

## **Make your own Template with Freezer Paper**

**You will need:**

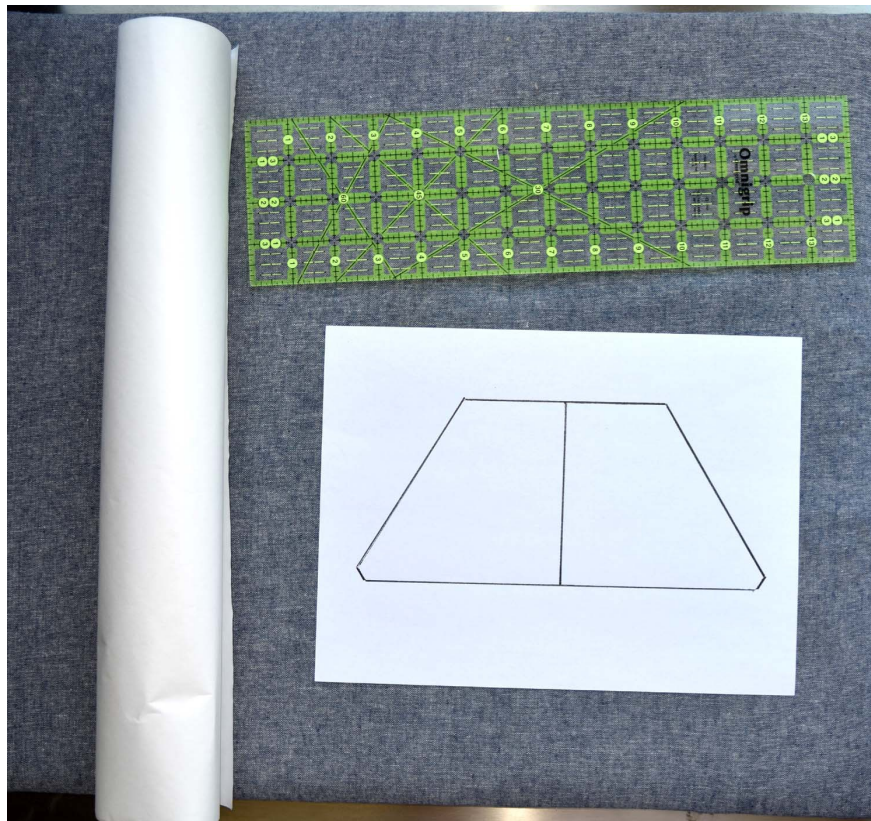
**Plastic Coated Freezer Paper, we prefer Reynolds brand**

**Fine tip sharpie or similar pen**

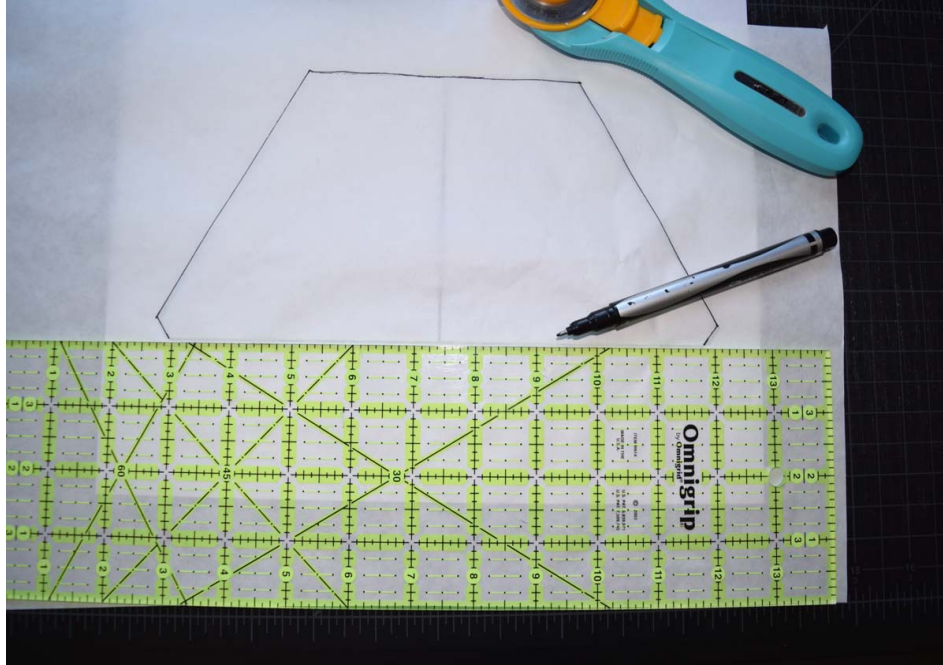
**A rotary cutter (45mm or smaller is best but not necessary)**

