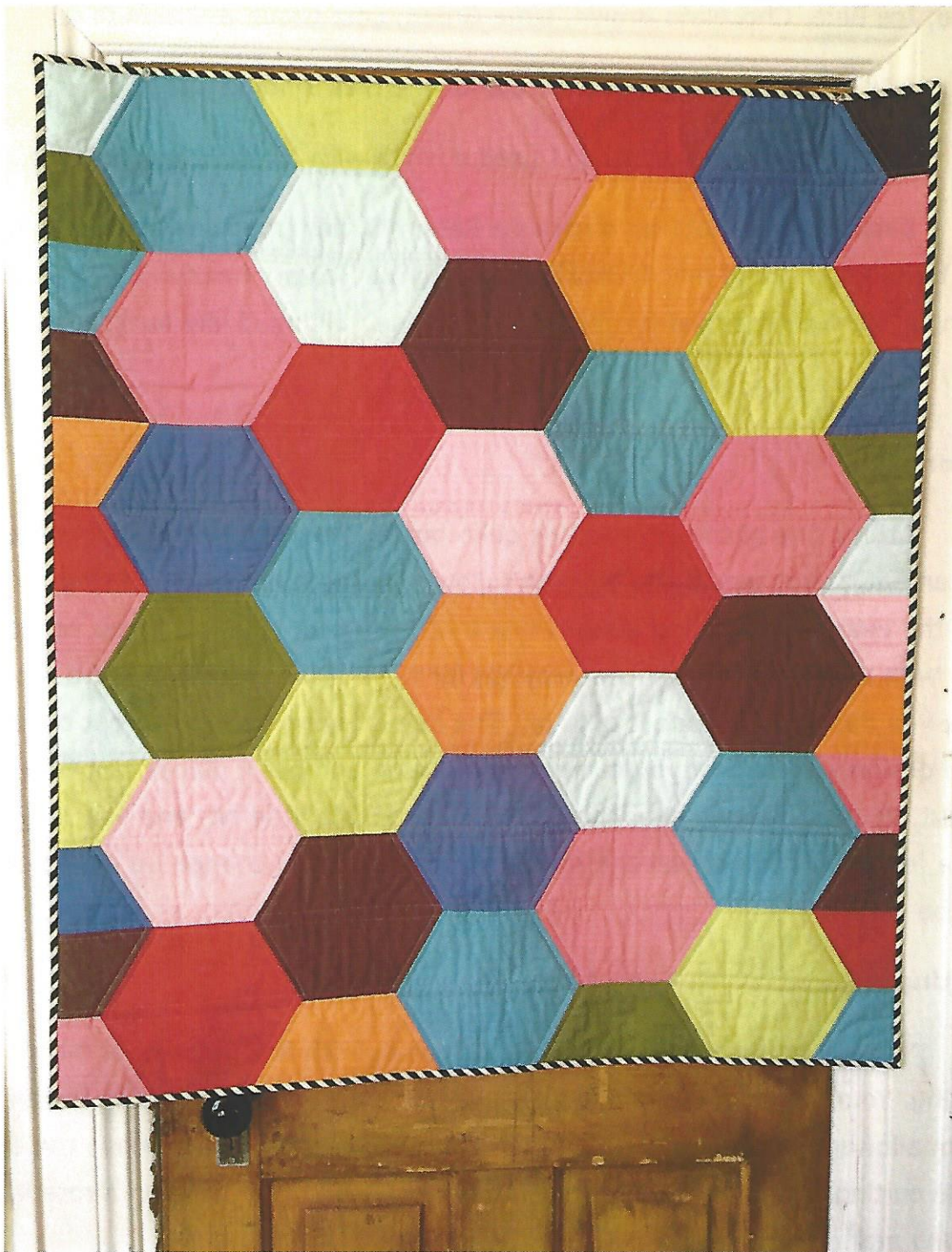


Gumball Quilt

Finished Size 38" X 45"



You will need:

1/3 of a yard of 10 solid colors, I used Red, Orange, Hot Pink, Soft Pink, Aqua, Ice Blue, Chocolate Brown, Lime Green, Leaf Green & Ocean Blue

1 ¼ Yard of Black & White Stripe for the Bias Binding

1 ½ Yards for the Backing, I used a white with Jumbo Black Polka Dots

Basic Quilting Notions, such as a Rotary Cutter (medium size works best with our template) cutting mat (a rotating cutting mat is very helpful!), pins, a pin cushion, light pink thread for piecing & machine quilting (I like Aurifil) Ect.

