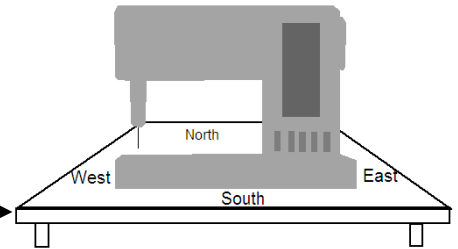
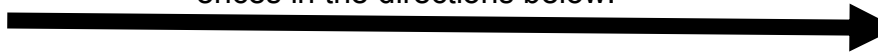


Basic Paper Piecing

- To make exact copies: Use the SAME source for the entire project. Different copiers vary slightly and precision is important.
- Set sewing machine to short stitch (18-20 per inch)
- Use size (90/14) needle.
- Attach scraps in numerical sequence.

Refer to this illustration for the North, South, East, and West references in the directions below.



1 Put glue stick on the *UNPRINTED* side of paper pattern under area #1. Attach *WRONG SIDE* of fabric #1 to paper. Hold up to light to ensure scrap covers entire area.

(On the paper you will be able to see the printing of the pattern on one side, and the right side of the fabric with it's wrong side stuck to the paper on the other.)
Set aside for now.

2 Lay fabric for area #2 , *RIGHT SIDE UP* on the table area in front of your sewing machine with a long straight edge parallel to your sewing machine. (Bulk of fabric will be away from your sewing machine or "headed south".)

3 Pick up pattern paper with fabric #1 glued to it and rotate it so that section #2 is "north" of section #1. The line between the 1 & 2 is parallel with the base of your sewing machine and "running east & west". The space just covered (in this case #1) will be facing "south" and the space you intend to cover next (in this case space #2).

4 Lay the pattern (with piece #1 attached with glue stick) printed side up over the fabric in front of your machine. Align the printed line between space #2 & #1 so that it is parallel to the raw edge of the fabric laying face up on the table. Leave about 1/4" - 1/2" of fabric north of the line.

5 Pick up both the fabric and the paper pattern on top of it, and sew exactly on the line between #1 and #2.

6 Flip fabric #2 over space #2 to be sure it generously covers all of the area. (Hold project up to the light or lay it on a light box.) If it doesn't cover entire area, carefully remove stitching and reposition fabric following previous steps. Check again.

7 Turn project over and flip fabric #2 back so you can see the stitching.

8 Turn project over again so the paper side is up. Fold the paper only back along line you just stitched and crease with your finger. Using scissors or 1/4" ruler rotary cutter, trim seam allowance to approximately 1/4".

9 Turn project back to fabric side. Fold fabric #2 back over space #2 and press seamed area being sure that fabrics are flat and there's no fold line at seam.

If you have a lot of extra fabric covering space #2 trim away some of the bulk being careful not to "short" yourself.

10 Attach remaining fabrics in numerical sequence following steps 2 through 9 until all areas are covered.

11 "Square Up" using quilter's ruler & rotary cutter by cutting around the outer most line of the pattern through both fabric and paper. (This step leaves a 1/4" seam allowance around the outer edges.)

Most paper piecing designs have multiple sections.

Complete each section following these general steps, then join sections together by matching seam lines in the order instructed by individual designs.

"Square Up" final design, then carefully remove paper backing.

Hints and Tips:

- Scraps are not pre-cut to fit area before sewing.
- *A good "rule of thumb" is to use a fabric scrap TWICE the size you think you'll need.*
- Don't worry about grain lines. Pieces are so small it doesn't matter.
- Use a glue stick to tack down "floppy" or "unruly" pieces whenever you need to.
- Leave paper attached until all sections of project are connected to each other.
- *Paper can be "snapped loose" by gently pulling opposite corners. Tweezers can be helpful in removing small pesky pieces. A spritz of water can also help to break down paper in delicate areas*
- All paper piecing patterns are in reverse of the actual finished design. After block is assembled, they will be facing the same direction as shown on package photograph.

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