



MATERIALS

Dual Duty XP® Paper Piecing Thread

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty Plus® hand quilting Thread

½ yard of cotton background fabric

⅛ yard or scraps of 13 different fabrics for hexagon flowers

¼ yard cotton for binding

Cotton batting



QUILTING | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® Paper Piecing Thread and Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty Plus® Hand Quilting Thread

Warning! English paper piecing is addictive! With this method you do not have to be a perfectionist to achieve a perfect results. English paper piecing is suitable for a beginner or experienced hand quilter, you can create this pretty wall hanging to show off your new skill!

MEASUREMENTS

12"x 16"

PREPPING:

1. Print the hexagon templates.
2. Cut out the paper hexagons.
See hexagon templates on pages 5-7.

CUTTING:

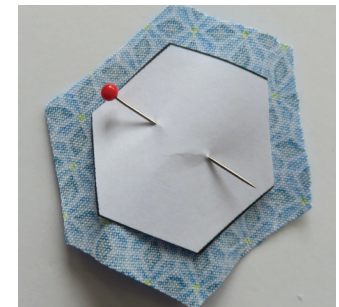
From background fabric:

- (1) rectangle 12" x 16" for front background
- (1) rectangle 14" x 18" for backing

Make the Hexagons:

1. Follow the photograph for the exact fabric placement. Each flower requires 6 hexagons, and a seventh for the center.
2. Place a paper hexagon on the wrong side of the first fabric. Trim around it leaving a

generous ¼" seam allowance. Don't skimp. If you cut it too close, you will have problems with the corners.

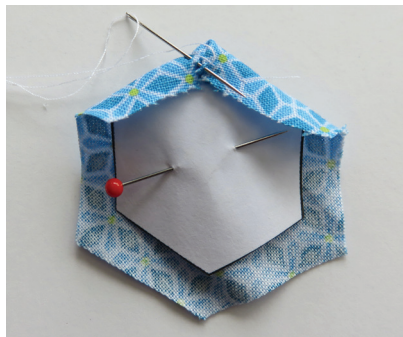


3. Thread a hand needle with Dual Duty XP® Paper Piecing thread. The thread is PERFECT for this technique because it is very fine, and the stitches will "disappear", and it is very strong! It will be used for both the basting and the final stitching.

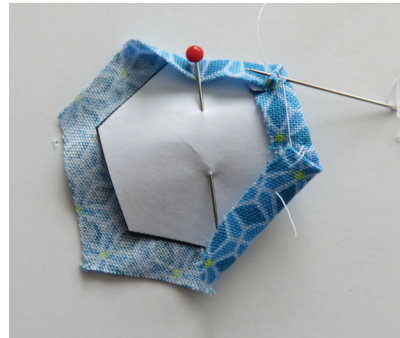
4. Fold the first edge, then the second creating a corner.



5. Tie a “sloppy” big knot and anchor the thread at the corner. Take a couple of stitches securing the corner. Do NOT stitch through the paper. You will be removing the paper, but the stitching can remain in the finished quilt.



6. “Jump” to the next corner and take a couple of stitches. The long thread will carry.



7. Continue stitching the corners in place, removing the pin after the third or fourth corner.



8. Tie off the thread and repeat for five more hexagons of the same color.

9. Stitch the seventh hexagon in the center fabric.



10. Now you are ready to join the hexagons into the flower shape.

11. Begin by putting the center hexagon right sides together with one of the outer hexagons. Stitch using a whipstitch, being careful not to stitch through the paper. Make tiny stitches.



12. When you finish the side, open out the pieces and add another outer hexagon. Stitch the first stitches through all three pieces to have a sharp corner, then continue along and finish stitching the side.



13. Open out and add the third outer hex. Continue adding all the six outer hex pieces.



14. Make six full flowers.
15. For the half flowers, you will need two full outer hexes and two half outer hexes, and one half center hex.
16. Make the full hexes as you did before.
17. For the half hexes, pin the pattern in place. Trim the straight edge marked "leave this edge raw" even with the paper, and the other edges with the generous ¼" seam allowance before.



18. Stitch the corners as before and the open edges will be secured further when you press the hexagons before removing the paper.



19. Place the center half hex right sides together with one of the outer half hexes. Because of the loose ends, pin this seam.



20. Stitch the two together along the side edge as shown.



21. Open out the two, and add a full hexagon as shown.



22. Add the other full hex, then the half hex. Stitch the seams to join the petals.



23. Create the remainder of the flowers and half flowers.

24. Lay out the chain of flowers as shown and stitch them together. Place the two edges you are going to sew right sides together and stitch then line up the next edge, the same way and continue.

