

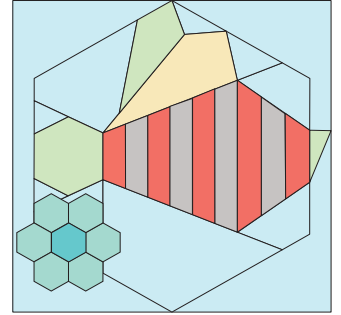
Quilting and my garden are both essential, integral aspects of my life. I would be incomplete without either of them. English Paper Piecing, which is such a large part of my quilting life, is a great technique that can be done anywhere including sitting in my garden. Several years ago, I moved into a new house, in a brand new subdivision. There were no trees, no flowers, and therefore no birds, and no bees; so I set about to change that. After much work and lots of planting, the birds and bees also moved in. Now I can sit in my garden and 'BEE Happy' with English Paper Piecing in my hand, watching my bees.

BEE Happy!

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



Requirements

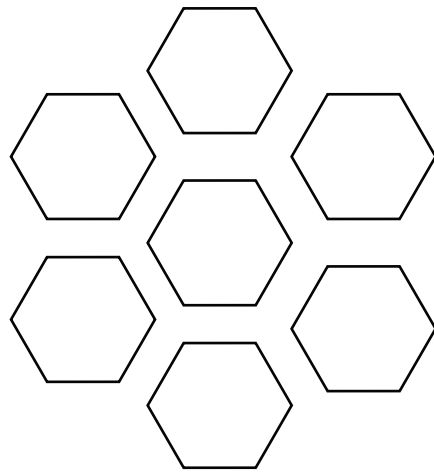
- ✂ 7" square blue for background
- ✂ blue scrap for sky behind bee
- ✂ gold and brown scraps for bee body, head and tail 2 cream scraps for bee wings
- ✂ 2 red/rose scraps for flower

Block Assembly

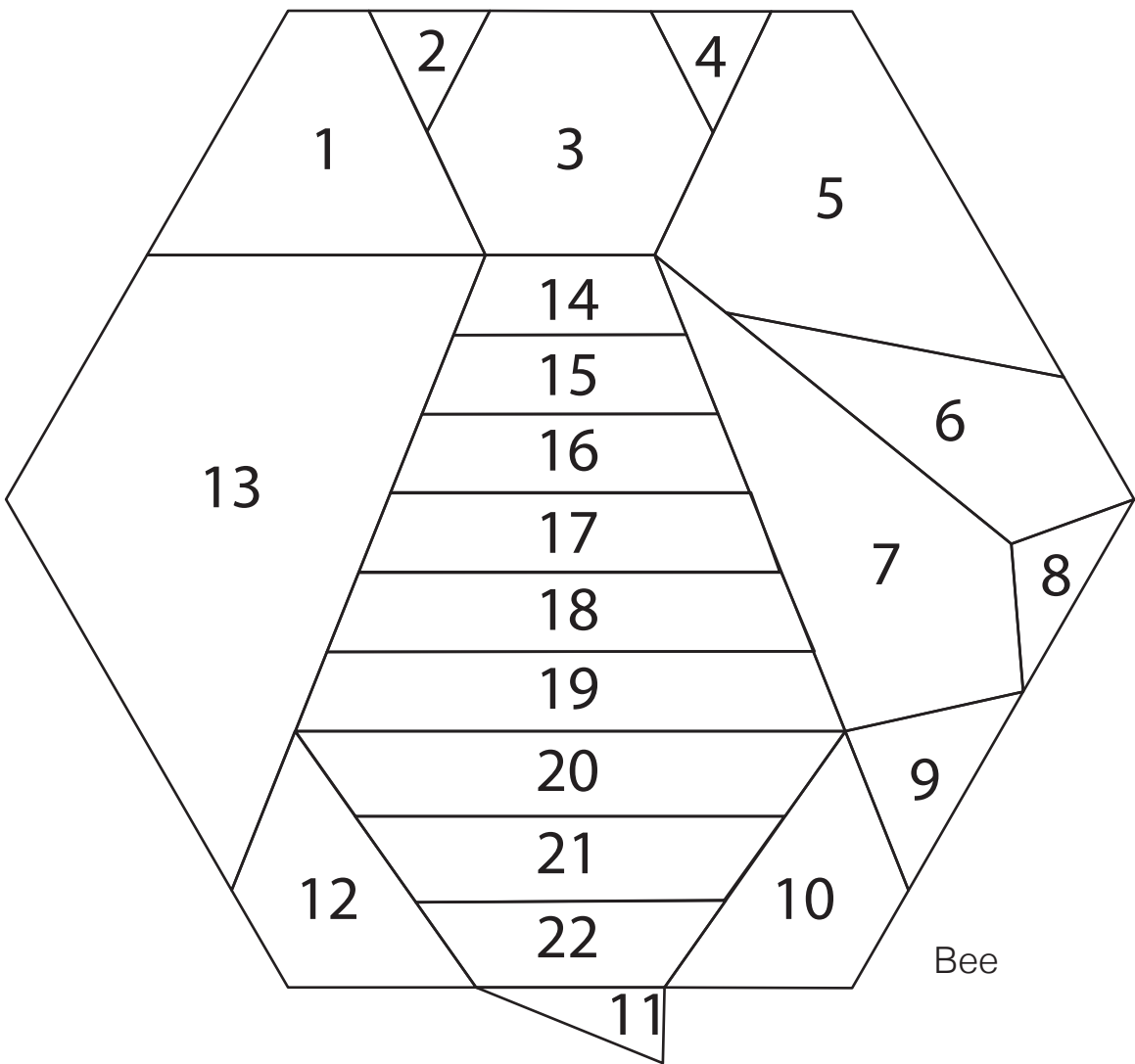
1. Copy the English Paper Piecing pattern (bee inside the 3" hexagon plus the little tail) onto lightweight card stock.
2. Cut away the background. Draw parallel lines across the back of the paper block to help you with positioning of the pieces and reassembly. Label each piece with its fabric designation. Carefully cut apart the separate shapes.
3. Using your favourite method (glue or thread basting), baste all of the individual shapes.
4. Whipstitch all the pieces together to create the 3" hexagon with the little bee tail attached. When the block is completely whipstitched together, spray with starch and press the block.
5. Remove the papers.
6. Place onto the 7" background square and appliqué in place making sure the top and bottom point of the hexagon and the bee tail will just touch the seam line of the 6" finished square.