Color:

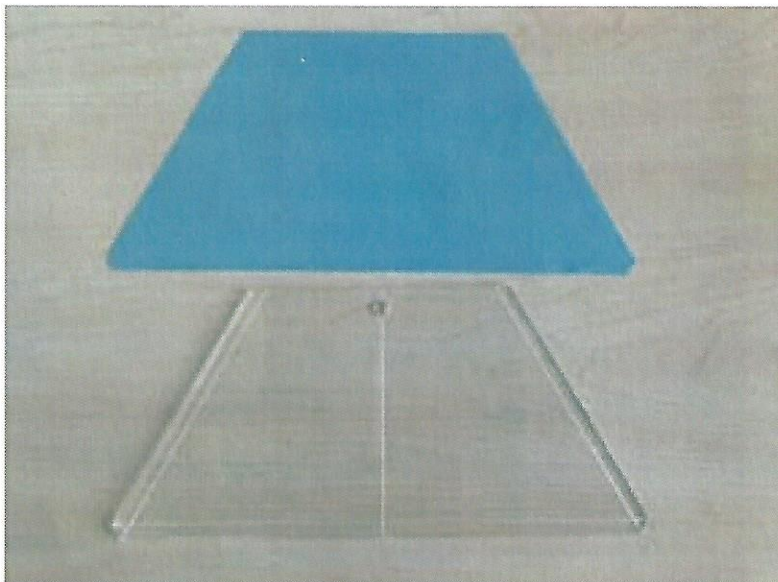
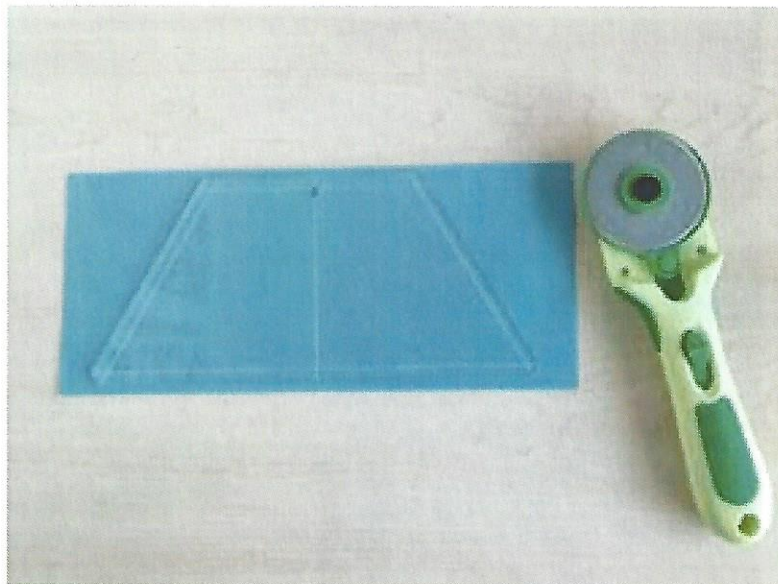
I think one of the keys to this quilt looking wonderful is the colors & color placement. If you would like you can follow my placement exactly using the photo, and the exact color cutting instructions that I will give you. But if you would like to play with the colors in your own way, go for it! You have plenty of extra fabric in case you decide to change it up a bit. The key is laying everything out on the floor on a design wall so that you can move it around and get it placed just how you like it best. You will have to alter the cutting directions a little bit, and you may have to cut a few extras to get just the right combination if you change up the colors, but it will be very fun!

