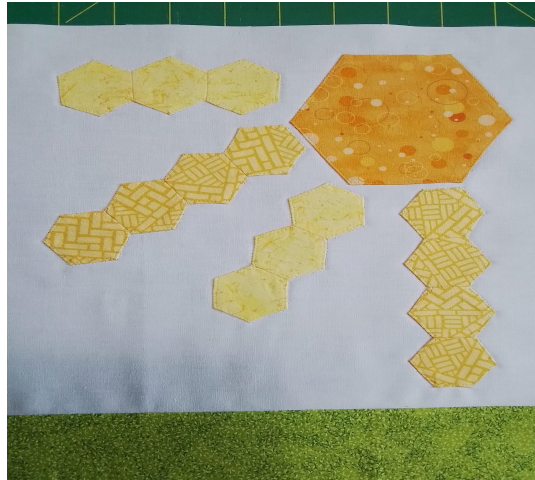


Chance of Sun or Total Eclipse Hexi Block  
May 2024  
12.5" X 12.5" unfinished  
Colour Theory - Analogous  
Technique - English Paper Piece



Analogous - These are colors that are adjacent to one another on the colour wheel. An example of what I used is Orange, Yellow/Orange, Yellow and Yellow/ Green. Because of the total eclipse you could pick Blue/ Violet, Blue, Blue/Green and Green.

Material Requirements and Cutting:

1 - 5" X 5" square for the Sun

14 - 2.5" X 2.5" squares for the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " rays, 8 of one colour and 6 of other colour

1 - 12.75" X 10.3 /4" of background fabric (white/ snow)

1 - 12.75" X 2.5" for bottom border. (Grass, water or whatever)

Fabric glue stick. I use Elmer's regular small glue stick, sparingly.

Hand sewing needle, . #8 or #9.

Matching thread

1 - 2" hexagon Paper template and 14 -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " hexagon Paper templates (Separate pdf included will give you the templates to print out.)

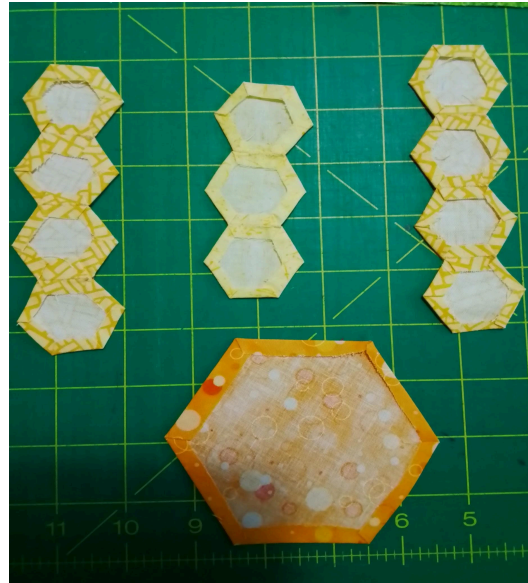
## Construction

As per diagram below place your template in the centre of each fabric piece and stabilize with a light dab of glue or a pin and trim about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the template all around the paper. Now glue the outer edges of your fabric one fold at a time to make your hexis. I have provided you 2 Youtube links you can watch to clarify.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=BPqbxoNNqoc>

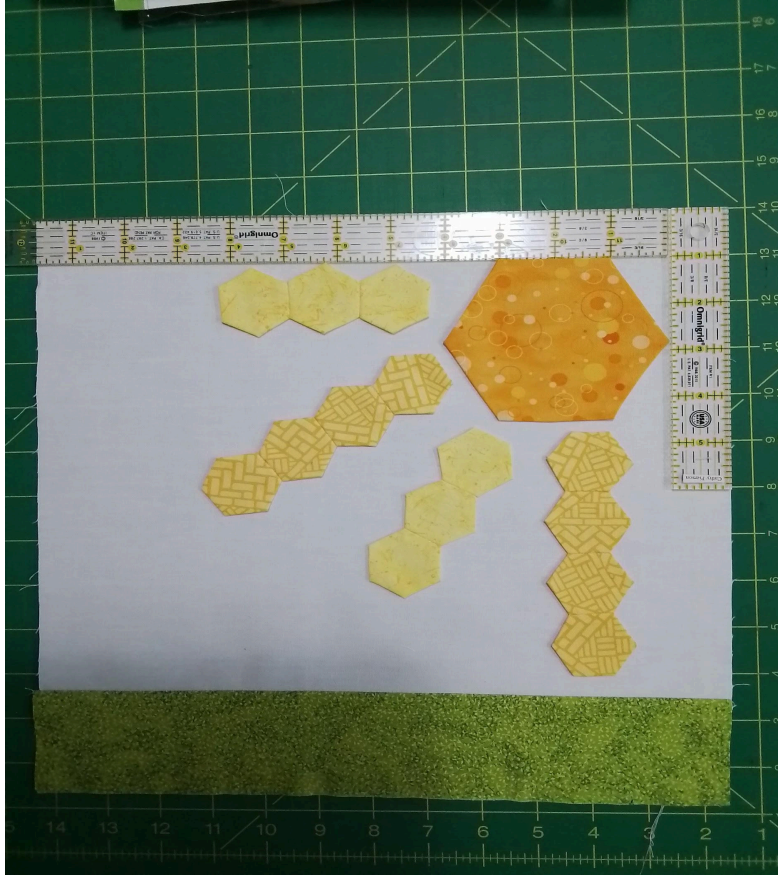
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Once all the Hexis are glued, stitch by hand or a small zig zag by machine. After that has been done, carefully remove the paper and starch and press the rows on both sides.



Now stitch the bottom strip ( $12.\frac{3}{4}$ " X  $2.5$ " ) to the Background ( $12.\frac{3}{4}$ " X  $10.\frac{3}{4}$ " )

Using the block illustration below as a guide lay out your hexagons in a sunshine pattern. **Be sure to leave at least 1” between the edges of your patches and the edges of the background fabric, for later trimming and seam allowance.**



Once you are pleased with your arrangement, stick in place using small amounts of fabric glue stick (Elmer's).

Applique the hexagon strips to the background, using your preferred method. Consider a machine zigzag or straight stitch in matching or monofilament thread or hand stitching using a blind stitch. There is no right or wrong way to applique these.

Press the entire block and true to 12.5". When trueing up, trim off the white areas only leaving the bottom border intact. In other words place your 12.5" ruler even with the bottom of block and trim the three sides only.