Hint : When I press with the starch, I press the tails to the back at the same time. If necessary, a dab of glue with the glue pen will hold a stubborn tail out of the way and any stray threads are easily pushed under with a wooden tooth pick while appliquéing around the edge.

7. Baste and whip stitch one hexagon flower using the hexagon flower pattern provided. Appliqué in place below the bee head.
8. Trim the block to 6 ½" x 6 ½". Keep the bee and flower within the ¼" seam allowance of the background.
9. Unfinished block size 6 ½" x 6 ½".



Hexagon Flower

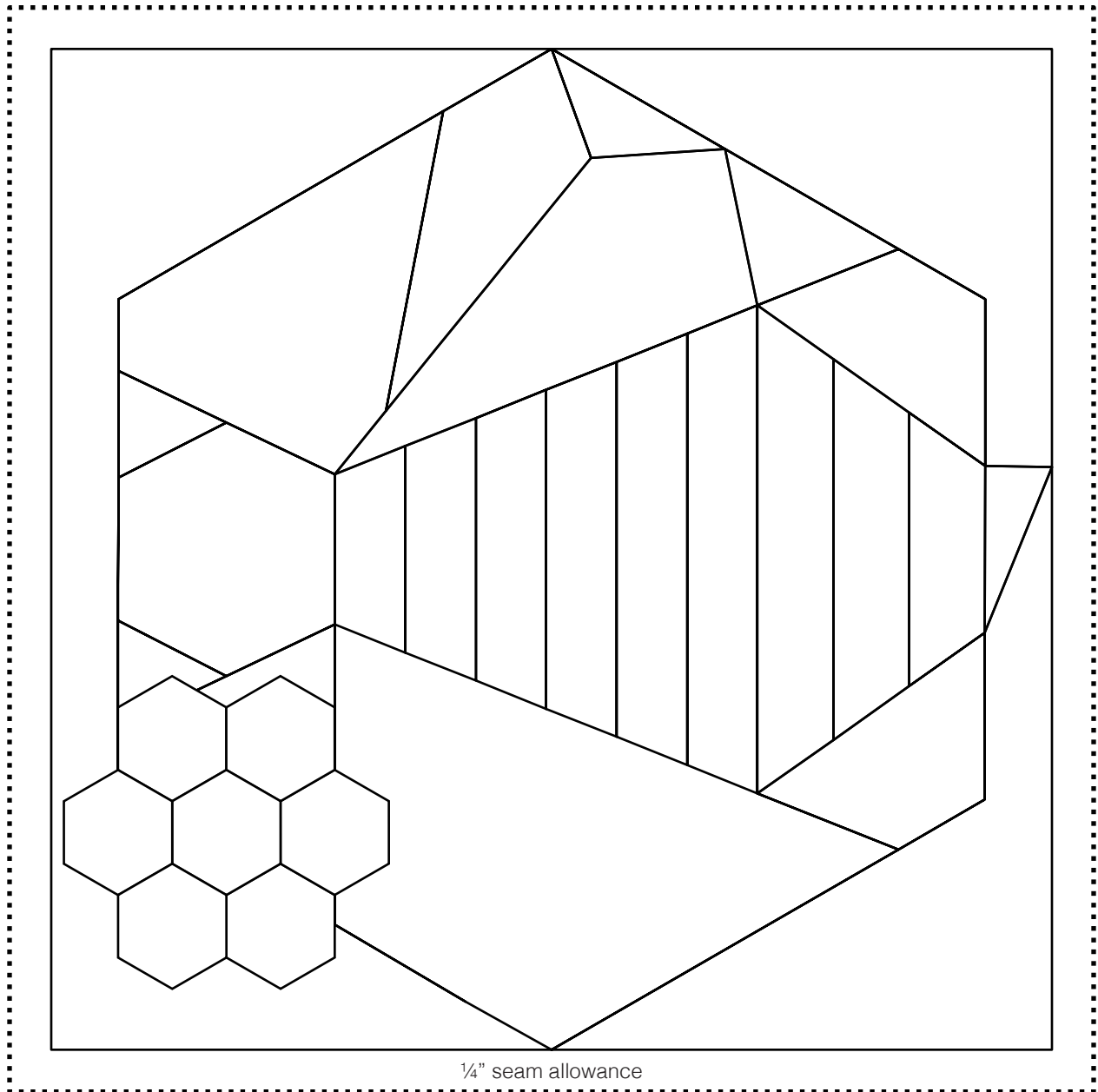


Bee

1 inch

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