**small quilting ruler**

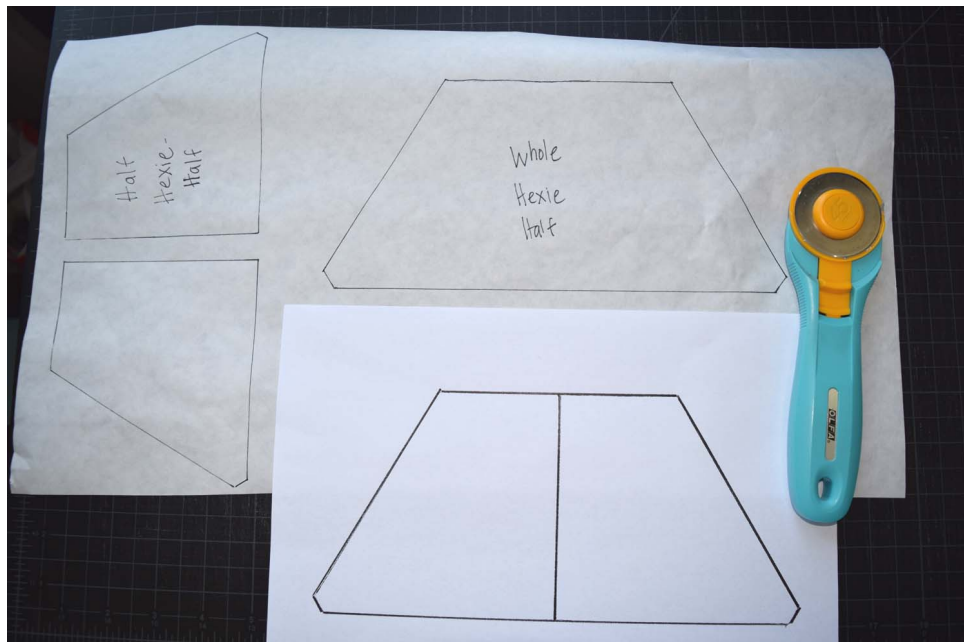
If you do not have an acrylic template for a quilt pattern that uses one, it is very simple to make your own from Freezer Paper. Here are some quick instructions on how to make one specifically for a Hexie, but you can use this for many other shapes, all you need is an original pattern for size & shape to trace.



