

## Foundation Piecing Instructions

1. You will need to print or trace one paper foundation for each block
  - The marked side is the side you sew on and fabric is placed on the reverse side.
  - The numbers are your piecing order.
  - You will be sewing directly on the solid lines on the marked side of the paper.
2. Copy or trace your pattern onto tear-away, dissolvable or leave-in foundation paper. Cut out the pieces just outside the 1/4 seam allowance (dotted line).
  - *Diagram 1*
3. Cut a piece of fabric that is large enough to completely cover section #1. Fabric should be large enough to extend 1/4" past the lines of that section.
  - Place the fabric on the wrong side of the paper with right side of fabric facing out. Make certain the fabric completely covers the section by 1/4" and pin in place.
  - *Diagram 2*
4. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to completely cover section # 2.
5. Place this fabric on top of section #1 fabric, with right sides together. Pin in place.
  - *Diagram 3*
6. Flip the entire block over and stitch directly on the solid line between section # 1 and section # 2. Start the beginning of your stitch with (2) reverse stitches and end your stitching line with (2) reverse stitches.
  - *Diagram 4*
7. Trim threads and flip the block over. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" being careful not to cut the paper. Paper can be folded to make it easier to cut the fabric. Press section #2 fabric away from section #1 fabric with a dry iron. Check that fabric #2 covers all of section #2.
  - *Diagram 5*
8. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to completely cover section # 3. Place this fabric on top of section #1 fabric, with right sides together. Pin in place.
  - *Diagram 6*
9. Flip the entire block over and stitch directly on the solid line between section #1 and section #3. Start the beginning of your stitch with (2) reverse stitches and end your stitching line with (2) reverse stitches.
  - *Diagram 7-10*
10. Continue adding pieces in the same manner, in numerical order until block is completed.
  - Pieces around the outside of the block should extend well beyond the quarter inch seam allowance.
  - *Diagrams 7-10*
11. Once the block is completed, place block on a cutting mat, paper side up. Using a ruler and rotary cutter trim block on the 1/4" seam allowance (dotted line).
  - *Diagram 11*



