

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Size 11 milliners/straw needles. The finer the needles the neater your stitches will be.
- Tacking thread. Any thread will do for this.
- Superior Bottom Line thread for sewing the pieces together. When you sew the pieces together the thread drags across the top of the card and it shreds therefore weakening the thread. Superior Bottom line is a polyester thread and is very strong. The thread is very fine and it is not necessary to have lots of colours as it blends very well and disappears into the fabric.

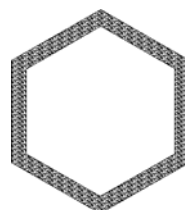
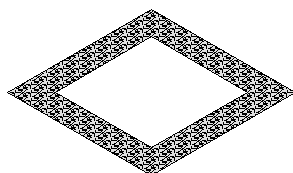
INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO ALL SHAPES WHEN PAPER PIECING

Fold your fabric into layers if necessary and place your perspex template on top of the fabric and rotary cut around the shape.

HINT: If you are fussy cutting you will need to cut one shape out at a time on the same pattern repeat of the fabric for as many shapes as you need.

Lay your fabric shape wrong side up and place the paper shape on top being careful to centre it. (See diagram)



Fold over the first side and secure it with a paper clip. Fold over an opposite side or one other side if you don't have an opposite and secure it with a paper clip.

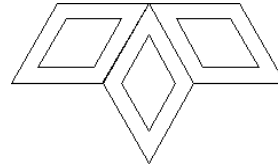
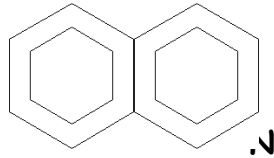
With a needle and thread tack around all the sides sewing through the paper and fasten off when you have finished remove the paper clip as you go.



NOTE: With some of the shapes the corners will fold in nice and neatly eg. the hexagon and others eg. stars or pies don't. See the diagram above. Leave the tails hanging out making sure that the fabric is tacked nice and tight around the card.

TO ASSEMBLE THE PIECES

Place right sides together and whip stitch them from corner to corner.
Open them out and with a dry iron give them a press.



NOTE:

1. When sewing stars or pies together do not sew the tails in. They will automatically lay flat behind your work.
2. When sewing stars or pies make sure that you sew two halves and then sew them together with one seam through the middle. This will eliminate having a hole in the centre of your work.

Paper pieces can be removed once the blocks are surrounded and stabilised by other blocks.

Papers can then be re-used a number of times.