



I am always surprised at how much little girls love to decorate their notes and letters with Xs and Os after writing their names to let you know how much they love you — often more Xs and Os than actual text. So, for February, let's make some Xs and Os.

A one-block quilt. That's all there is for this month's comfort quilt. You need to cut 4 matching 4-1/2" squares and 8 matching 2-1/2" squares for each block. While my large squares are an assortment of pinks and greens, my small squares are all the same white fabric.

Attach the small squares to opposite corners of the large squares using your favorite flip and stitch method. You can draw a pencil line and stitch on it, use a line on your sewing machine or a corner clipper. To help with nesting the seams I press two of each set outwards and two inwards. Now comes the fun part.

Arrange your set of four squares into either an X-block or an O-block. I made 13 O-blocks and 12 X-blocks. Then I added a border to all four sides. While my quilt is a little girl specific, I can also see this done in bright fabrics with dark backgrounds. Each large square can be different for a scrappier look. I would keep the corners the same. I think it helps to keep scraps in control when you add a constant somewhere in the quilt.

You can have fun with this pattern. What if you have some left over charm squares and only flip one corner? You're only limited by your imagination!