Cutting:

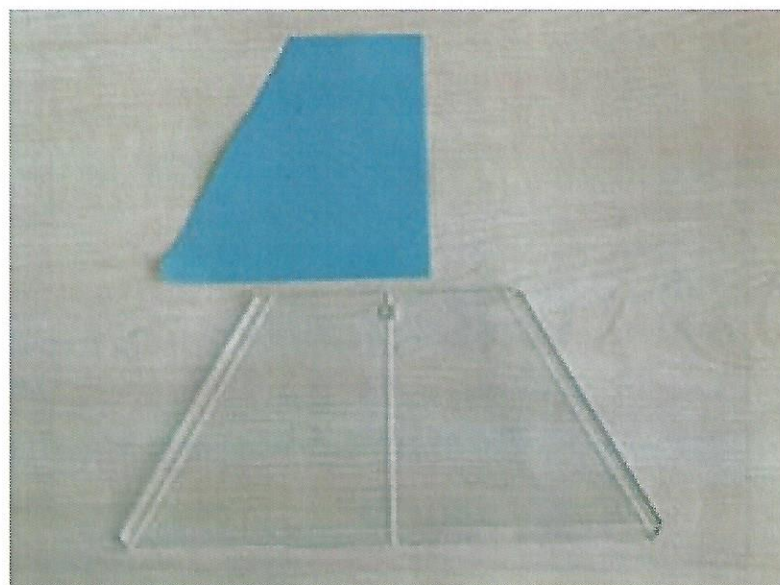
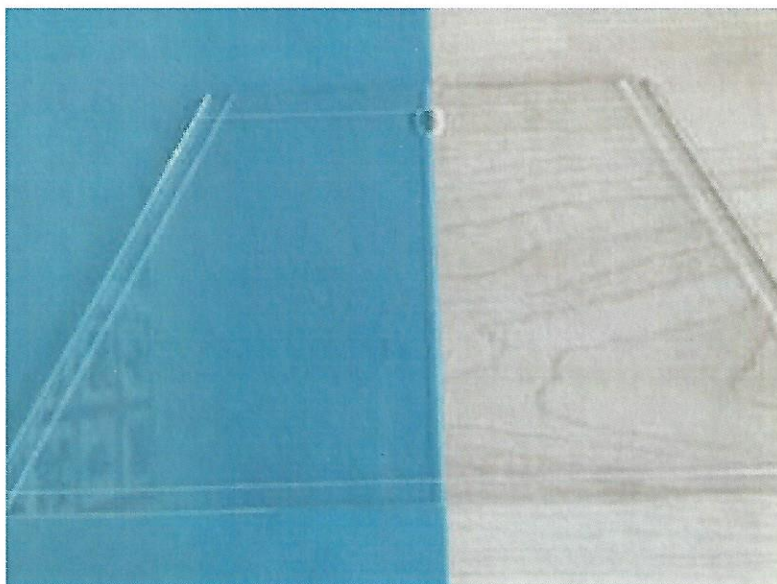
You will be using the template that comes with this pattern for all of the cutting. Your rotary cutter, should cut exactly around the edge of the template, the seam allowances are already built in at a 1/4". Be careful not to move the template, while cutting, It is very helpful (but not necessary) to cut these on a rotating cutting mat.

Your template is a whole Hexie-Half, but has a line down the center to make it so you can cut a half Hexie-Half, we will be referring to them as either a whole hexie or a half hexie for now on in the pattern. Follow the pictures below to see how to cut each.

When cutting your Whole Hexie, place the template on your fabric (or fabrics, you can cut out a few at the same time very easily), using your Rotary Cutter, cut exactly against the template. The seam allowances are already built in, making these so quick and simple to cut out.



When cutting your Half Hexie pieces, you need to make sure you have a straight cut on the fabric for the right side of the Half Hexie. Then you will line up the line in the middle of your template with this straight edge and cut other 3 sides out directly against the template. Because your solids are reversible (you can use either the front or back of the fabric) you can cut them all out the same use them in the quilt. If you decide to use a print with this template, you will have to pay attention to cutting Half Hexies that face different directions, as some of these pieces are upside down and some right side up. You can do this by cutting with both sides of the template.



