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The New Hexagon: 52 Blocks To English Paper Piece



Synopsis

Learn the glue-basting method of English Paper Piecing! Choose from 52 patterns for 6" blocks, plus seven fun projects: a mug rug, candle mat, table topper, table runner, bed-sized quilt, and more.

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Customer Reviews

I bought the paper edition of this book and immediately joined the Facebook group to be able to interact with others using the book. It turned out that the hexagon patterns in the book were not those being used in the Facebook group. The author mixed them up, using part of one hexagon, part of another hexagon, etc., to make a larger one, and recommended purchasing the paper templates from a company she is closely associated with (!). I ended up trying and not liking the Millefiori pattern she was presenting. Then she had a new Facebook group, Blocks on the Go, which was going to use the hexagons in her book. However, she changed the size, enlarging them, so, again, one could not just use the hexagons as presented in her book, but this time there was an acrylic ruler available, again from the company she is closely associated with, that one could use, and also paper pieces available from this same company for each hexagon, or, of course, draft one's own card stock templates. One of the FB members calculated that she would spend \$300 total throughout the year, were she to purchase the paper templates for this project. The author on the Facebook site has also refused to let anyone post any other places where English Paper Piecing templates are available for purchase, saying that the company she promotes is the only one

allowed to be mentioned on the site. So here we have an author who has parlayed this book into quite a lucrative business for enthusiastic quilters wanting to make her pretty patterns, and I, for one, feel manipulated. If one just sticks to making the patterns as presented in the book, this could be an inexpensive project.

I have to admit that on first glance I was not sure what I thought of this book, but since that time I have become entranced! "The New Hexagon" is a well illustrated, well designed book. At first, when I looked at the hexagons, I sort of 'ho-hummed' , but when these humble blocks are considered in light of the wealth of glorious fabrics that we can use, the possibilities come alive and the 'ho-hum' factor evaporates! The image that I have attached is of one of the plainer hexagons (#9-Doris). The fabric does the work to make even plain blocks look spectacular!The author hosts a FaceBook Group "The New Hexagon- Millifiori Quilt Along". The hexagons in the book have been combined to create astounding 'rosettes' which really made the possibilities open up. The rosettes are composed of various hexagons from the book which are used to create large pairings and beautiful results. The 'rosettes' are paper pieces and the paper pieces are available through Paper Pieces.This book offers a lot of inspiration with endless possibilities! Yes, I am hooked on "The New Hexagon"!

I got the Kindle copy of this book so that I could join the La Passacaglia quilt-a-long that Katja is hosting on Facebook. This book is a wonderful collection of different hexagon designs. It is made for English Paper Piecing, but I am using the designs to sew by machine. I find it much faster that way. Some people also hand piece. I thought I would need to buy acrylic templates to make the cutting easier, but since this book uses so many different shapes, it is much easier to glue the pattern on cardboard and use them for templates. The Kindle version comes with a link that has pdf templates for all of the blocks. So basically, this book is all that is needed to make this quilt, besides the fabric, thread and needle of course. A mirror helps to decide which fabric to buy and which part of the fabric to use. The book also has some quilts you can make with these hexagons.

The author shows you how to create new designs within hexagons by cutting up the hexagon into different shapes and then sewing them back together to make a hexagon. She provides detailed instructions on English Paper Piecing, to include which kinds of paper to use and also tricks for sewing the pieces together.

As a lover of hexagons, I am very excited for this book. I have done basic hexagon shapes in the

past, but this book takes the humble hexagon to a whole new level. The hexagon is divided into shapes within the hexagon creating limitless possibilities for quilters to make quilts, runners, or whatever they choose. A gorgeous well written book that gets the creative juices flowing.

The blocks great and I am looking forward to doing it. However the authors method of making the paper templates is very labor intensive and wasteful. Either I am using Inklingo to make the templates or creating my own template pages with illustrator for the shapes I don't have in Inklingo. This way i print out the templates with as many as possible on a page. That way I save paper, get many more shapes to a page. Yes I could buy the templates but i would rather spend my money on fabric and books. EPP is very labor intensive so i would rather spend my time putting it together not cutting out individual shapes This book is beautiful and blocks very creative. if the author included template pages of each individual shape, it would be five stars for me. MY other little complaint is that I bought the digital version unfortunately it is not formatted correctly for tablets.it will split images and side bars.

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