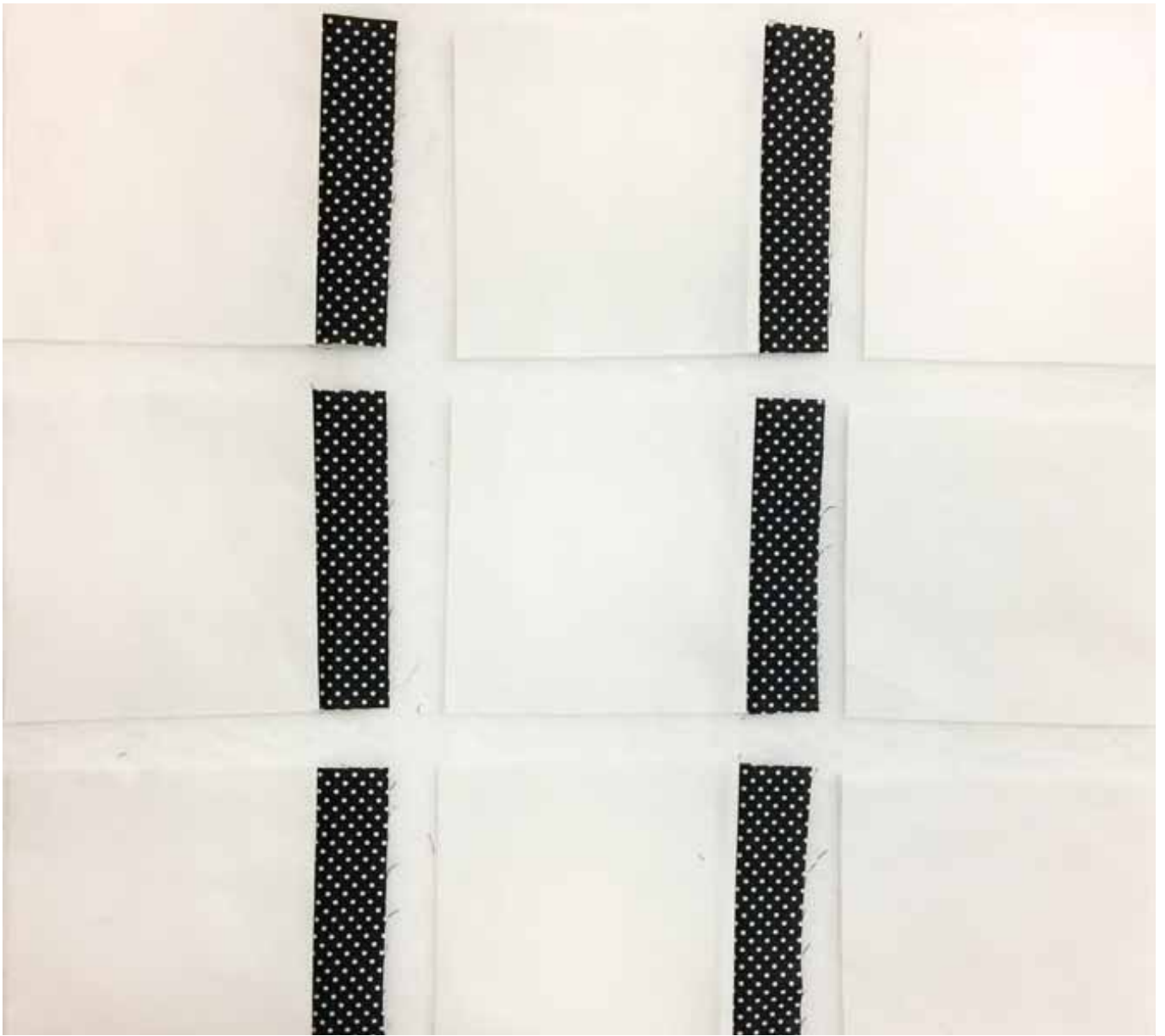
Instructions

Cut the white fabric into nine 5½" squares.

Cut the black with white polka dots fabric into six 1½" x 5½" strips, four 1½" x 17½" strips and two 1½" x 19½" strips. Save the remainder for binding.

Sew a 1½" x 5½" black strip to one side of one of the 5½" white squares of fabric. Repeat five more times so you have six blocks with a strip down one side. Turn all of these blocks so the black strips are all on the right-hand side.

