

Cubix Help Sheet

*Here are some tips and second thoughts I've had for this pattern.
I hope it will make your project go more smoothly!*

Fabric suggestions

Choose cube fabrics paying close attention to value. Value is the key to making the cubes look three dimensional. You need a light medium and dark.

Choose the background that will offer a good contrast with the cubes. So it needs to be either darker than your cube dark or lighter than its light.

Pressing

Press all fabrics before you cut the strips. A good application of spray sizing or starch will make the pieces easier to handle and the seams easier to open.

Press the seam allowances of the strip sets toward the darker value.

Press the seams joining Spot ON pieces open. (That is my preference anyway.)

Press the border seams toward the outside.

Pinning

For the best results, pin at each seam intersection.

Pin when adding on the triangle tips, then sew from the back side.

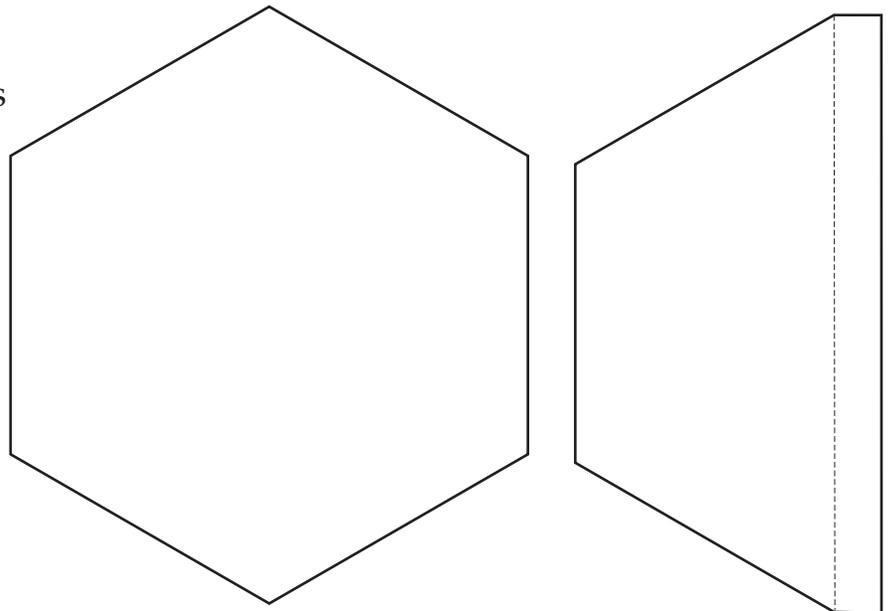
Sewing

It is very important to sew with a true $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, not a scant.

Tip free variation

If you would prefer, you can eliminate this step. Sew the pieces together without adding them. It will leave "holes". You can then cover the openings with hexagon and half hexagon appliques. This saves fabric and time.

Here are the outlines for the applique pieces. Cut them from freezer paper. Cut the fabric larger than the paper. Fold the fabric around the paper edge. Stitch in place to cover the "hole".



Saving Cube fabric

If you want to save fabrics A, B, and C (the cube fabrics) sew a background strip to both sides. Then you can rotate the Spot On tool to get twice as many pieces. The background Fabric D strips are still $2\frac{1}{4}$ ", but increase the Fabric A,B, and C strips to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". You'll only need two strips of these for each A, B, C, reducing the fabric required.

Units

- For Unit A, you need nine of each Spot On piece -- 9 Set 1s and 9 Set 1s mirrored
 9 Set 2s and 9 Set 2s mirrored
 9 Set 3s and 9 Set 3s mirrored
- For Unit B, you need nine of each Spot On piece -- 9 Set 1s and 9 Set 1s mirrored
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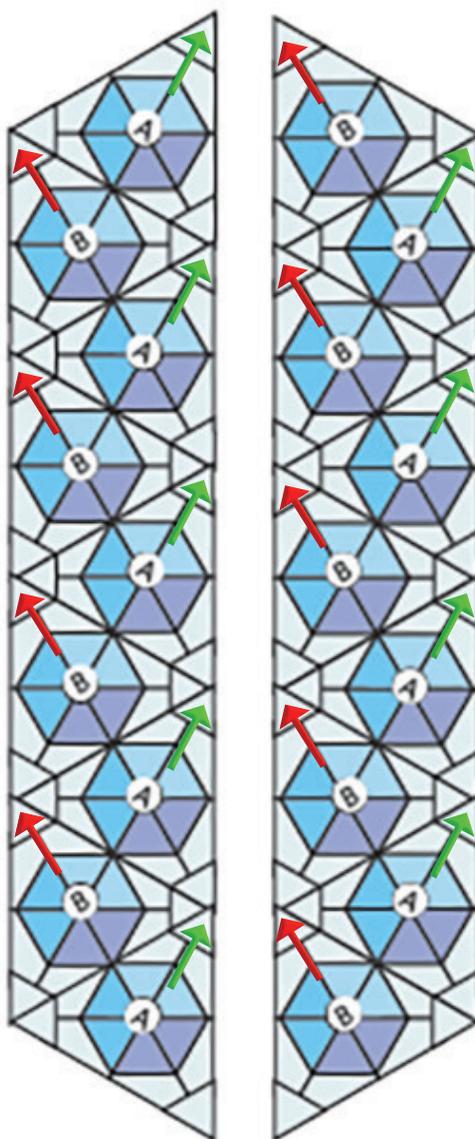
It's best to count and divide the pieces for each Unit before proceeding.
 Study the diagrams to see the difference between Unit A and Unit B. There's the same pieces, just arranged differently.

Here is a more detailed assembly diagram

Assembly

- Arrange the A and B units, keeping the cubes oriented in the same direction.

Notice the cube is the same in each unit--a vertical bright blue and the light diamond is always on the upper right side



Left side:
 5 As
 4 Bs

Right side:
 4 As
 5 Bs