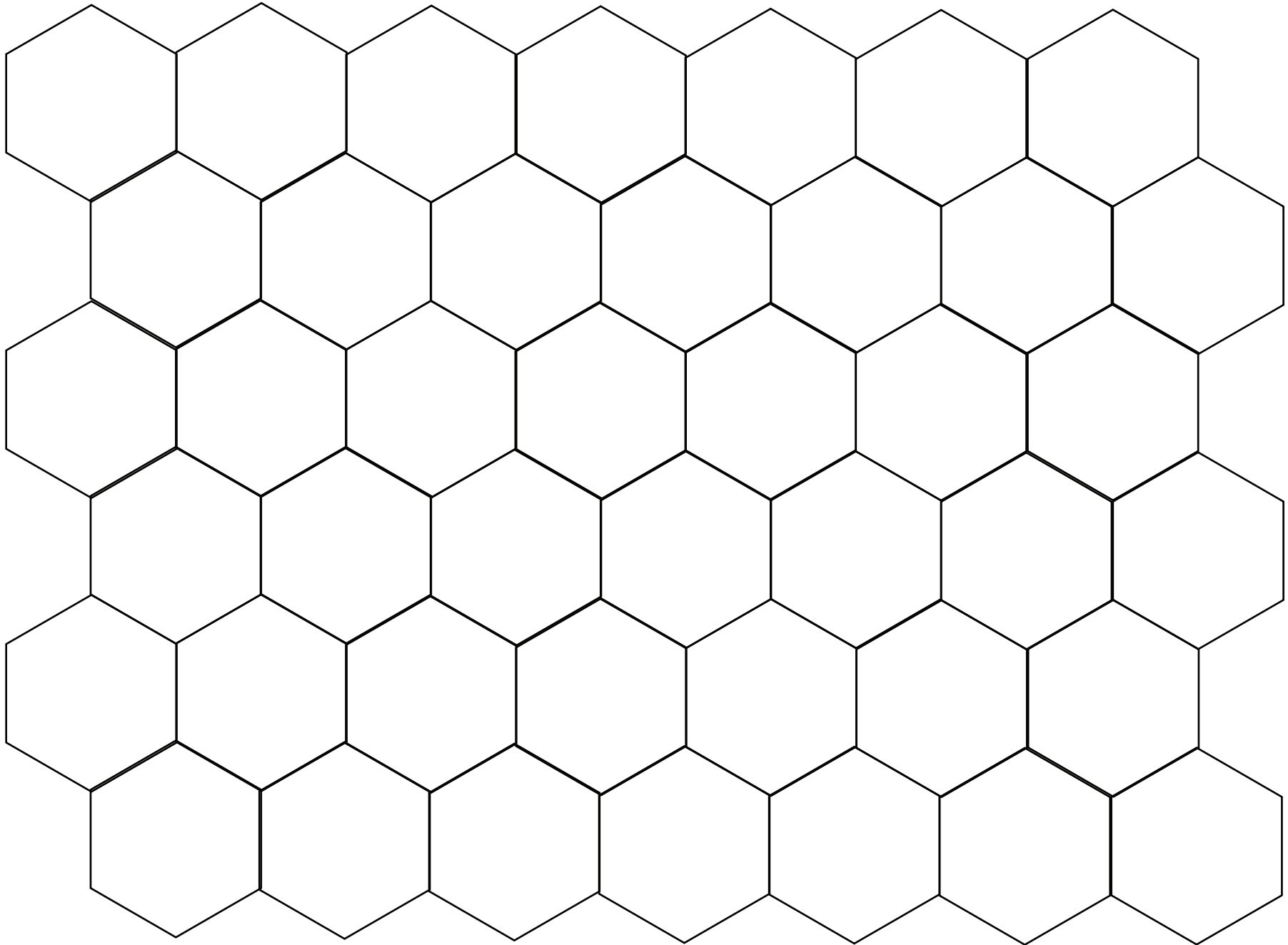


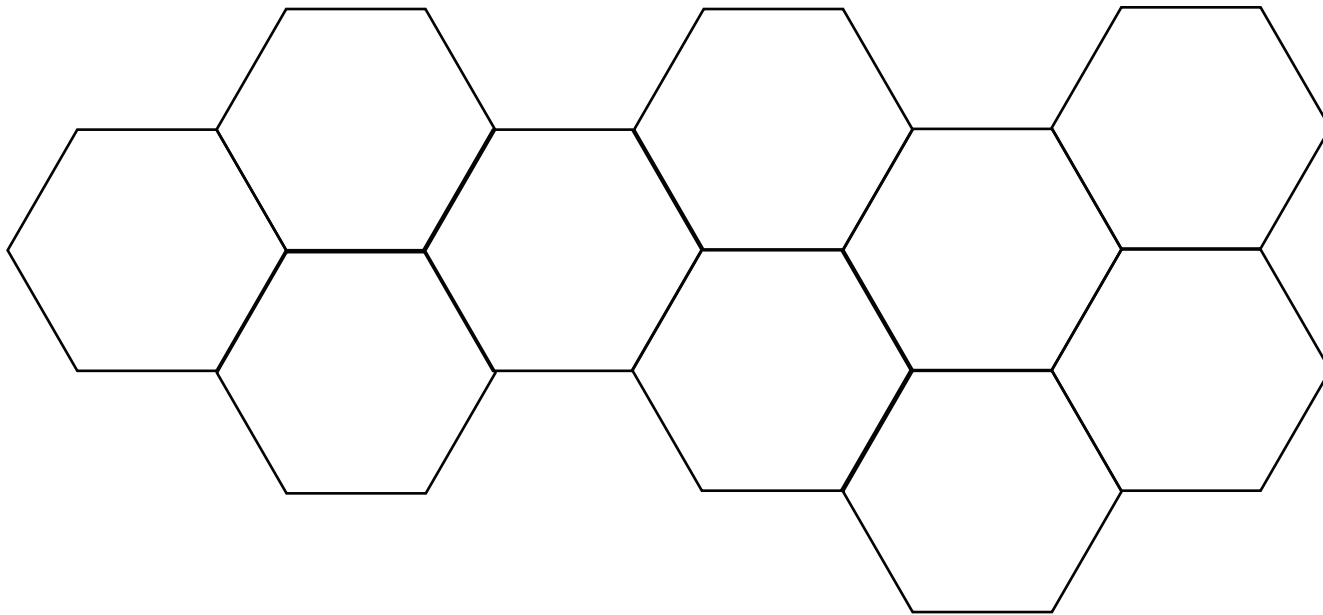
25. Press all the hexagons and remove the paper. IF you have difficulty catching the edge of the paper with your fingernail, try catching the edge with a small crochet hook.

FINISH THE WALL HANGING:

1. Layer the 12" x 16" front fabric with the 14" x 18" backing fabric with cotton batting in between. Baste