Layout the blocks into three rows, so each row consists of two of the blocks made above and one of the remaining 5½" squares of white fabrics. See the photo below.



Sew the black sashing to six of the white squares and lay them out as pictured.

Sew the blocks into rows and press.

Next, sew a 17½" black sashing strip between rows 1 and 2, and between rows 2 and 3 and press.

Sew the remaining two 17½" strips to the top and bottom and press.

Sew the 19½" strips to the remaining two sides. Press.

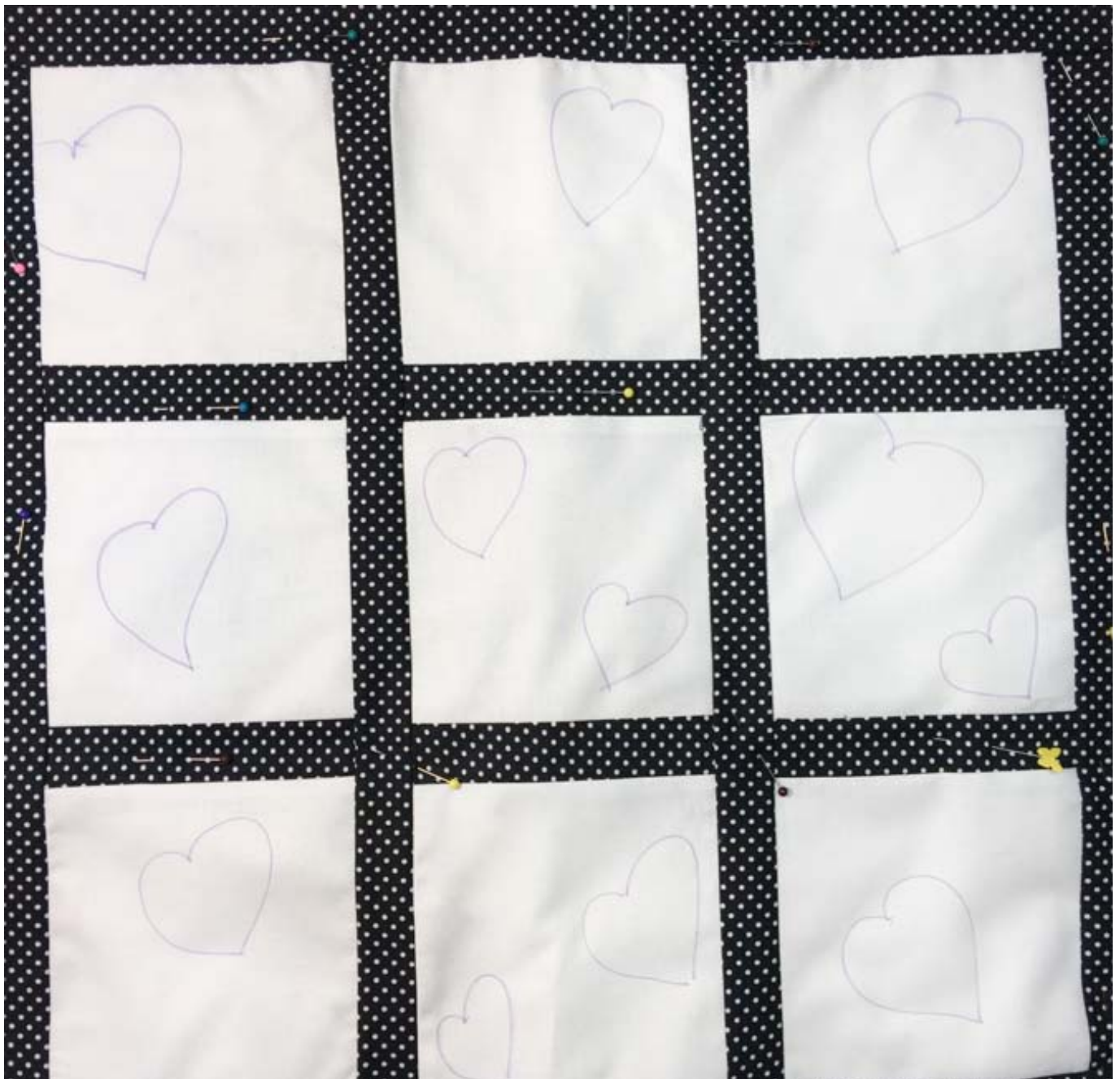


Quilt top with sashing and borders added.

