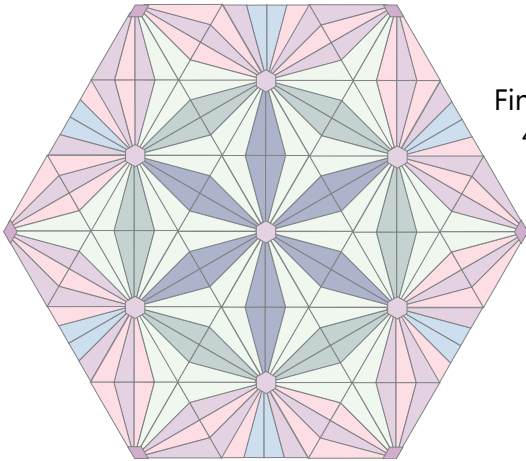




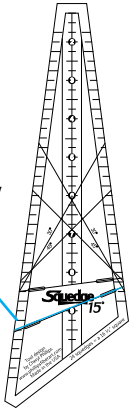
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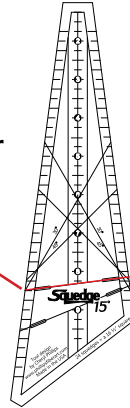
Finished Size:  
48" x 55"

| Fabric             | Cutting Strips      | Suggested Yardage |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| A                  | Four 7 1/2" strips* | 1 1/8 yds         |
| B                  | Three 7 1/2" strips | 3/4 yd            |
| C                  | Three 7 1/2" strips | 3/4 yd            |
| D                  | Two 7 1/2" strips   | 1/2 yd            |
| E                  | Two 7 1/2" strips   | 1/2 yd            |
| F                  | Two 7 1/2" strips   | 1/2 yd            |
| Backing<br>Batting | 52" x 59"           | 3 yds             |
| Binding            | Five 2 1/2" strips  | 3/8 yd            |

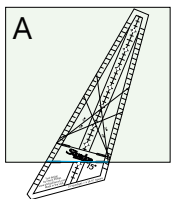
For **side** Squedges, place the slotted line on the fabric edge.



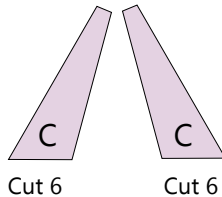
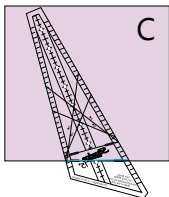
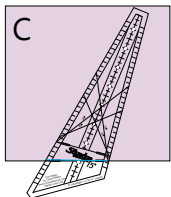
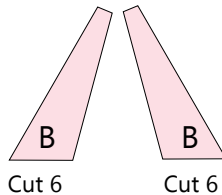
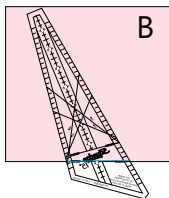
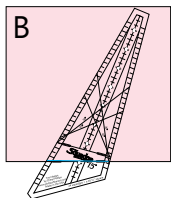
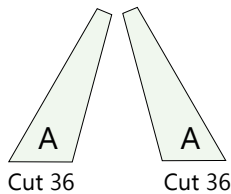
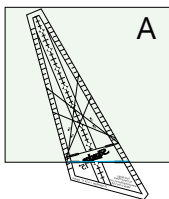
For **center** Squedges, place the slotted line on the fabric edge.



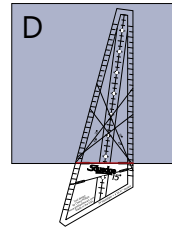
Cut the first Squedge with the tool facing **up**.



