

The Modern Hexagon

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Supplies for the hexagon flower block:

- 19- two inch hexagon paper templates (this is the measurement of one straight side of the hexagon, they can be a bit smaller, but no bigger, to fit on the fabric requirements given below) Though this technique will work with other sized templates, this size is good to work with by machine, especially when you are learning the technique. **see source below
- Assorted fabric for the hexagons. Scraps will work and the variety looks nice. You need pieces of approximately five inches for each hexagon. (the sample shows 7 hexagons made of assorted prints and 12 solid colored hexagons in a "ring" around the center- you may choose any colors you like) You need not pre-cut squares, I just use this as a reference for the amount of fabric needed for each hexagon.
- Background Fabric for block- 22 1/2" square
- Border Fabric for block- 1/2 yard
- Washable glue stick
- basting thread- we will discuss two different methods for preparing the hexagons. Try both and decide which you prefer.
- Hand sewing needle-for the basting method
- Thread to blend I like a light weight thread and usually use some shade of grey as it works well for most fabrics. If your fabrics are very light in value, an off white thread may work better)
- Invisible thread- I use only polyester NO nylon thread. The nylon thread becomes brittle, can yellow and break with time. The clear works well unless your fabrics are VERY dark (i.e.-black, dark navy, deep purple) then the smoke color will be better.
- sewing machine with a very narrow zig zag capability
- Machine needles- usually a size 12 works well. Topstitch or quilting needles will work.
- extension cord and power strip
- scissors- for fabric and thread snipping
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat-for perfect trimming and cutting border strips for the block.
- basic sewing kit-include any items you like to have when you sew- i.e. seam ripper (we hope not!)
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**www.paperpieces.com sells the paper hexagons in 2" item number HEX2000

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