If you want your colors to look exactly like our quilt than cut the following:

Red: 7 Whole Hexies & 3 Half Hexies

Orange: 5 Whole Hexies & 2 Half Hexies

Hot Pink: 8 Whole Hexies & 4 Half Hexies

Soft Pink: 4 Whole Hexies & 1 Half Hexie

Aqua: 10 Whole Hexies & 2 Half Hexies

Ice Blue: 4 Whole Hexies & 3 Half Hexies

Chocolate Brown: 6 Whole Hexies & 4 Half Hexies

Lime Green: 7 Whole Hexies & 1 Half Hexie

Leaf Green: 3 Whole Hexies & 2 Half Hexies

Ocean Blue: 6 Whole Hexies & 2 Half Hexies

If you want to play around with your colors and do your own thing, that's fantastic! The following are complete numbers you will need of each size. You may need to cut a few extra to allow some wiggling room with playing around with what works, color wise. There should be ample fabric to do so with the yardage we suggested.

You will need 56 Whole Hexies that all have a matching pair, or in other words 28 pairs of Whole Hexies. In assorted colors of your choice.

4 Whole Hexies, each a different color, they do not need a match and are for the top and bottom extras. See the picture of the whole quilt to understand what I mean. In the colors you choose.

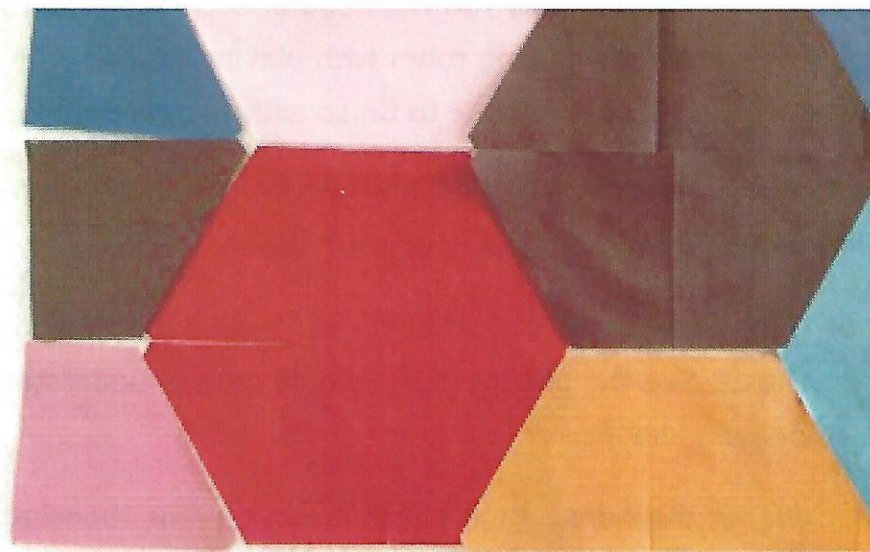
24 total Half Hexies for the sides. In assorted colors of your choosing.

