

PAPER PIECING

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Paper piecing is like driving on the wrong side of the road – at first, it feels weird, uncomfortable, and requires lots of concentration – but after some practice, paper piecing will become your new favorite way to piece!

Rules of thumb in paper piecing:

1. All of your fabric is placed on the un-printed side of your template.
2. The only piece of fabric placed right side up is the very first piece. All subsequent pieces are placed right side down, with the wrong side facing you.
3. All sewing is done on the printed side of the paper.
4. Make sure to shorten your stitch length somewhere between 1.2 and 1.5 mm—this will perforate the paper, making it easier to tear out, while strengthening your seams.
5. On your template, the numbers represent the order to add your pieces, and the lines represent your seams.
6. Don't worry about lining up your raw edges perfectly when positioning your fabric, as we'll trim them after we sew them in place.
7. Always trim the excess seam allowance after sewing each seam—and I recommend using fabric scissors, not a rotary cutter for this, so you don't accidentally cut into your template!
8. Never use a steam iron when paper piecing—it will distort your paper! Always use a dry iron, and be sure to press each seam as you work your way through your template.
9. Line up each piece of fabric approximately ¼" over the seam that you're about to sew. Make sure the excess fabric sits over top of the fabrics you've already sewn to the block, NOT where over the part of the template you want your fabric to cover!

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- 831 - Heather
- 84 - Iris
- 840 - African Violet
- 750 - Sea Foam
- 640 - Oasis
- 642 - Clearwater
- 62 - Turquoise
- 232 - Coral
- 201 - Make Me Blush
- 233 - Rose Petal
- 92 - Smoke

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