Next, I'm going to show you a fabulous way to help you figure out where to quilt. I usually have some vague idea of what I'm going to quilt and just hope for the best. But not anymore, not with this fancy-schmancy UNIQUE SEWING Air Erasable Fabric Marker.

This marker allows you to draw your quilting design directly onto your quilt sandwich and then you just go ahead and quilt. In 12-24 hours the marks are gone! Simply magic!

As an added bonus, it's now super easy for me to show you my plans for quilting too! As you can see, I've drawn hearts in a lot of places that I plan to free motion quilt.



Quilt top with hearts drawn on it with an air erasable marker.

Layer the quilt top with batting and backing and then quilt either by hand or machine. Once you have finished quilting, trim the edges with a rotary cutter and ruler.

Cut the rick rack into two 12" pieces and pin one end of each to the back of the quilt along one of the raw edges. Sew the binding onto the sides of the quilt, securing the ends of the rick rack.

Now, when you roll up the quilt, you just tie the two pieces of rick rack in a bow.



The rick rack is pinned to the back of the quilt and sewn into the binding.

Come back tomorrow and we'll use the Urban Elementz fabrics to make the circle and heart game pieces and finish our quilted travel game!





Hearts and circles for the quilted travel game.

First decide which fabric you're going to use for the hearts and which fabric you're going to use for the circles. I chose the blue for the hearts and the pink for the circles.

Using your [HEATNBOND Feather Lite Iron-On Adhesive](#), follow the manufacturer's instructions to iron the product onto the back of each of the fabrics.

Using the [TRUECUT 360 Circle Cutter](#) for the circle shapes, I set the cutter at 4" and cut out 10 circles from the pink fabric.



Cut out 10 circles from Northcott's sweet pink polka dot fabric using the TRUECUT 360 Circle Cutter.

Iron two of the circles together with right sides out. Repeat with the remaining circles to get five pink circle sandwiches. Stitch around the outer edge about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in to secure from fraying. This is a great time to use those decorative stitches on your sewing machine.

Once done, you can leave as is, or cut a hole in the middle to have it look like the letter 'O'. Instead of the hole, I chose to add some buttons.



Fuse circles together and add a fun button.

To make the hearts, simply draw a heart out a similar size to your 'O' shape. It doesn't have to be perfect, but if you are uncomfortable with that, simply go online for a heart coloring page and use that as your template.

You're going to cut out 10 heart shapes from the fabric. Proceed to iron 5 sets together as you did with the 'O' shapes, and stitch around the outer edge as well. I sewed on 5 heart buttons to the middle to make them extra cute!



Five heart shapes are made from Northcott's fun blue polka dot fabric



Finished quilted travel game using Northcott's Urban Elementz fabric collection.

Your new quilted travel game is ready to play! Make sure that you pack it for your next family road trip! Tomorrow we're going to continue making more Valentine's Day themed projects using Northcott's Urban Elementz fabrics.



Quilted heart tree made with bias tape using Northcott's Urban Elementz collection.

Let's get started. I chose Northcott's [Urban Elementz](#) fabric line because really, what else symbolizes happiness like polka dots!

materials

- 12" squares of the following fabrics to make your hearts, these are all different colored polka dots:
 - 21462-28 (pink)

- 21462-58 (orange)
- 21462-84 (purple)
- 21462-64 (blue with large dots))
- 21464-64 (blue with small dots)
- 21462-74 (green)
- ½yd of 20796-99 (colored dots on black) for trunk and branches
- ½yd of 201785-99 (small colored dots on black) for small sashing and binding
- ½yd of 900-900 (light grey) for background
- ½yd backing
- ½yd batting
- [HEATNBOND Lite Iron-On Adhesive Value Pack roll](#)
- [Clover Bias Tape Maker ¼" and ½"](#)
- [DYLON spray starch](#)
- [UNIQUE SEWING Fast Fade Fabric Marker with Eraser Tip – Purple](#)



Northcott Urban Elementz fabric line and supplies needed to make the quilted tree wall hanging

instructions

This tree uses your imagination and creativity. Don't say you only like patterns, because after you read these instructions, you'll be creating your own like a pro!

We're going to use [Clover's Bias Tape Makers](#) in two different sizes (¼" and ½") to make our tree trunk and branches.

For the trunk and branches, I chose the large colored dots on black fabric. Following the manufacturer's directions make 4 bias tape lengths using the ½" size and 6 pieces of bias tape using the ¼" size. I find that if I

give the fabric a bit of a spray with [DYLON spray starch](#), just before ironing, it holds a sharper and better press when I manipulate it on the quilt.

