



Quilter's Patch

2025 Saturday Sampler

Quilter's Corner at Ben Franklin Monroe

May 3, 2025

English Paper Piecing!

We are English Paper Piecing for this block. I recommend a washable glue pen and $\frac{3}{4}$ " hexi paper pieces. You can cut your own out of template plastic and cardstock but it's so much easier to purchase. We have made packs of 21 pieces for these blocks in the store. We also have the sewline glue pens and 505 glue sticks to baste your fabric.

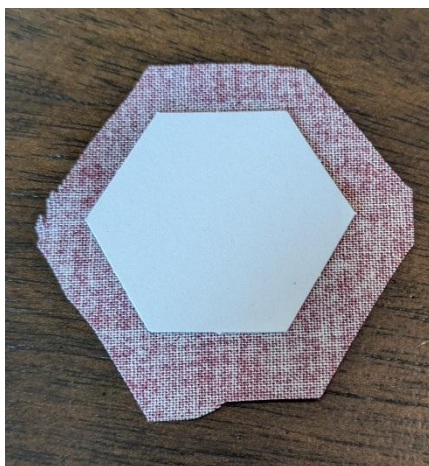
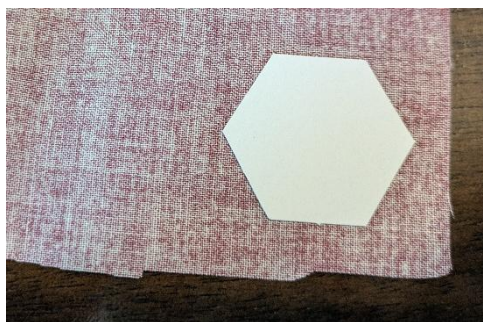
Step 1 Pick your fabrics. I used 3 purples for my flowers and a yellow center.

Step 2 Make your flower background, stems and leaves. I am not showing these steps, they are the same sew and flip leaves we have done in the other blocks.

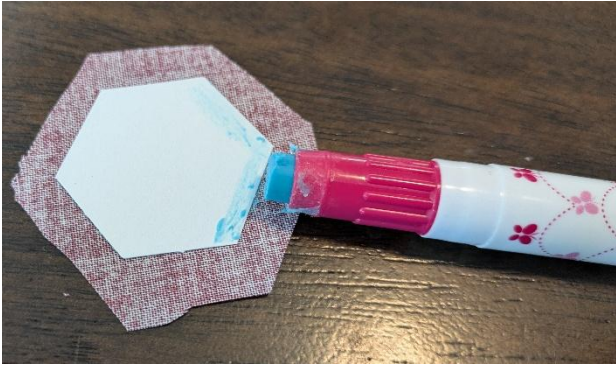
Step 3 Make your flowers. If you have English Paper Pieced before you can use your favorite method and go for it. If you have not done EPP follow along

I don't use a template to cut my fabric out. When I started out doing EPP I was very precise and

Made sure to have a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance around my EPP piece. Now I rough cut and eyeball my seam allowance. If you would like to be precise, use the larger template to cut your fabric.



I glue baste my fabric to my paper pieces. I run a line of glue on the edge of the paper piece. Fold the fabric onto the glued paper in a clockwise direction.



You don't need to use a ton of glue, just enough to keep it tight in place. I like to finger press it on and make sure the fabric is wrapped tightly to each side. That is going to ensure that your fabric stays the size and shape that you want when you take the papers out.



Repeat for all of the pieces of your flower.

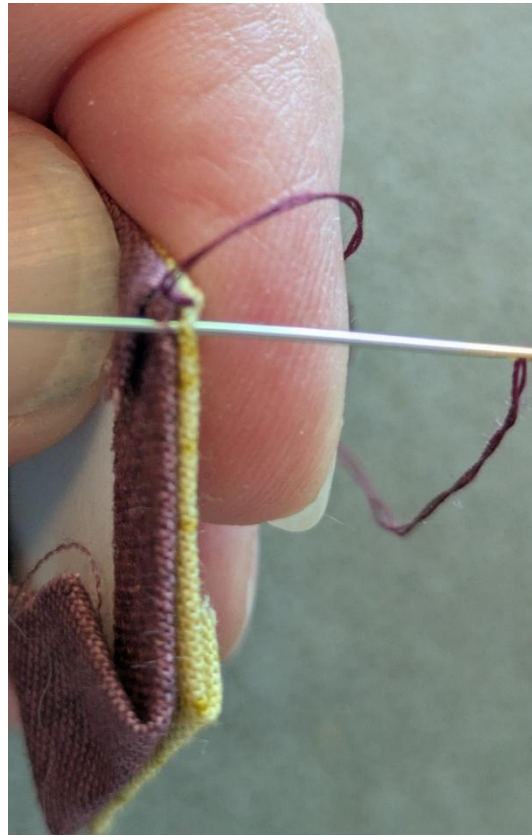
Now it's time to sew. You want to use a color of thread that will blend with your fabrics. I used a dark purple for each flower and the finishing topstitching. My favorite needle to use is the Clover gold eye applique needles, but any sharp needle will work. I use two strands of thread knotted at the end when I EPP. You can use one strand if you prefer.

Start your sewing by poking your threaded needle through a corner of your paper piece with the back of the piece facing you. This will hide your knot in the seam allowance.





Pair your petal piece with the center piece right sides together.



When you sew your EPP pieces together you only want to stitch a couple of threads of fabric. You don't want to stitch into the paper, just sew on the very edge of the paper catching the fabric only.



I keep my stitches pretty close together and just on the edge. I don't knot at the end of each edge, I just add my next piece in the circle and keep stitching.



Once your flower is together, you can take your paper out of the back. I lift a couple of sides of the seam allowance and pull the papers out. Press well to get your seams back where they should be.



Adaptation them on the background and pin in place. Use your favorite method of applique to sew them to your background. I topstitched with my machine.



I hope you love EPP as much as I do!



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