

Nesting Hexagons

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10", 8", 6" & 4"

'In the Pink' hexagon quilt using 10" & 8" hexagons

Quilt size: 1.32m x 1.30m (52" x 51")

Fabulous quilt with crazy quilted 8" hexagons embellished with machine embroidery stitches, ric-rac, lace, lace motifs, ribbon etc.

Method:

Using the 10" hexagon, cut out as many hexagons as desired - I cut 56 hexagons for my quilt. This is the 'background' fabric to your hexagons and is the fabric that will show as a border around the main hexagons and also on the reverse.

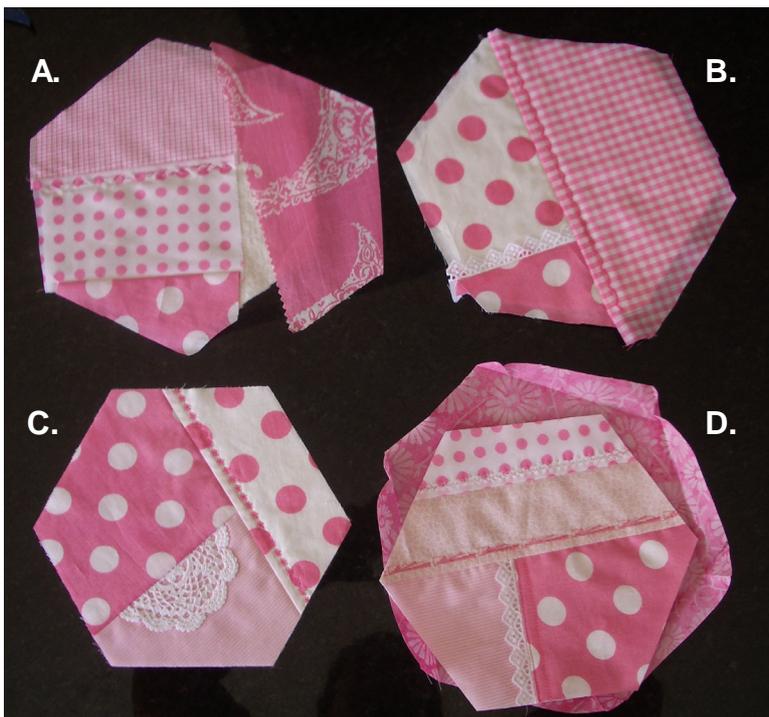
Using the 8" hexagon cut out an equal number to match your background hexagons from batting - I prefer cotton batting or something fairly thin.

Making the hexagons:

A. Stitch your fabric pieces to the batting foundation using the 'stitch and flip' method i.e. put your fabric pieces right sides together and stitch a ¼" seam and then flip the fabric over and continue adding fabric until the hexagon batting is covered.

B. Either add ric-rac, lace etc into the seam as you sew or stitch over the seamline or use a fancy machine embroidery stitch with a variegated thread.

C. Now trim the hexagon to the correct size with the 8" template.



'In the Pink' quilt - measures 1.32m x 1.30m (52" x 51") but you can easily make it larger by adding more hexagons.



Close up of the 'In the Pink' quilt - showing the embellishments and the buttonhole stitching on the edge of the 10" hexagon.

D. Mark with a pencil (lightly) or a chaco liner around the inside edge of the 10" hexagon. Press under on this line. Pin the 8" hexagon into the centre of the 10" hexagon and buttonhole stitch around the edge.

Butt join the hexagons together by machine or by hand and sew the hexagons into rows and then butt join the rows together.



Enjoy!

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