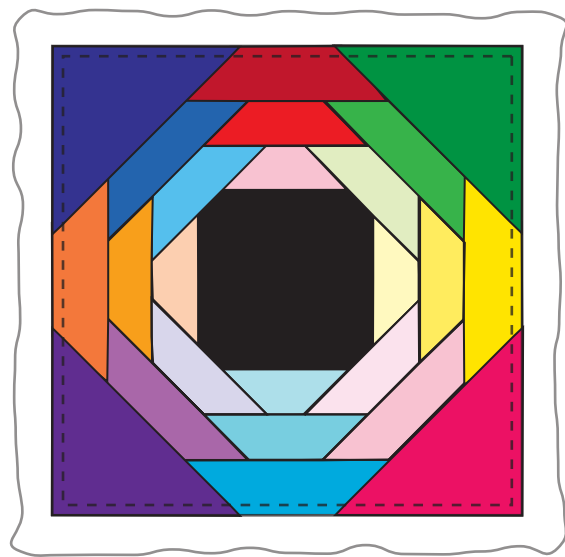


Paper Piecing Lesson by: Linda Smoker

1. Paper Piecing Preparation

In paper piecing, a paper pattern is needed for each block that is to be sewn. Multiple copies of a paper pattern can be made in several ways.

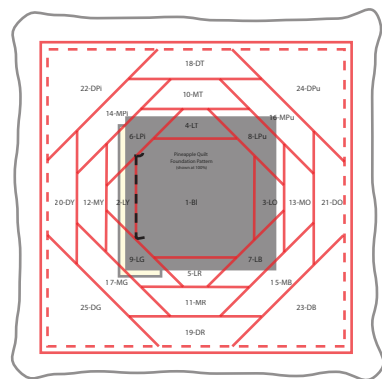
1. Trace the indicated number of copies individually to the paper.
2. Photocopy at exact size of pattern.
3. Place a traced paper pattern onto multiple layers of paper (number needed indicated on pattern). Without thread in your sewing machine needle, using a long stitch length, sew precisely on each line of the pattern. The needle will pierce holes in all the layers of paper that will match the pattern lines.



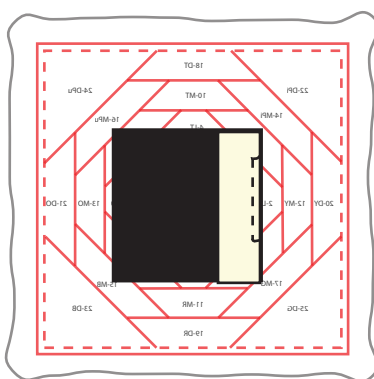
Cut out the paper pattern beyond the outer line. Set your machine's stitch length (18 stitches per inch). This makes the paper easier to remove once you have completed sewing the fabric block.

2. Sewing a Paper Pieced Pineapple Block

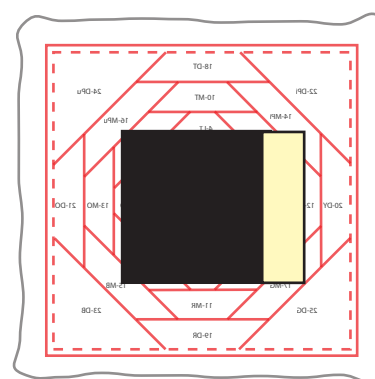
To piece a Pineapple block, layer a 5" black square and a 2" x 5" light yellow strip for areas 1 and 2, right sides together. With the right side of the paper pattern up, place the layered fabric pieces under area 1 with the area 1 fabric against the paper. (Note: It helps to check to make sure both areas will be totally covered plus 1/4". Pin the seam to be sewn, turn paper over, open the pieces, and check the coverage.) With the pattern facing up, stitch through the paper and the fabric on the line shared by piece 1 and 2. Begin and end your stitching 1/4" before and after the ends of the stitching line. Carefully trim the seam allowance to 1/4", if necessary, without trimming the paper pattern. Press open piece 2 from the fabric side.



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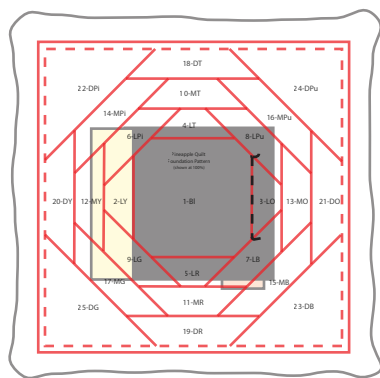


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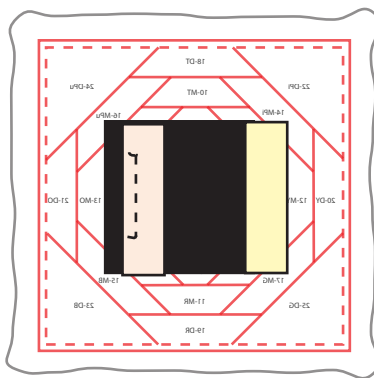


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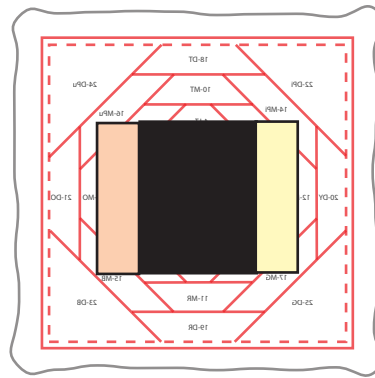
In the same manner, add the 2" x 5" light orange strip for area 3, stitching it on the shared line between areas 1 and 3. Continue adding the remaining light, medium, and dark fabric pieces in numerical order, trimming and pressing after each addition. Trim, but don't sew, the Pineapple block on the outer pattern line, which includes a 1/4" seam allowance on all sides.



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