

40 Shades of Grey by Wendy Williams

Month 5 (Hexagon Flower Blocks)

General Tips:

1. When following the book, an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check you seams to make sure they are $\frac{1}{4}$ " and if the $\frac{1}{4}$ " is off, adjust before proceeding. Also be careful to make accurate diagonal cuts when instructed.
2. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using starch to reduce the stretching.
3. Some of the fabrics had more shrinkage than others so I suggest preshrinking all the fabric. I do this by spraying the fabric completely with Best Press but you could also use water. I use Best Press since it also helps with the bias edges.

Hexagon Block:

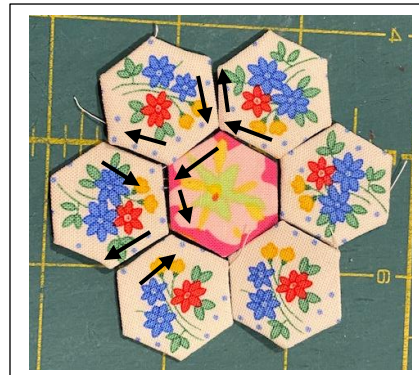


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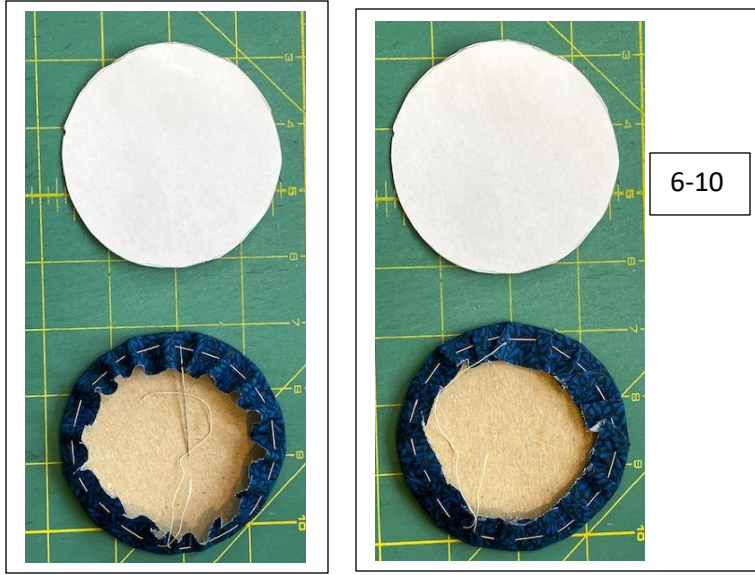
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1. Place the hexagon on the opposite side of what you want to show from the fabric.
2. Trim $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the picture.
3. Iron the edges to add a crease on the fabric. I think this helps keeping the piece in place as you do the next step.
4. Hand stitch through the fabric folds. Repeat this with what you want to showcase on the inside and the six hexagons around the center.
5. Follow the diagram on page 18 to stitch the hexagons together. Press. Remove cardboard after complete.



Start with inner connection and follow arrows





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6. I used the Perfect Circle method on page 37 for all circles. The smaller circles are the blue fabric and the larger are the ones that change.

7. I first took the templates and transferred it to cardboard.

8. Cut the fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ " bigger than the template.

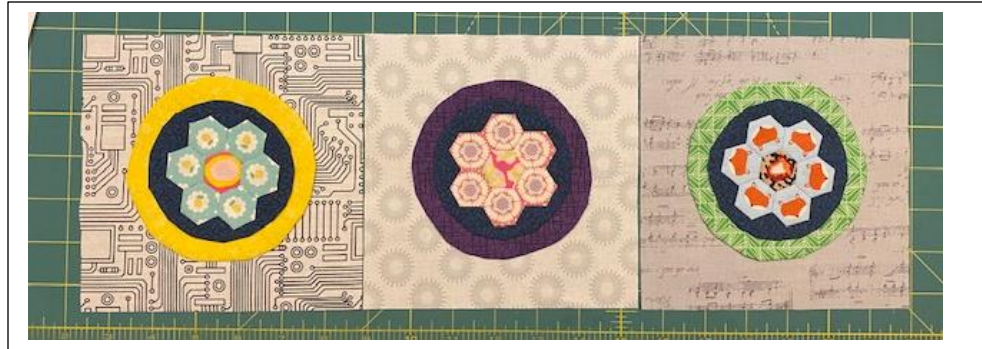
9. Do a loose basting stitch around the outer edge.

10. Pull both ends of the thread so the circle forms around the cardboard. Press to form a crease along the edge.

11. Remove cardboard and give it another press.

12. I used Hotfix Adhesive to fuse the pieces together and onto the background but you could use another brand such as Steam to Seam or just stitch directly to the background square.

13. Trim 6 of the squares to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " and 1 of the squares to $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".



14. Out of the smaller squares, sew into two (2) rows of three (3) squares each.

15. Set aside the 7 1/2" square and the 2 sets of the rows from step 14.

16. The final blocks are shown.



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Final (6 1/2" squares)



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Final (6 1/2" squares)



Final 7 1/2" Square