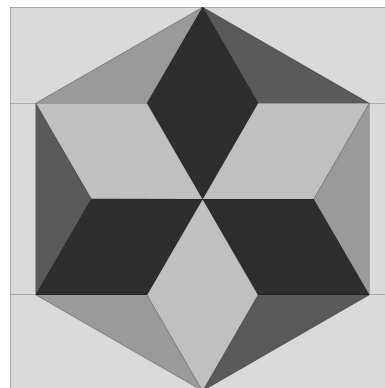


**Month 8:** Hexagonal (provided July 2017; share August 2017)

This hexagonal block is made using English paper piecing consisting of 6 diamonds and 6 triangles. The result is applied onto a background square. As shown, this block uses 5 fabrics: Fabric 2, Fabric 3, Fabric 4, Fabric 5 and Fabric 6.



Fabric needed: Cut the listed pieces for each fabric.

	3" blocks on-point	9" block	9" blocks on-point
<b>Fabric 2</b>	2 - 4" x 4" square	1 - 10" x 10" square	2 - 10" x 10" square
<b>Fabric 3</b>	6 of small diamond template plus seam allowance	3 of diamond template plus seam allowance	6 of diamond template plus seam allowance
<b>Fabric 4</b>	6 of small triangle template plus seam allowance	3 of triangle template plus seam allowance	6 of triangle template plus seam allowance
<b>Fabric 5</b>	6 of small triangle template plus seam allowance	3 of triangle template plus seam allowance	6 of triangle template plus seam allowance
<b>Fabric 6</b>	6 of small diamond template plus seam allowance	3 of diamond template plus seam allowance	6 of diamond template plus seam allowance

Piecing Instructions for 9" blocks (3")

1. Baste the fabric to the appropriate shape template. Fabrics 3 and 6 are used for the diamonds. Fabrics 4 and 5 are used for the triangles.
  - a) Cut the fabric using the templates as a guide adding a seam allowance on all sides.
  - b) Fold the fabric over the template, with the right side showing. Use thread to hold the fold in place.
  - c) Press to crease the edge. Lightly use spray starch or equivalent to make for clean edges. Do not apply too much as the more you apply, the harder it will be to connect pieces together.
2. Whipstitch the diamonds together.
  - a) Start by whipstitching one edge of a Fabric 3 diamond to a Fabric 6 diamond.
  - b) Repeat for 3 sets of two diamonds keeping the orientation of the diamonds the same in each pair.
  - c) Whipstitch the pairs together to complete the diamond portion.

3. Whipstitch the Fabric 4 and 5 triangles between the diamonds, alternating the fabrics around the piece.
4. Remove the diamond templates after the triangles on each side of that diamond have been attached.
5. Press and starch the hexagonal piece.
6. Stitch the hexagon onto the center of the Fabric 2 square. This may be done by hand or machine.
7. Carefully trimmed the block to 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2"), centering the hexagon in the block.

### Hexagonal Templates