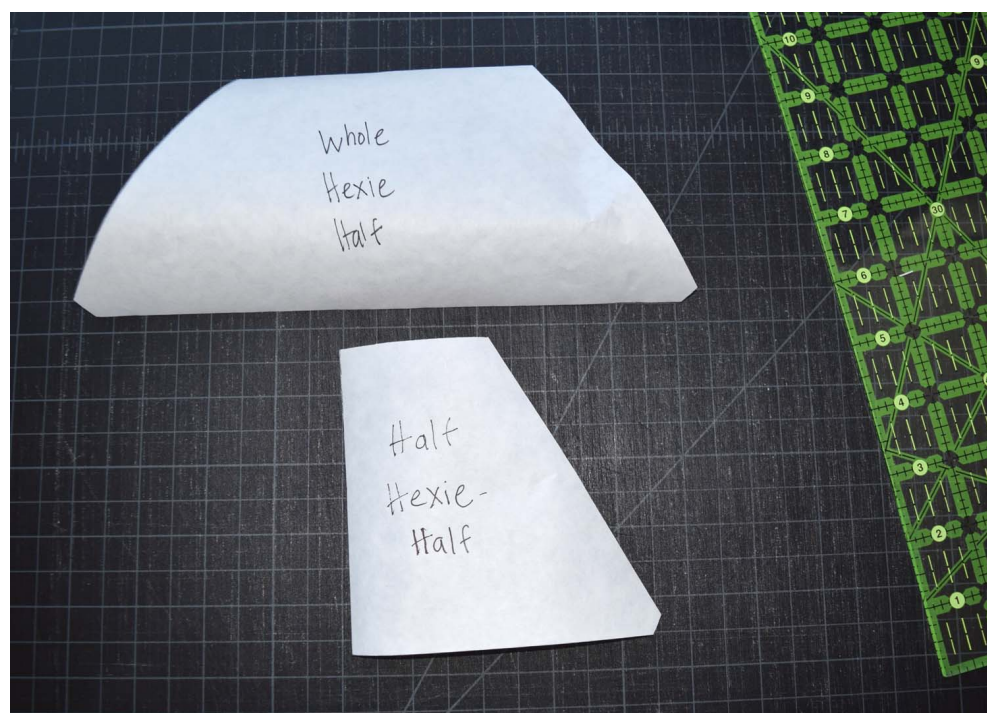
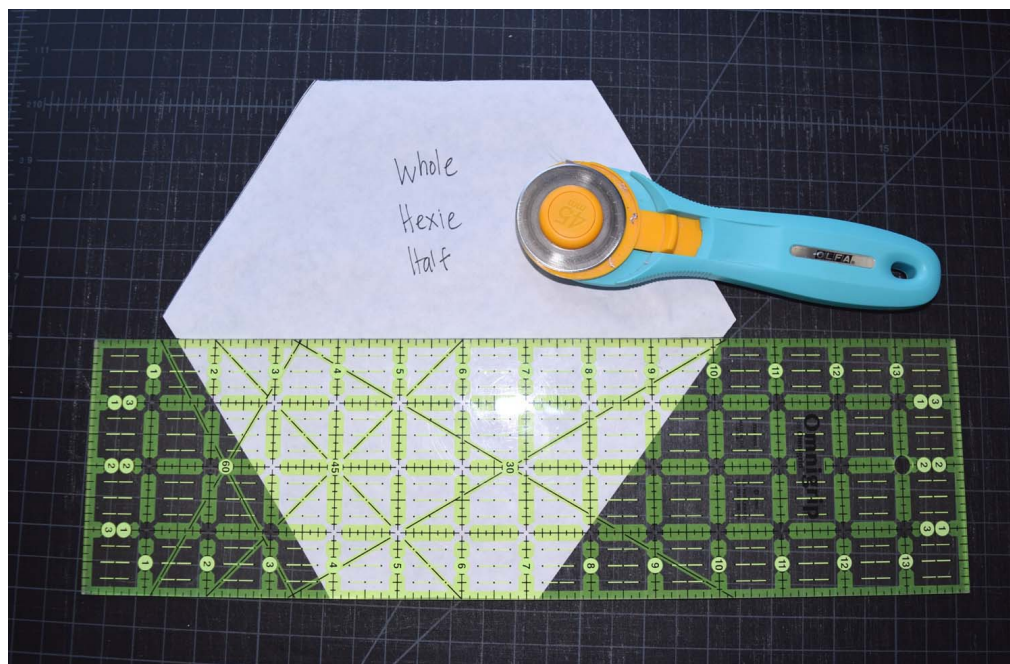
Cut a piece of Freezer paper large enough to cover your pattern easily, than lay it shiny side down onto your pattern. Using a ruler and sharpie style pen, trace exactly along the pattern lines onto the paper side of your Freezer paper. The freezer paper is semi-sheer so you can easily trace onto it.



