

# SPRING FLOWERS

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PROJECT

The first blossoms of spring are a welcome sign of warm days to come. Pull together a collection of sunny prints and plant your own garden, making a statement with big, bold hexagons.

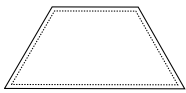
## Fabric Requirements

This hexagon quilt comes together nicely in either prints or solids. Try varying the scale of the prints to create interest. Go scrappy, choose a monochromatic colour scheme (perhaps blue, green and cream?) or think seasonal – Easter, Halloween or Christmas anyone? So many possibilities! The bonus? No Y seams! The Half Hexie Template on page 47 helps make cutting quick and easy.

- 1 m of blue
- 1 m of green
- 1 m of orange
- 1¼ m of purple
- 1¼ m of pink
- 1½ m of red
- 2 m of yellow (includes border and binding requirements)
- 3 m of backing
- 3 m of batting

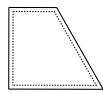
## Cutting

Print or copy the Half Hexie Template. It is a good idea to trace it onto cardstock or heavy plastic to help make your cutting easier. Cut:



### HALF HEXIES

- 8 green
- 14 orange
- 20 yellow
- 17 pink
- 15 blue
- 20 red
- 18 purple



### EDGE PIECES

- 3 orange
- 3 blue
- 5 yellow
- 6 pink
- 7 purple
- 8 green



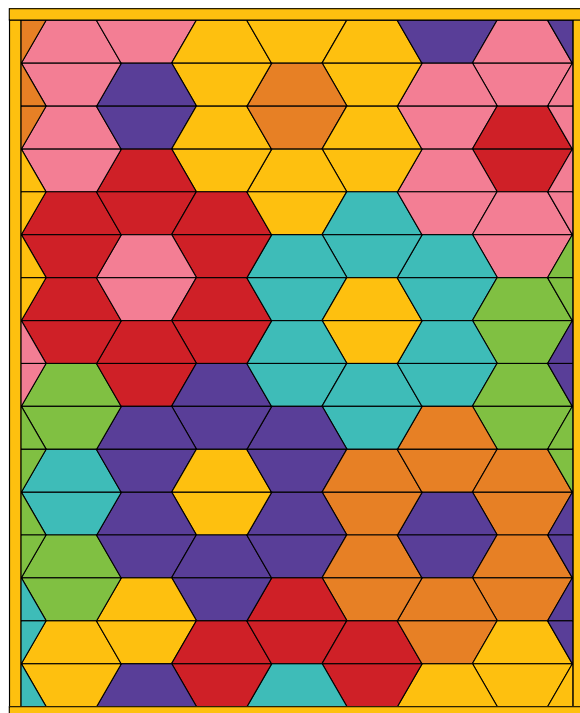
Here's an easy way to cut your Half Hexies. Cut 5" strips of fabric (the height of the Half Hexie Template), place your template on top of the strip and cut along the diagonal line. Flip the template, align it with the diagonal cut of your fabric strip, and cut the second Half Hexie. Continue cutting in this manner to the end of the strip.

The Edge Pieces are simply the Half Hexie cut in half; be sure to add a ¼" to the straight edge before you cut your fabric (see Half Hexie Template), so some of the ends from your strips may work for the Edge Pieces that you need.

## Construction

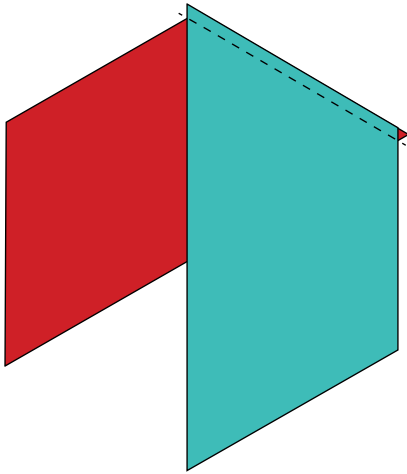
Once all of your pieces are cut, lay them out as pictured or in a manner that is pleasing to you. There are no blocks to make, just cut, lay out your quilt, and sew your pieces together.