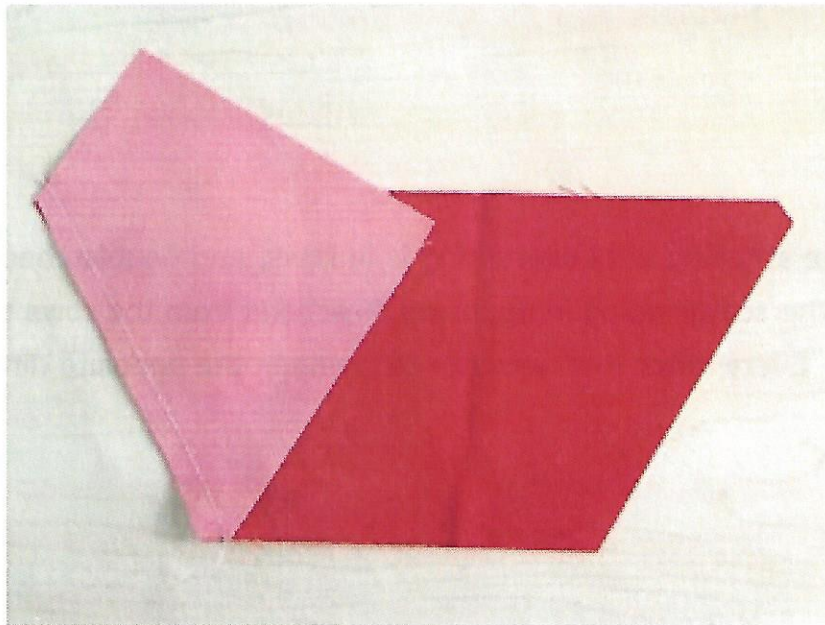
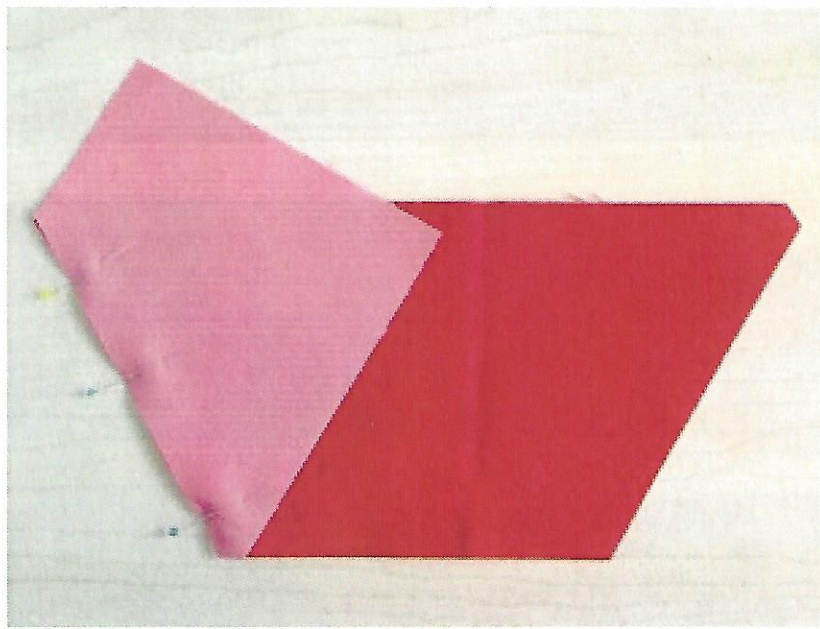
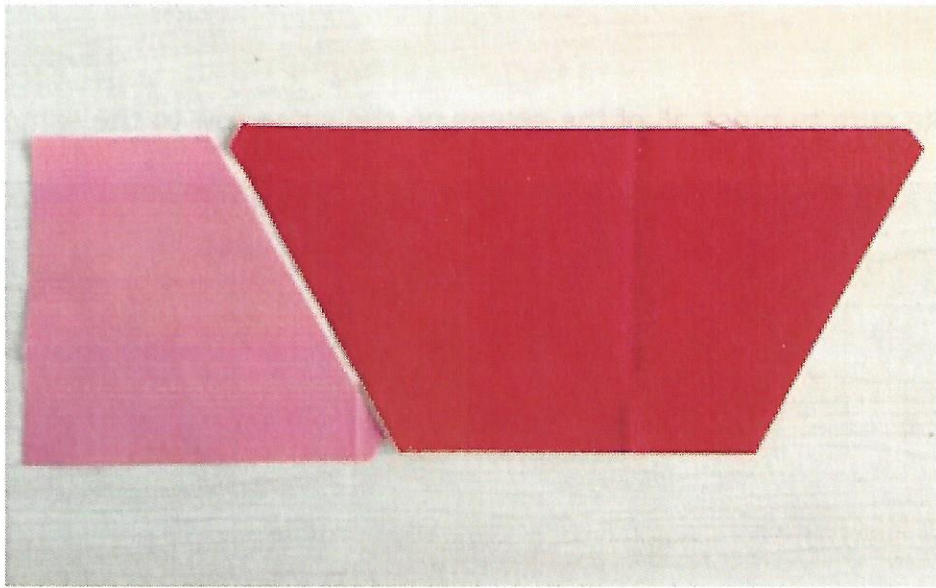
Stitching:

