

Quick + Easy Hexagons

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Materials

- Fabric
- Circle template or die cutter (Trace around a jar lid or use a compass to draw your own template.)
- Hand sewing supplies

Our Quick and Easy Hexie technique is different than most. Instead of using hexagon-shaped papers or plastic templates, we start by cutting fabric into a circle. With a few folds and stitches, a circle quickly becomes a hexagon. At the end of the project, there are no pieces of paper or plastic to remove from the hexagons. What a time-saver!

INSTRUCTIONS


1. Trace a circle on the wrong side of the fabric or use a die cutter. The circle can be any size, as long as the size is consistent for hexagons that will be sewn together. Cut out the circle along the drawn line.

Tip: To cut lots of circles quickly, use a die-cutting machine such as the AccuQuilt® GO!™ die cutter. AccuQuilt has a variety of circular dies. Some of the available dies are clear, allowing for easy fussy cutting. However you choose to cut your circles, you'll have fun making hexagons the Quick and Easy Hexie way!

2. Thread a needle, doubling the thread. Knot the ends together.

Tip: Use thread that closely matches the fabric as a tiny stitch will show on the front of the hexagon when it is completed.

3. With right sides together, fold the circle of fabric in half and then fold it in half again.
4. Insert the threaded needle into the corner of the fold (the center of the circle). Only take a little nip of fabric – a few threads is enough. Pull the needle through the fabric until the knot catches. Open the circle.
5. With the wrong side of the fabric facing up, insert the needle approximately 1/8" away from edge of fabric.
6. Pull the thread taut, allowing the edge of the circle to fold to the center of the circle (where the knotted end of the thread is). Finger press the fold.

7. Insert the needle into one side of the folded edge, $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the raw edge.
8. Pull the thread taut so the edge of the circle folds to the center of the circle. Finger press.
9. Moving clockwise around the circle, again insert the needle into the folded edge, $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the raw edge.
10. Pull the thread taut and finger press after each stitch. Continue all around the circle until you have a hexagon.
11. Take one more small stitch at the center back and knot the thread. Voila, 1 hexagon. Now make some more and you'll have a quilt in no time! 

Note: *Left-handed quilters may find it easier to move counterclockwise around the circle. The end result will be the same.*

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