**TIP:** Take a picture of your layout once you are happy with it. Then, gather the half hexies by row. Starting at the left edge of Row 1, stack each hexie on top of each other so the first hexie of the row is on the top. Clip the Row 1 hexies together and label them 'Row 1'. Do this for all 16 rows, following the layout in your picture. >



Before sewing a row together, look at your picture to see which way the first Edge Piece sits.

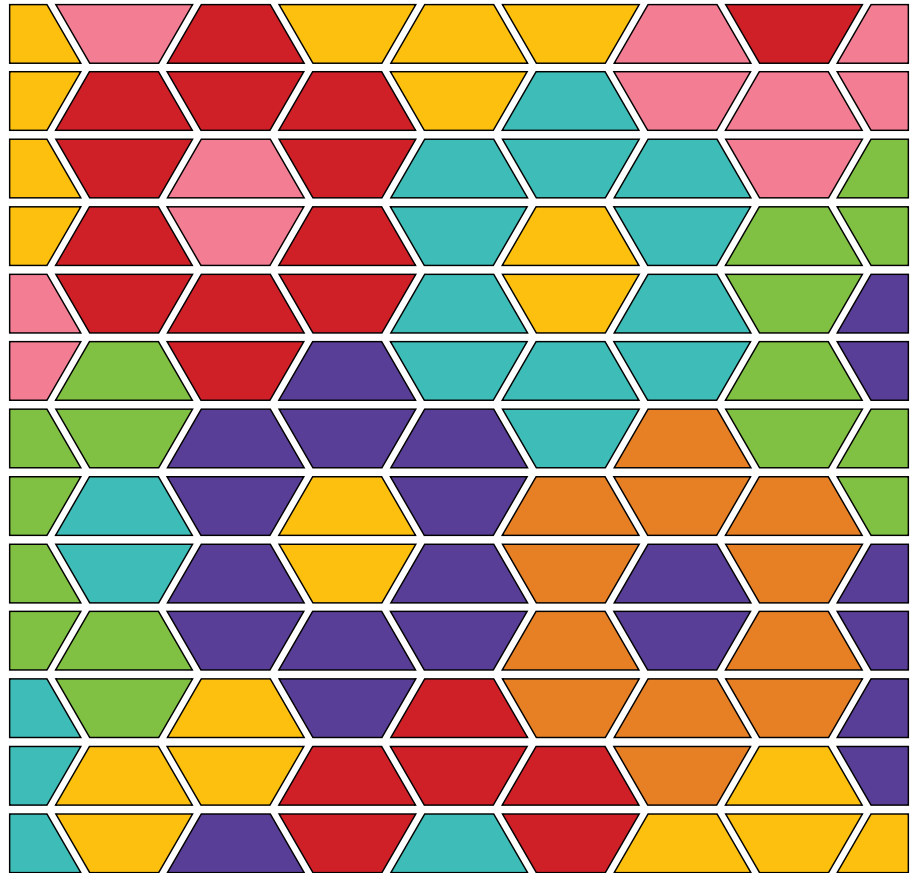
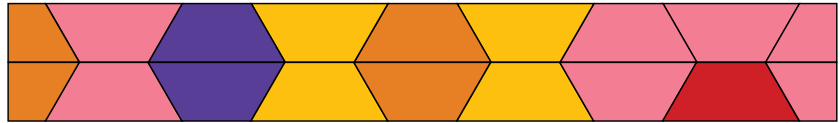
To begin sewing, place two Half Hexies right sides together along the short, angled edge. The tails will hang over at opposite ends, as shown below. Sew the seam; clip the tails.



Continue to sew your Half Hexies into rows. Press the seams to one side. Press the seams on the odd numbered rows to the right and the seams on the even numbered rows to the left.



All of the flowers nest into each other; each flower is six rows high.



Sew your rows together. It's a good idea to place a pin or clip at each seam and ease the fabric to fit so that the blocks align. Trim.

Cut 1½" yellow strips for the border and sew them together; you will need two (2) strips 1½" x 72" and two (2) strips 1½" x 52".

Add the side borders first. Find the centre point of one side of your quilt top and the centre point of the border strip.