All seams are 1/4" throughout this pattern

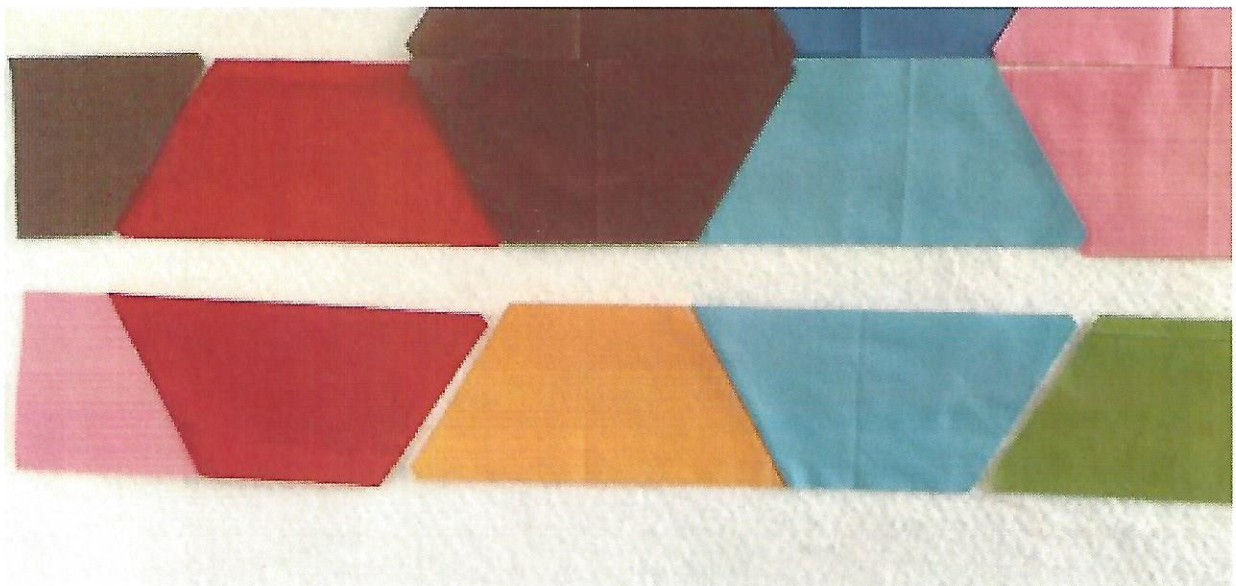
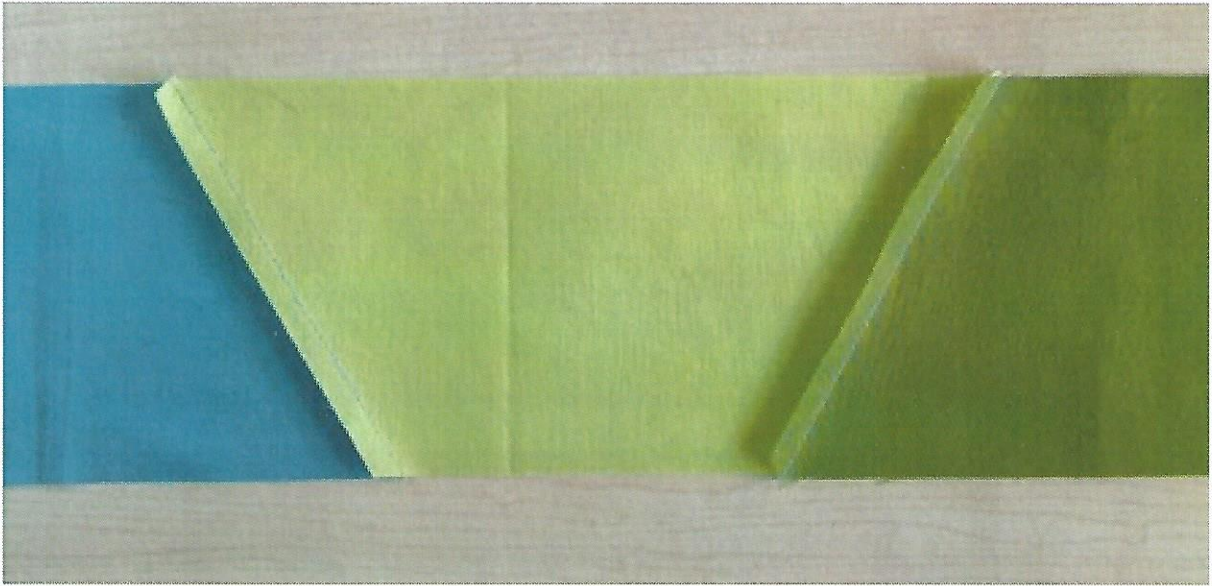
Like I talked about before, the placement is key in this quilt. Before you start stitching pieces together make sure you have a way to keep your order straight. I suggest taking pictures with your phone and marking each piece with a label. I use little strips of masking tape for my labels and mark each piece placement by row and spot. In other words the very first piece on the first row would be 1,1 & the next piece on that row would be 1,2 and so on. Use our large photo to help with placement throughout.

