

Project Hexagon NZ- Quilted Hexagon Instructions

The original (and much better) tutorial is over at Katja Marek's beautiful web page: www.katjasquiltshoppe.com

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- 1) Make THREE templates using template plastic/mylar, x-ray film or ice cream lids. You can print the patterns at the end of these instructions, but double check the measurements as some printers fiddle size a bit.
- 2) Make ONE "main fabric folding guide" out of firm paper using the smallest (2 ½" sides) template.
- 3) Cut main fabric hexagon. Using smallest template (1) as a guide, cut main fabric **about ½" larger all round** (this ½" is the "seam" allowance).
- 4) Use English piecing techniques (folding and basting the fabric to the paper guide you cut in STEP 2). There's also some very cool fabric glue pens available that make this step even easier. Press with a hot iron to create firm folds.
- 5) Cut the hexagon batting following template 2 (3 ½" sides). Cut the actual template size, no additional "seam allowance" is needed.
- 6) Cut the hexagon backing fabric following template 3 (5 1/8" sides). Cut the actual template size, no additional "seam allowance" is needed.
- 7) Using a hot iron, with fabric right side down on your ironing board, centre template 2 (3 ½" sides) on the wrong side of the backing fabric. Work around the hexagon either clockwise or anti-clockwise, one edge at a time folding the fabric along the edge of the template. It seems that as long as you don't touch the plastic film with the iron and didn't muck about too long, the plastic doesn't melt. I realise this is why the experts recommend you make the template from "Mylar" -it handles the heat better than my x-ray film/regular template plastic.
- 8) Place the batting (cut in STEP 5) inside the (now) folded and pressed backing hexagon. Set aside.
- 9) Remove the paper from the folded and pressed main fabric hexagon (STEP 4).
- 10) Centre the main hexagon (right side up) on the batting which is now tucked under the edges of the backing hexagon. In an ideal world, the points of the main hexagon will line up with the folds on the backing- you may need to fiddle a bit here. These get much better with practice.
- 11) Neatly stitch the folded edge of the main hexie to the backing hexagon. A sewing machine with a fancy-dancy stitch would come in handy here!
- 12) Quilt as you like. (that same machine would be handy again here too!)

DONE! Congratulations...and a HUGE thank you -You can send your completed Hexies to:

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Remember to include with your name so we can acknowledge you in the exhibition- anonymous is also fine!