

How to Hex Without a Wand

Although this runner can be made entirely scrappy, we are going to make the One-Main- Fabric version in our workshop. This will help keep us on track timewise and will emphasize construction techniques rather than fabric placement.

We will construct all three centre options for this quilt, namely the Framed Hexagon, the Spinning Star and the Framed Diamond centres. We will then work on adding the sides to only one of the centres. When choosing fabrics you must decide which centre to finish and supply the fabric for that choice. All three centres are finished using exactly the same instructions, so it doesn't matter which you choose.



“One-Main-Fabric” indicates a fabric that will be used for both centre and sides of the runner, as shown above. You do not have to make all three centres from the same fabric but you must choose only one to finish as a runner during the class. The “one-main-fabric” is used everywhere except the Spinning Star points (red, black and green stripes in the pictured quilt) and the central diamond (cream colour in the pictured quilt). You may also use a different focus fabric for the central hexagon, but this is not pictured above; I used one fabric throughout.

Although the pattern lists three sizes, in this class you will be making the runner that measures ~14” x 48”. This runner can easily be made longer or shorter by adjusting the side half-hexies, as shown in the photo above. The runner can be made wider by adding narrow borders.

Fabric Requirements

.9 m *one-main-fabric*

.4 m *grout*

6 ½” x 7 ½” rectangle of *Central Hexagon* fabric (or more of your *one-main-fabric*)

.2 m *Spinning Star Points* fabric (for a 4 ¼” x 22” strip)

5” x 8 ¾” rectangle *Central Diamond* fabric

Regular sewing and rotary cutting supplies

A ruler with both 30° and 60° markings on it

Cutting Chart WOF = width of fabric ↑ = pressing direction

Fabric	One-main-fabric	Grout	Central hexagon	Spinning Star points	Central diamond
Hexagon option	2 – 3 ½" x WOF	2 – 1 ¼" x WOF	1 – 6 ½" x 7 ½" rectangle		
Spinning Star option	1 – 4 ¼" x 22" (will be background for the star points)	2 – 1 ¼" x 8"		4 ¼" x 22"	
Diamond option	1 – 3 ½" x WOF 2 – 3 ½" x 8 ¼"	1 – 1 ¼" x WOF 2 – 1 ¼" x 7 ½"			5" x 8 ¾"
Sides for your chosen centre	5 – 3 ½" x WOF	5 – 1 ¼" x WOF			

Pre-class Homework

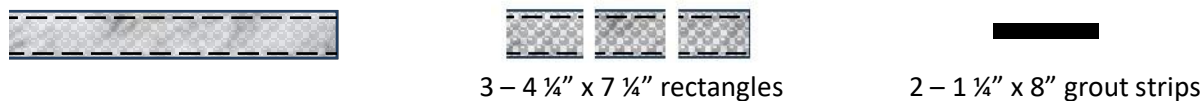
Hexagon option

Take your two 3 ½" *one-main-fabric* strips and stitch lengthwise to the two 1 ¼" *grout* strips. Press away from the grout. Cut one 6 ½" x 7 ½" rectangle for the *Central Hexagon*.



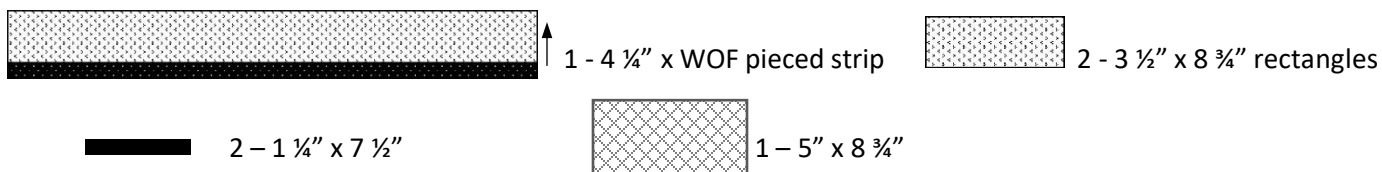
Spinning Star Option

Take your 4 ¼" x 22" *one-main-fabric* and your 4 ¼" x 22" *star points fabric* rectangles and layer right sides together. Stitch lengthwise down both long sides of the layered strips. Cut three rectangles measuring 4 ¼" x 7 ¼". Cut your short *grout* strips.



Diamond option

Stitch 1 – 3 ½" x WOF *one-main-fabric* and 1 – 1 ¼" x WOF *grout* strip lengthwise. Press away from the grout. Cut two 3 ½" x 8 ¼" rectangles from *one-main-fabric*, and cut two short *grout* strips. Cut one 5" x 8 ¾" rectangle from *Central Diamond* fabric.



Runner sides

Stitch 5 – 3 ½" x WOF *one-main-fabric* and 5 – 1 ¼" x WOF *grout* strips lengthwise. Press away from the grout.

