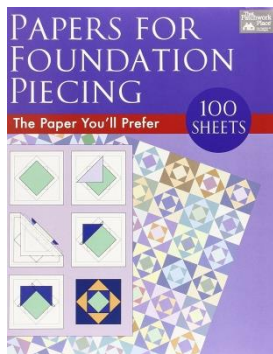


Let's Quilt Day – February 2021

Welcome to “Let’s Quilt Day” for February 2021. This month we will look at paper piecing. I am not sure that I would want to use this technique for a complete quilt but it would be great to do for a lap quilt, a child’s doll quilt, a pillow top, making cards, a table runner or a miniature quilt. It makes the edges very precise and when handling the small pieces it makes it easier to sew those very small fabric pieces together.

There are many books with patterns on the subject and it makes it easier if you purchase the special paper to make the blocks. It is easily available from any fabric shop or you can order it online from Amazon – the cost is \$22.33 for 100 sheets. If you have a small pattern, you can get several on one sheet, rotating the sheet as needed.

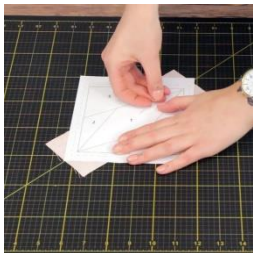


There are very good instructions on the Bernina web site and it also includes a video and the pattern for a simple star. The web address is: [Beginner-Friendly Foundation Paper Piecing | WeAllSew](#)



The Star pattern looks like and the paper piecing pattern is in the corner . You would need to create four of the paper pieced blocks to make one quilt block.

If you have never tried it, paper piecing can be a little challenging as you are flipping back and forth and sewing on the paper pattern. Each block is numbered and you put the fabric pieces on in that order. The



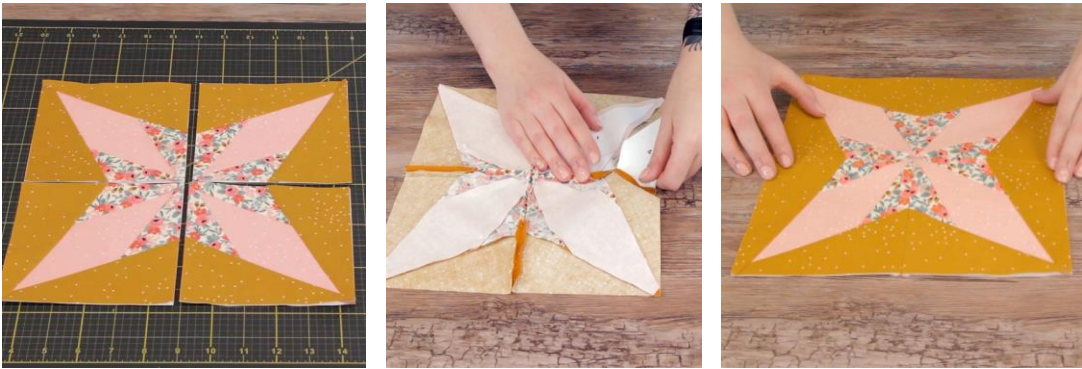
fabric is placed with the right side facing down and the paper pattern on top, facing you. You pin it in place, allowing for seam allowances and sew the fabric pieces together – 1 to 2; 2 to 3 and so on, pressing and trimming as you go to get rid of any bulkiness.

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The photo to the left shows the method of sewing the pieces together. Because you are trimming as you go, it is not necessary for the fabric pieces to be an exact size, they just have to be a little larger than the piece you need. Once the sewing is completed, you trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Once you have all four of the blocks pieced together, you would sew the four blocks to each other, matching the seams and then you would remove the paper from the back side of the block.



I hope you find these instructions helpful and I look forward to hearing about your projects!

Our “Tip of the Month” comes from watching Fons & Porter’s “Love of Quilting” show. It is on at 6:30 am on Saturday mornings so I record it and watch it later, when I get up with a cup of coffee! One tip that I am going to try and in fact, I have set it up, is to use a piece of rubberized shelf liner to fit under your foot pedal. If you are like me, you spend a lot of time chasing the foot pedal and it always slides back next to the wall. Hopefully, this will anchor it and prevent it from moving. Another option, if your pedal is smaller, is to wrap an elastic band or two around the foot pedal to prevent it from sliding.

Happy Sewing!

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