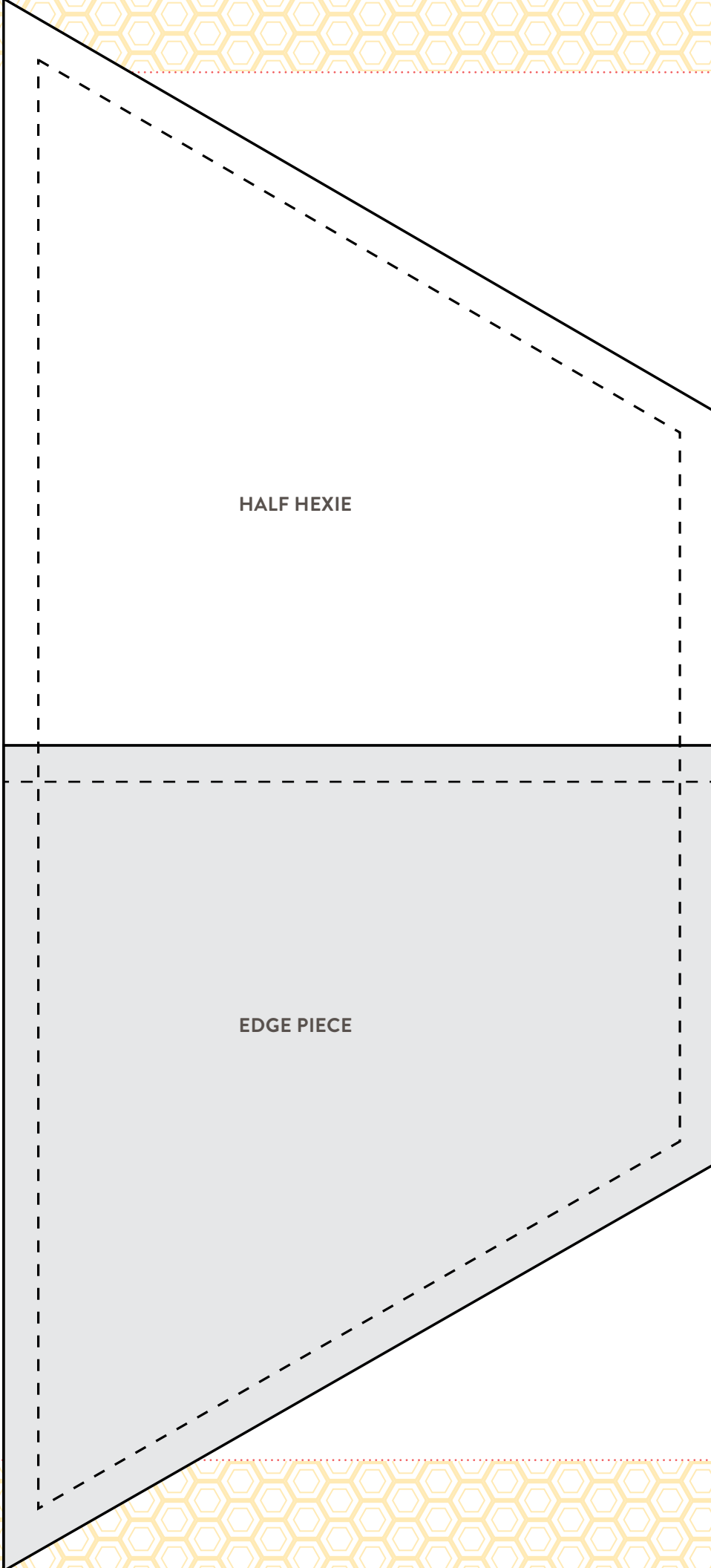
Pin the border to the quilt top, matching centres; ease the border to each end.

Attach the border to the quilt top.

Repeat on the other side. Press seams towards the border. Repeat for the top and bottom edges so that the ends match up.

Quilt as desired. Bind. ✨





HALF HEXIE

EDGE PIECE

## FUN IDEA

Here's another great way to enjoy your finished quilt. My mom loves puzzles, so I took a picture of this quilt and sent it to Venus Puzzles in Quebec (ca.venuspuzzle.com). They converted it into a custom puzzle! It's a great gift and a nice way to share your creative talents with family and friends.



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