

Hello S&S friends...

Last Wednesday we started our EPP project and I appreciated the enthusiasm shown by everyone. If you were not there, I have tried to write some instructions for it and pass on a couple of attachments. This may seem clear as mud so don't worry we can catch you up...it's not a race, just an opportunity to create. Please know that you can pass on this project.

We are using fabric from our stash...no need to purchase anything.

1. Photocopy the template sheet (Honeycomb.or elongated hexi) onto card stock if you have it or any firmer paper. Regular printer paper is not firm enough. Alternatively...you can trace the hexagon shape onto a stiff paper to create a more permanent template then trace this shape onto a card stock paper but not stiff. (I use insert cards from magazinesobviously old). Be sure your templates are accurate as they have to fit together.
2. Create your colour plan with the blank block (below the coloured photo). Mark your centre 4 squares as a print (floral, animals, geometric etc). The next row will be a coordinating fabric that brings out a colour from your print. There are 12 of these. The final 8 on the outside should be green to represent leaves.
3. I cut my fabric approximately 2 1/4"x3" to create one hexi. This gives you ample fabric to fold over your template. I punch a hole in the centre of my hexi paper template, I pin the hexi template to the fabric using the hole. The hole also helps when we are ready to remove the papers. Trim off excess fabric at the corners but keep more than 1/4" of fabric all around your shape. As you work, you will realize how much fabric you need to create a good shape.
4. Turn over the edges of your fabric & baste with thread being sure that the corners are well secured. You can also glue baste the fabric to the paper template but be sure the glue isn't too tight as we need to get the paper out later!
5. Once you have your 4 centre hexis completed, you can then join them together using a small whip stitch along the edge of the hexi, not catching the paper.
6. Continue making your hexis according to the plan and sewing them together to form your block.

check out the attachment as well as YouTube for instructions on EPP stitching. In the search area, type in English Paper Piecing, there are several videos to watch including Just Get It Done and The Last Homely House.

If this makes no sense whatsoever, just ignore it and we will see you at the next S&S.

Happy Stitching.