around the outside of the 12" x 16" front fabric securing the layers together.
2. Layout the pieces as shown, and blind stitch in place.
3. Quilt around the hexagon flowers using Dual Duty Plus® Hand Quilting Thread.
4. Trim the excess fabric and batting.
5. Bind the wall hanging.

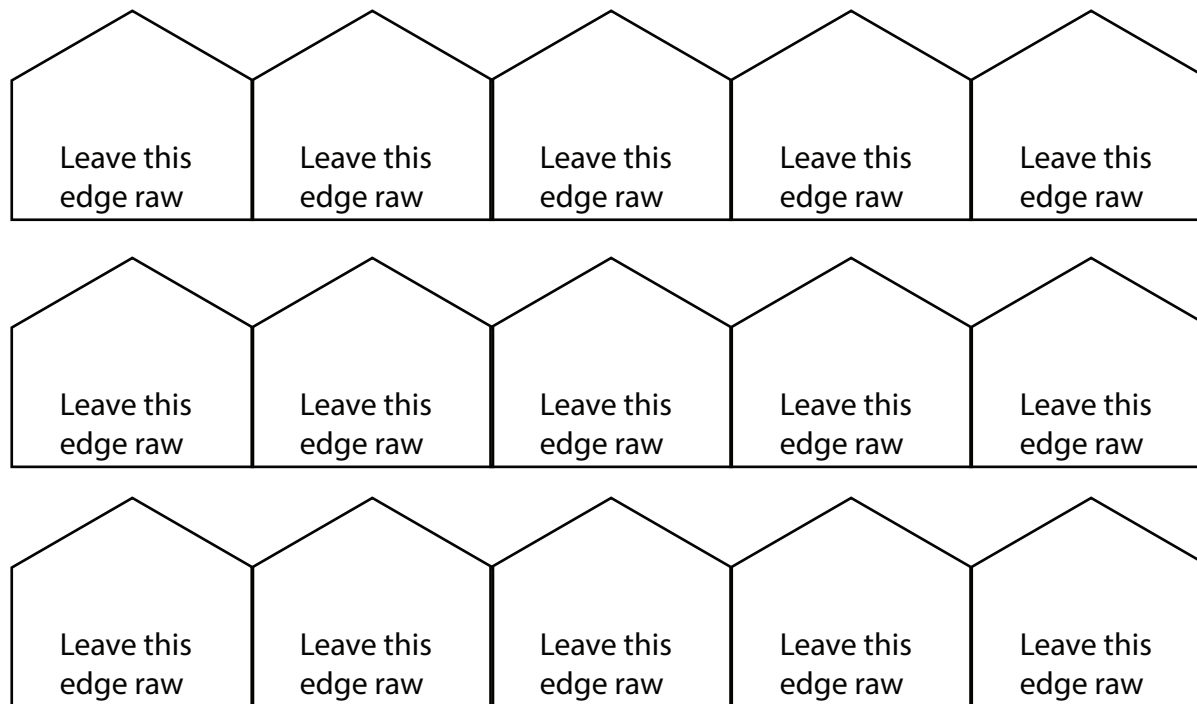






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