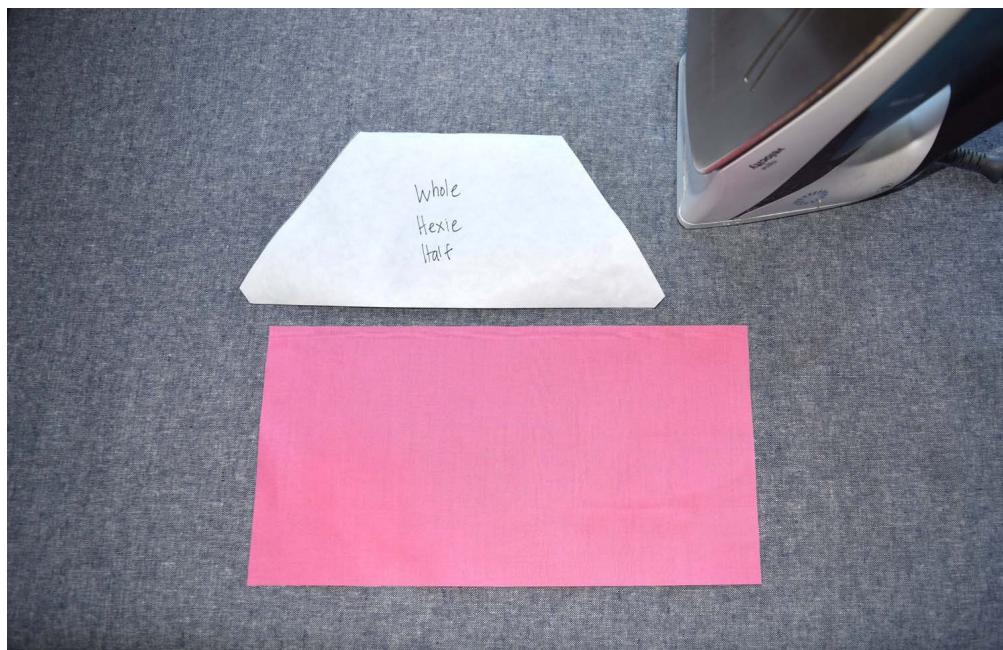
Trace all patterns needed & label them. I also suggest making several of each pattern, just in case you make a mistake or cut into them later, than you have back up copies.



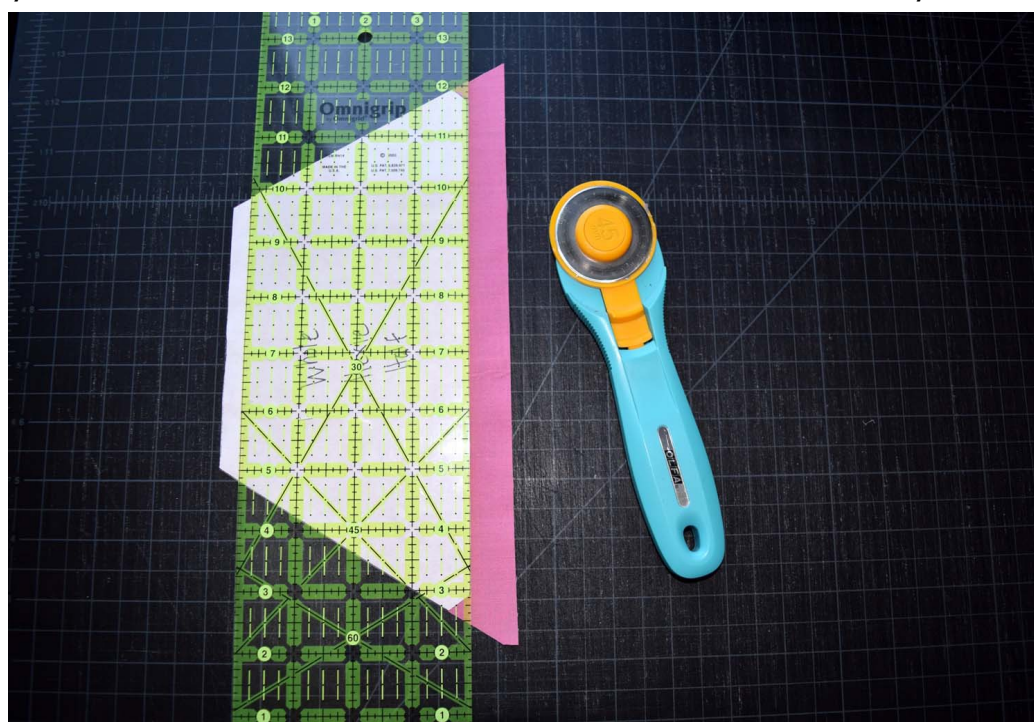
Using your rotary cutter and ruler, cut each template out exactly outside of the line you marked. It is very important to not cut away your line, just on the outside edge.



