

Basic Paper Piecing Instructions

- 1 Cut all fabric right side down so the fabric pieces are the reverse of the paper pieces. **Be sure to add a 1/4" - 1/2" seam allowance around all sides of each fabric piece.**

Keep all cut fabric pinned to their corresponding pattern until you're ready to sew.

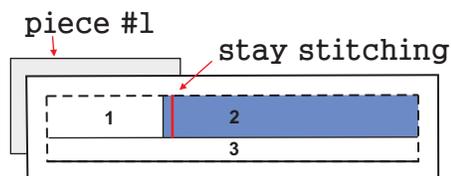
- 2 When you're ready to sew, choose a section, and place piece number 1 behind its spot on the pattern with the right side facing out. **The fabric and paper should be back to back.** Hold it up to the light to make sure the fabric seam allowances extend past the lines on the pattern. Pin in place.

- 3 With the paper pattern facing up (the fabric is now pinned underneath the pattern), slide your fabric paper combo under your presser foot. Stay stitch this first piece down by carefully sewing a line in the space of piece #2, **beside the stitching line between piece #1 and #2.**

It's important to note

That the pattern is the reverse of the final fabric block. You'll be placing your fabric pieces right sides together on the back of the pattern and sewing the seam line through the front of the pattern.

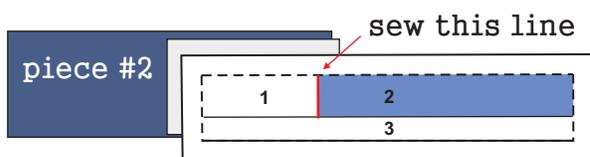
Yes, you're sewing chunks of fabric to the paper.



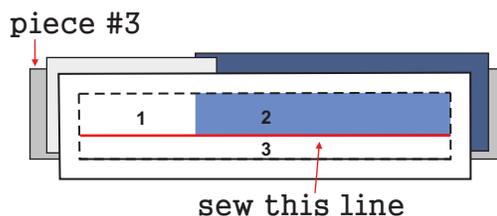
- 4 Now place piece #2 behind its spot on the pattern, right side facing out so that it's back to back with the paper. Hold it up to the light to make sure the fabric seam allowances extend past the lines on the pattern.

Carefully lay it all down on the table fabric side up, and carefully flip #2 over so that it lays on top of #1, right sides together. Gently slide #2 up so both seam allowance edges are nicely lined up. Kind of like scootching things over while turning a page.

Pin securely along the sewing line between #1 and #2 from the front of the pattern. **You can now test its placement before you sew.** Fingerpress piece #2 open, hold it up to the light and see how well it lays over its spot on the pattern. Fiddle around until it lays nicely.



- 5 Turn it over so the fabric is now underneath the paper, and you can see the pattern lines. Side it under your presser foot and sew the line between #1 and #2. Be sure to backstitch and **only sew on the line, not past it.**



- 6 Press #2 open. Take a second to fold the paper and fabric back along that stitching line and **trim the seam allowances so they're clean and even.**

Repeat the process with the remaining pieces until each section is sewn together.

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