Set these aside.



Making bias tape with all the necessary tools

Cut a 20" x 30" rectangle from the grey fabric. This is going to be your background. Iron on the [HEATNBOND Non-Woven Light Weight Fusible Interfacing](#) to the wrong side of the fabric. The interfacing helps when sewing the bias tape down.

Now comes the crazy creative and fun part! Take your larger sized bias tape and lay it down like you were outlining a tree trunk. Pin in place.



Using the bias tape, make the outline of a tree and pin in place.

Add a couple more for the bigger branches, pinning in place. Then take your smaller pieces of bias tape and lay them down to simulate branches.

As you keep going, you're going to need to cut some pieces of bias tape shorter, depending on the length of the branch. When branches meet up with other branches or the trunk, tuck the raw end underneath and pin. The far

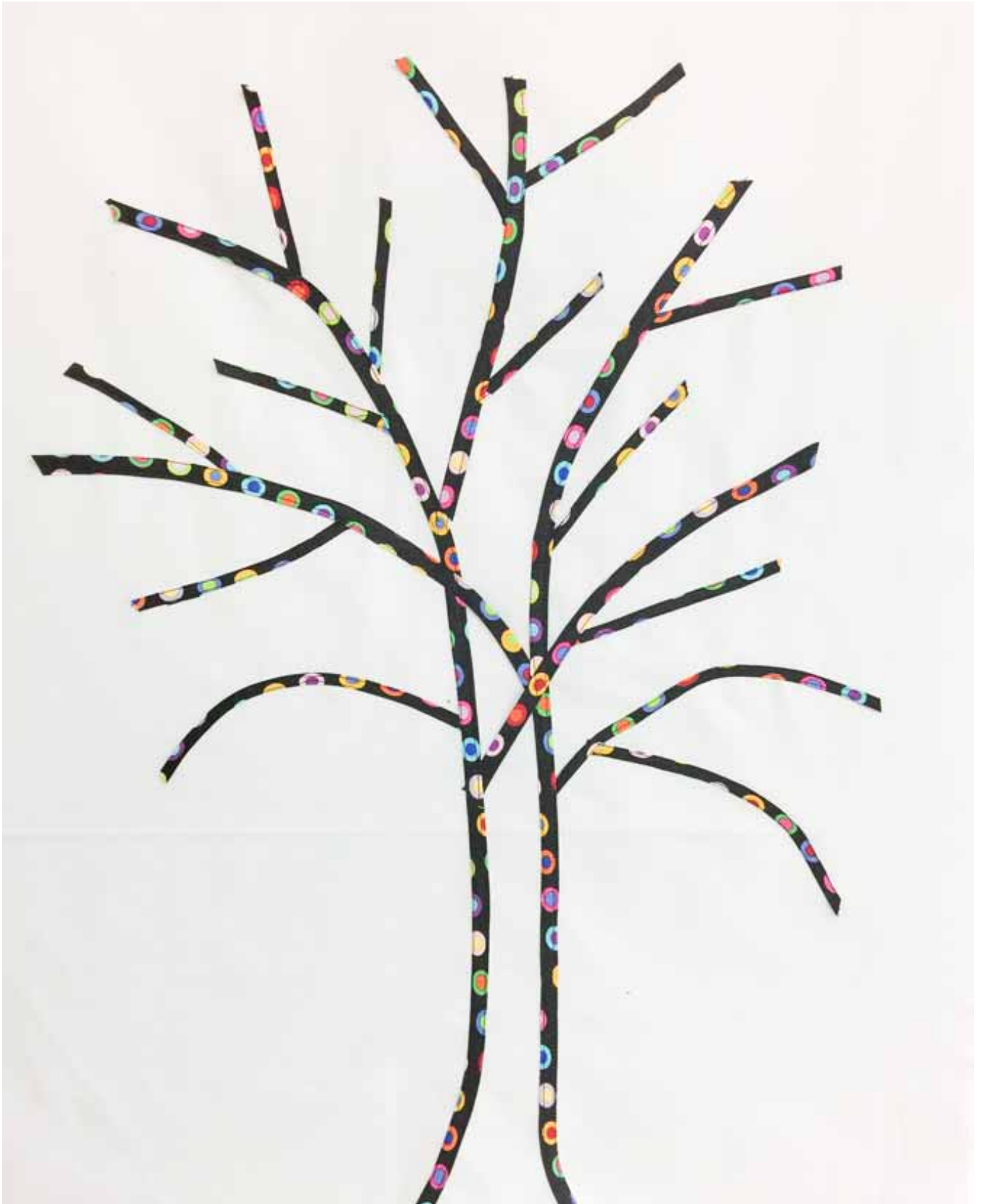
end of the branches doesn't need to be tucked under as we'll be placing hearts on all of them.