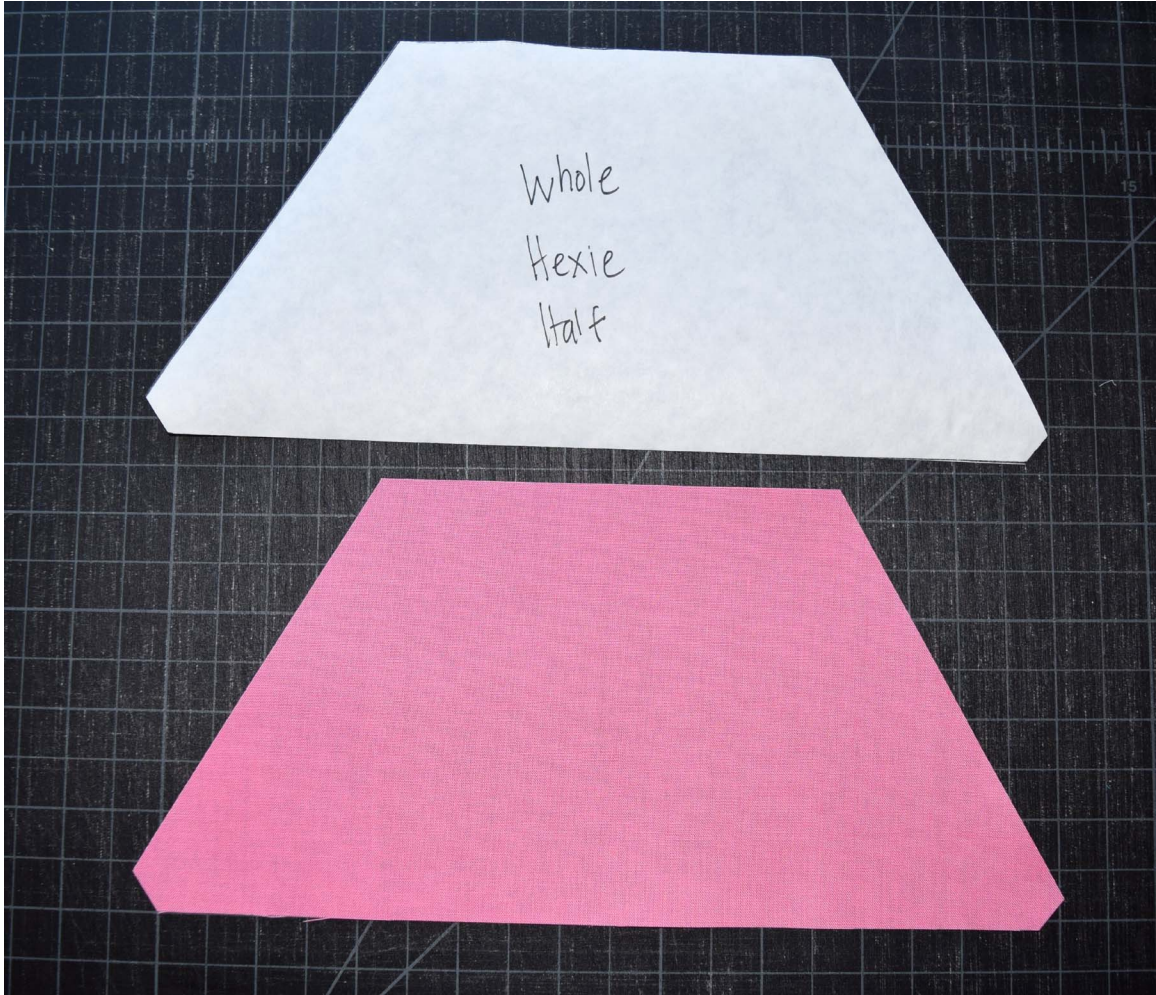
Take your template that has been all cut out and line it up shiny side down onto your fabric. If you are using a print the wrong side of the fabric, but solids are the same on both sides so it does not matter. Now iron it down in place.



Once it is ironed into place you will use your ruler to cut out the fabric shape. Line your ruler's edge exactly along the freezer paper edge, and cut. Most templates already have a 1/4" seam allowance built in but double check yours does.



You can easily cut several layers of fabric at once! Also, when you are done, peel off the template and re-iron it again to the next fabric.  
You will be amazed at how many times it will keep sticking!



So EASY! I hope you use this to make our Gumball Quilt which is a FREE pattern on our blog. [www.pipersgirls.com](http://www.pipersgirls.com)