Now you are ready to start stitching. Following your marked placement start stitching pieces together into pairs and then sew on until your row is completely sewn together. You will want to press your seams to one side, always. Press all even rows to the right side, every piece on that row, and all odd rows to the left. This ensures that your seams from row to row butt up against each other perfectly like puzzle pieces. This will also ensure that everything lines up perfectly!

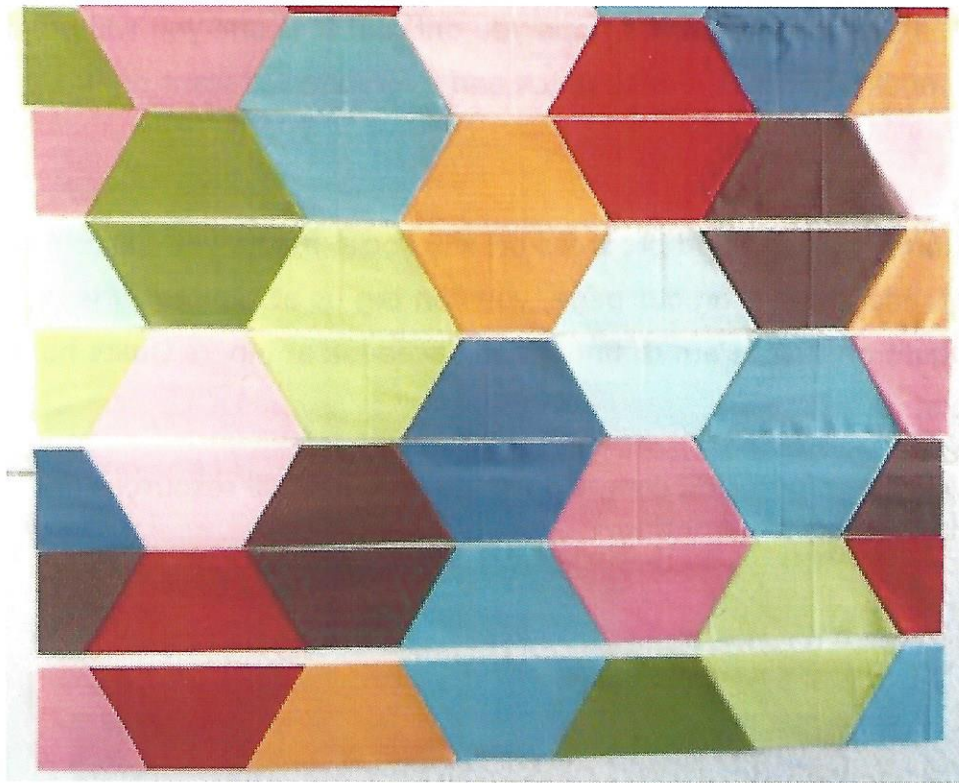




Make sure to press all of the seams on the same row to the same direction.



Complete stitching until everything is in rows, and double check that each row has all of the seams going in opposing directions from the rows that will be attached to it. Every other row needs to be going in the opposite direction.



Once all of your rows are complete, you will now start stitching the rows together in pairs and so on all the way until you end up with 2 pieces that are then stitched together to create a complete quilt top. Make sure when pinning your rows together to line up the opposing seams, they will click into place like a puzzle piece and then you know everything will be lined up perfectly!

This quilt is super quick to put together! Now you have a complete quilt top that is ready to machine or hand quilt and then bind. This quilt is very simple to quilt yourself on your own machine. All you need to do is line up your seams with your presser foot and quilt 1/4" inside off all of the seams. The horizontal seams will be straight and so simple and the vertical seams will be a zig-zag and you will only have to pay a little bit more attention to turning at each new hexie. I used the same light pink Aurifil thread to machine quilt as I did to do the piecing on this quilt.

I LOVED making this quilt and I hope you did too! It is one you will probably make again and again, because it is so quick and everyone will want one!

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