

ASHMEAD DESIGNS

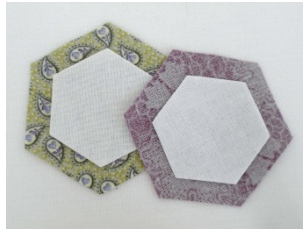
How to sew with Hexiform....

'Hexiform' is used as a direct replacement for paper. The piece of Hexiform needs to be tacked in place like paper, (it is not iron on). It is designed to be left in place, so is fully washable.

On the back of the card in your pack of Hexiform Shapes there is a 'Fabric cutting template'. This template incorporates the wider seam allowance needed when using Hexiform: Seam allowance - $\frac{3}{8}$ " (8mm)

Getting Started.....

Once you have cut your pieces of fabric lay them out face down and place the Hexiform pieces, non-woven side down, on each piece, showing the seam allowance.

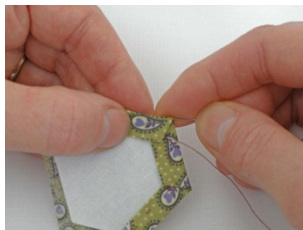


Start sewing!

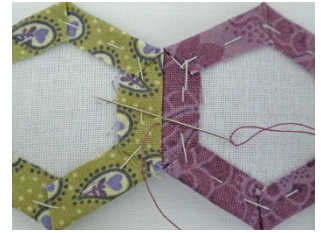
Thread your needle with thread of a length that you are comfortable with (the longer the better). This stage uses thread quite quickly, so the longer the thread the more hexagons you can sew in one go. Do not knot the end of your thread.

Turn the seam allowance over the Hexiform. It is best to make the first fold along the grain as this is the easiest to fold. Sew 2 or 3 stitches while holding a short tail of thread under your thumbnail so as not to pull it through.

Turning the corner needs to be done as accurately as possible. The better you can do this stage the easier it will be to fit the shapes together later. Holding your needle along the next edge of the Hexiform fold the seam allowance over the needle, sew 2 or 3 stitches, then fold again, continuing until all edges are stitched. To secure your thread, make one small stitch towards the centre and cut.



Now sew the pieces together, using a matching thread. Sew the seam as evenly as possible using Whip Stitch, picking up 3 or 4 threads of fabric from each side and pulling gently to tighten the stitch. Continue sewing until you have completed the outer panel.



Please note:

When using paper or card pieces this is the time that they are taken out. With the Hexiform system the pieces are not removed.

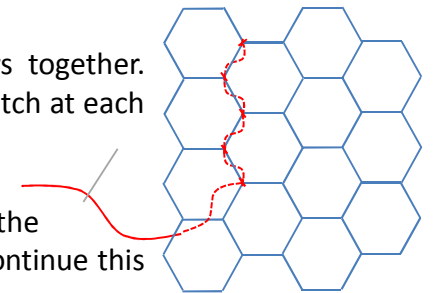
Hexiform can be quilted through in whatever method you choose, either by hand or by machine.

How to Hand Quilt! (Simple Method)

This is a simple method of quilting to use when making up a bag or a cushion when you do not require to quilt through 3 layers of fabric.

Lay your panel (face side up) on the wadding then baste these layers together using long stitches - this holds all the layers together while you are 'Quilting' the surface.

Quilting is achieved by stitching the layers together. The simplest way in which to do this is to stitch at each point where three hexagons meet. Pass the needle from below to the surface and back, two or three times, then loop the thread to the next set of three points and stitch again. Continue this method until all available points are quilted.



Suzi and the team hope that you like working with Hexiform. We are always open to new ideas (& new shapes) so just drop us a line if you want something we have not thought of yet..... Happy Sewing!

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