Pin down the bias tape to make branches in the tree, tucking the raw ends of the branches under the other pieces of bias tape.

You're going to topstitch along each side of the bias tape, one side at a time. Since the fabric was cut on the bias, you'll find the tape has lots of stretch for making the curves and bends of the branches. Continue to stitch down all the branches.

Once you have made sure that all of the trunk and branch bias tapes are stitched down on each edge, press.



All of the bias tape pieces making the tree shape have been topstitched along both sides.

Join me tomorrow and I'll show you how to finish our beautiful quilted heart tree! I LOVE how ideal these polka dot fabrics from Northcott's Urban Elementz are for this cheery quilted project!



Quilted heart tree made from Northcott's Urban Elementz fabric collection

Adding the hearts

Using the [Urban Elementz](#) polka dot fabrics from the supplies list I gave you yesterday, we're going to make different sized hearts to add to the tree. Some can even appear as though they have fallen off and can be laying at the base of the tree.

Let's get started. First off, let's make some heart templates. You can go online to find some coloring pages, or I just took paper, and made 3 different sizes, ranging from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 2" in height.

Following the manufacturer's instructions, press your [HEATNBOND Lite Iron-On Adhesive Value Pack roll](#) onto the wrong side of the different polka dot fabrics.

Trace the heart templates onto the different pieces of fabric and cut out.



Cut heart shapes with fused back ready to be pressed onto the tree.

Remove the paper backing and have some fun arranging the heart shapes on your tree. Once you find a pleasing arrangement, press using a hot iron.



Press fused hearts to tree and add a border.

Adding the border

From the black fabric with small colored dots, cut three 2" x WOF (width of fabric) strips. From these cut two strips 2" x 30" and sew these to the two sides of the quilt. Cut two strips 2" x 23" and sew these to the top and

bottom of the quilt. Press.

Quilting

Before layering, use the [UNIQUE SEWING Fast Fade Fabric Marker with Eraser Tip – Purple](#) to mark where you're going to quilt. As you can see I used a loop design to quilt over the entire quilt top.

Layer the quilt top, batting and backing.

Quilt and bind.



Mark a quilting design prior to layering to give you a pattern to follow.

Enjoy your quilted tree! Be creative and make another one for a different season, with Easter eggs or fall leaves or whatever your imagination tells you!

Tomorrow we're going to make one more cute project using [Northcott's Urban Elementz](#) fabrics!





Fun heart banner from Northcott's Urban Elementz fabric line

materials

- ¼yd of assorted fabric from the Urban Elementz collection, I chose all their fun polka dots
- 1 package of [rick rack](#)
- wavy blade for rotary cutter
- [heart buttons](#)
- 1 pkg [HEATNBOND Lite Iron-On Adhesive Sheets](#)



Northcott 'Urban Elementz' fabric collection and supplies needed to make heart banner

instructions

Cut each of the fabric pieces in half. Following manufacturer's instructions, iron on the [HEATNBOND Lite](#) to the wrong side of half of the fabrics.

Pick one fabric with adhesive and one without adhesive and press them together (wrong sides together). It doesn't have to be the same fabric front and back – that's up to you! We're going to use these fused fabrics to cut the heart shapes.

To cut my hearts I didn't bother with heart templates... yep, walking on the wild side! Instead, I took each piece of fused fabric, folded it in half, took my rotary cutter (with my newly inserted wavy blade) and cut out the heart shape!



Heart shapes cut freehand using the wavy blade in the rotary cutter

Line up your hearts in a pleasing row. Head to your sewing machine, and stitch each heart onto the rick rack just below the 'V' in the heart. You can leave spaces between so you can see the rick rack as well. I sewed heart buttons onto every second heart too!

A heart garland for Valentine's Day is cheery in any case, but I have to admit, that using Northcott's [Urban Elements](#) fabric to make it adds so much cheer to the occasion! Get making banners for every room, and turn your house into a home filled with love and color!

