

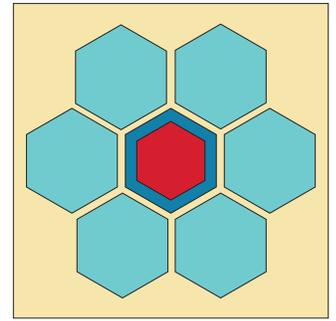
This block is called Sew South, inspired by the sewing retreat that I host. Each individual hexagon petal represents the kind, creative and talented individuals that attend. The center hexagons represent the retreat itself where women come together to be inspired, relax and have fun. Together all the hexies make a lovely flower, whose shape is only apparent when combined. It's symbolic of the shared passion we have for sewing and the friendships and connections we make when coming together at Sew South. It's that collective feeling of belonging and being a part of something special that comes from a shared passion at a special retreat

Sew South

for the Splendid Sampler™

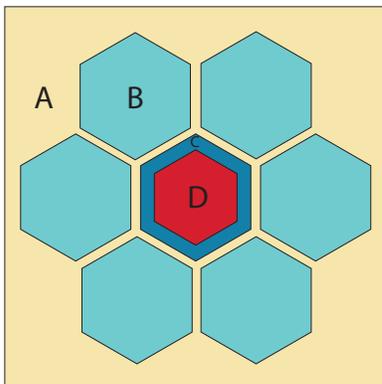
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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



Requirements

- # 1 square - 6 ½" x 6 ½" background (fabric A)
- # 1 - 1 ½" large hexagon (template C)
- # 1 - 1" medium hexagon (template B)
- # 1 - ¾" small hexagon (template A)
- # 6 squares - 3" x 3" (fabric B)
- # 1 square - 3" x 3" (fabric C)
- # 1 square - 3" x 3" (fabric D)
- # Fabric glue stick / washable school glue with basting tip
- # White card stock



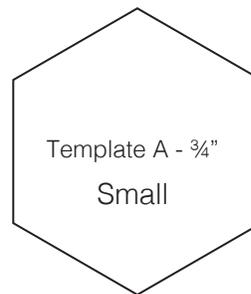
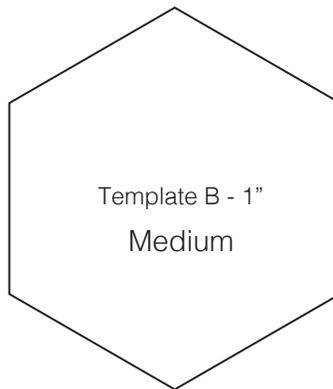
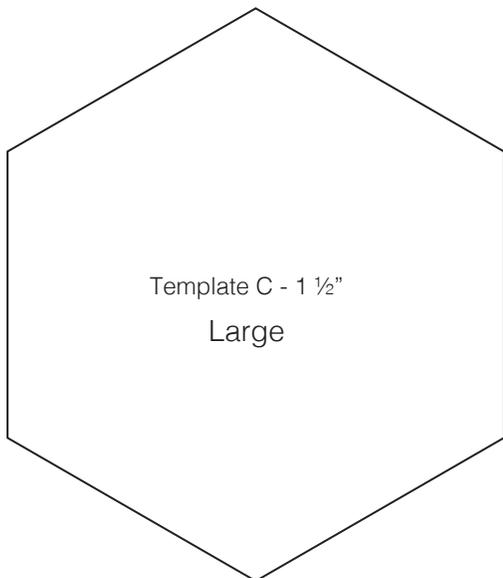
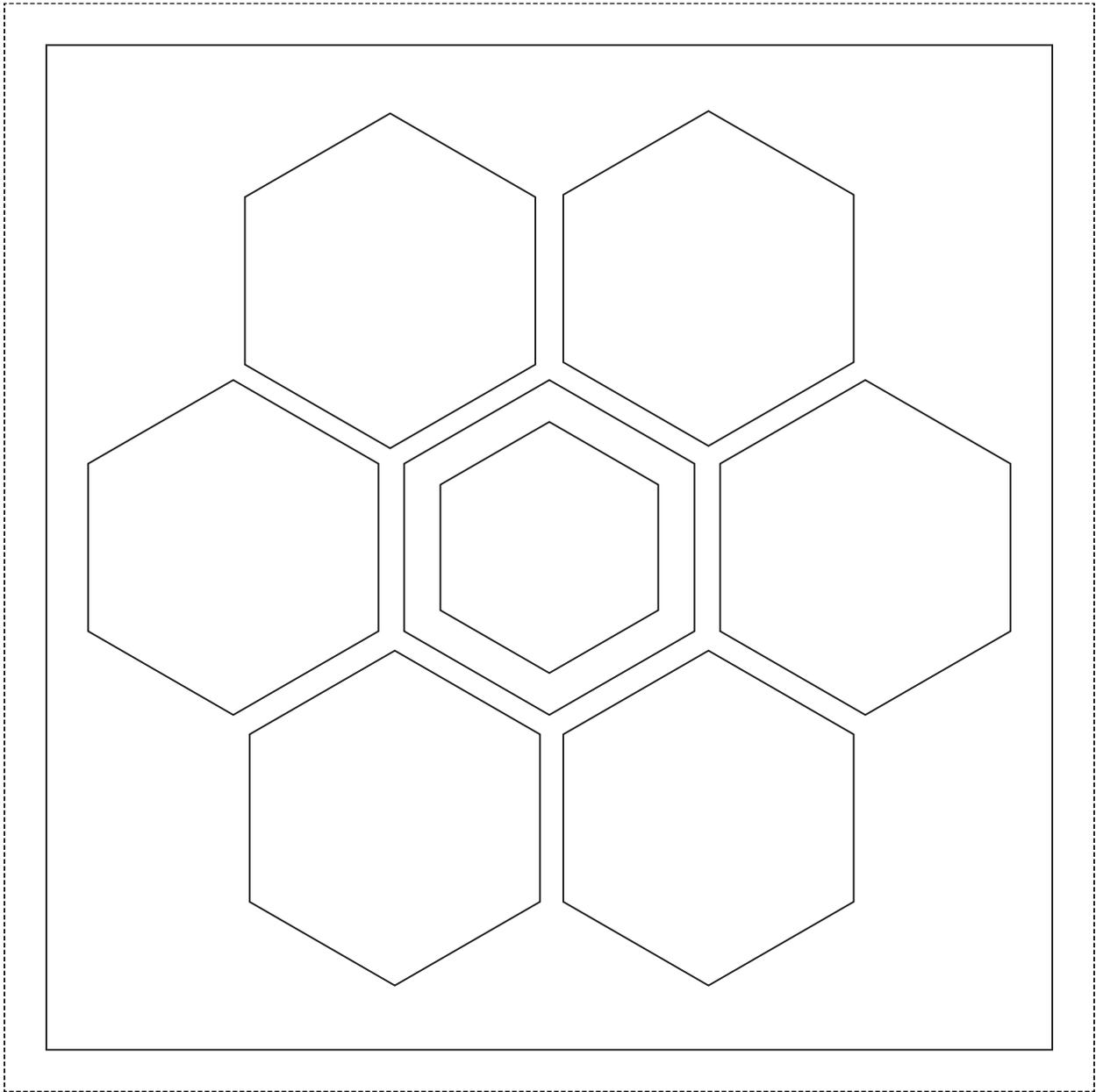
Block Assembly

