

Row of the Month
Row #2 - Hexie Flower

The block for this month is an easy Hexagon Flower. English Paper Piecing Hexagons is a favourite of mine. I just had to include EPP into this little quilt of ours. The goal for this month, is for you to pick up your needle and thread and to enjoy giving it a go! I hope you enjoy the process of hand stitching.

You will be making 7 hexagon flowers using 3/4" hexagon paper templates. Then you will applique each flower to the background fabric, and the block will finish at 6" x 6" (which means 6.5" x 6.5" unfinished).

I have included a sheet of templates that I found on-line from www.RomainianQuiltStudio.com (Geta Grama). When printing this sheet of templates, please print "Actual Size" or 100%. AND. Once you have printed the sheet of templates, please measure the printed hexagon and ensure it is the correct size. There is also a 1" square on the sheet to verify that the printout is correctly sized.

If you have another method of creating your 3/4" hexagon paper templates, please feel free to use that method.

Refer to the How to English Paper Piece Document that will be sent out as a separate document.

You will make seven Hexagon Flower Blocks for this row. So, collect your fabrics and lets have some fun!

Happy Stitching Everyone!

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Fabric Requirements (for ONE Hexie Flower Block):

- 7 @ 3/4" Hexie papers
- 7 @ 2" x 2" assorted print fabrics for Hexies
- 1 @ 7" x 7" background fabric (**B**)
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Refer to How to English Paper Piece Handout.
All seam allowances are 1/4".

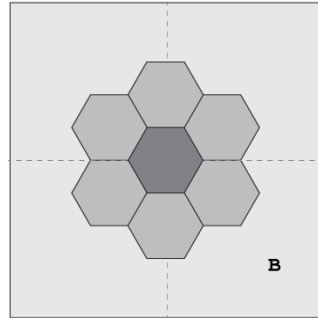
Create A Hexie Flower

1. Baste stitch all 7 hexagon pieces.
2. Stitch 6 hexagons around the centre hexagon.
3. Remove the paper from centre hexagon only.
4. Steam press the Hexie Flower. You can also lightly starch the flower. Use Mary Ellen's Best Press or your favourite starch. (Starch is not required, but you may find it helps)
5. Gently remove papers from the 6 outside hexagons. Keep basting stitches in place. Do not remove basting stitches.
6. Steam press the flower one more time. This will give nice crisp edges that are ready for applique.



Applique the Hexie Flower to the Background fabric

1. Find the centre of the background **B** fabric by folding it in half both vertically and horizontally; finger press.
2. Centre the Hexie Flower on the background fabric, using the pressed lines as a guide.
3. Pin the Hexie Flower in place and/or baste in place.
4. Using a thread that matches the flower (I used a white thread), applique the Hexie Flower to the background fabric.
5. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, centre the block, and trim the block to 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



Repeat, and make a total of 7 blocks.

Assemble Hexie Flower Blocks

Lining up seams, sew blocks together to make your row. Press seams to one side, or press open, it's up to you!

Your row should measure 6.5" x 42.5"