1. Print hexagon templates.
Note: The size refers to the length of one side of the hexagon.
2. Trace and cut out 7 medium hexagons onto card stock.
3. Trace and cut out one small hexagon template A onto card stock. Set aside.
4. Fold the background squares (fabric A) in half twice to find the center. Finger press to crease, open and set aside.

5. Using the large hexagon template C, trace and cut out 6 hexagons from fabric B.
6. Using the large hexagon template C, trace and cut out 1 hexagon from fabric C.
7. Using the medium template B, trace and cut out one hexagon from fabric D.
8. Working one at a time, place a large fabric hexagon on the table, right side down. Place the medium card stock hexagon in the center of the fabric.
9. Using a glue basting tip on a bottle of washable school glue, draw a thin line of glue around the perimeter of fabric.
10. Working counter-clockwise, fold the fabric down over the edge of the card stock hexie. Add more dots of glue where needed as you go.
11. Once the edges are all turned down, turn the hexagon over so it faces right side up. Let it dry as you move on to the remaining hexies.
12. Once dry, gently remove the paper hexies, reshape the edges if needed, and press the hexagon flat with an iron.
13. Center the small accent hexagon (fabric D) on the medium hexagon (fabric C.)
14. Sew around the perimeter of the small hexagon with a ⅛" seam allowance in a coordinating thread color.
15. Position the hexagons in a flower shape in the center of the 6 ½" x 6 ½" square block. Make sure there is a clear ¼" seam allowance around the edges of the block.
16. Use a dab of glue to hold each in place. Let dry.
17. Appliqué each hexagon in place by stitching around the perimeter with a coordinating thread. Be sure to lock your stitches at the beginning and end or leave long threads and pull them through to the back then knot them.

Tip: If you prefer to baste your hexagons with thread instead of glue, please see my video tutorial on how to make hexagons:

<http://ellisonlane.com/2013/07/how-to-make-hexagons-video-tutorial.html>



1 inch

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