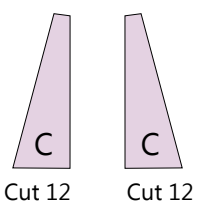
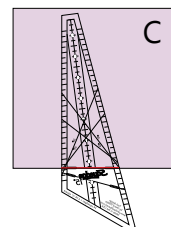
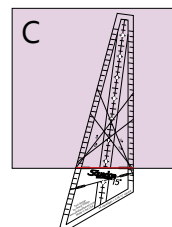
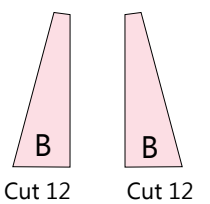
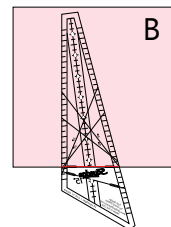
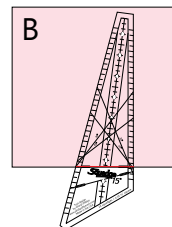
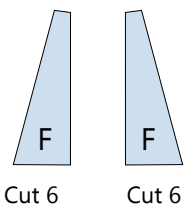
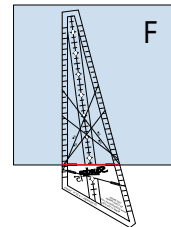
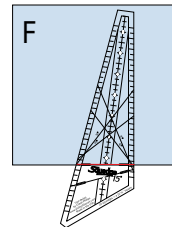
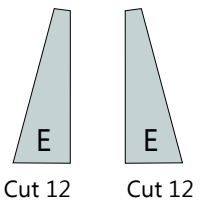
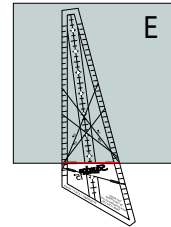
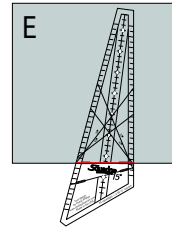
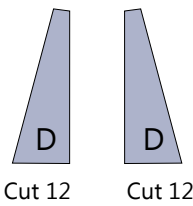
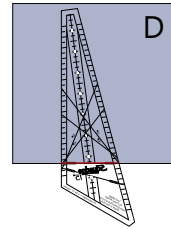
Cut the second Squedge with the tool facing **down**.



Squedge facing **up**.

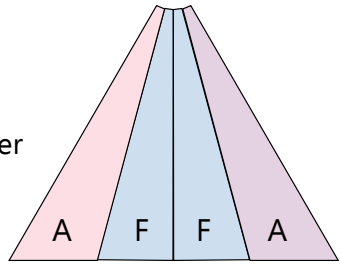


Squedge facing **down**.

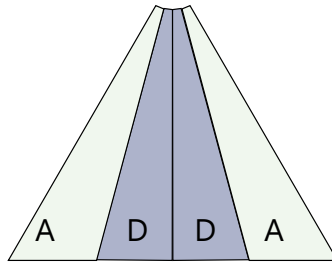




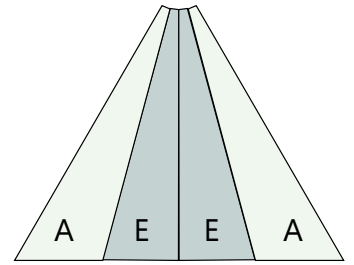
- Sew four Squedges together to make a unit.
- Refer to the diagrams for fabric placement.
- Make a total of 54 units.



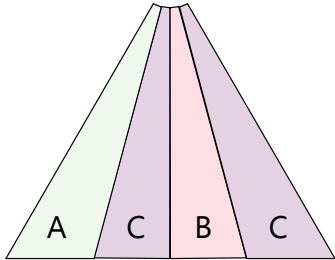
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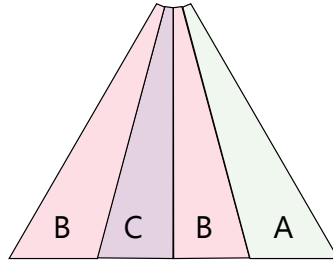
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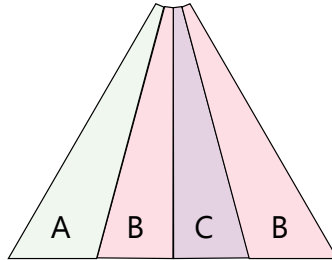
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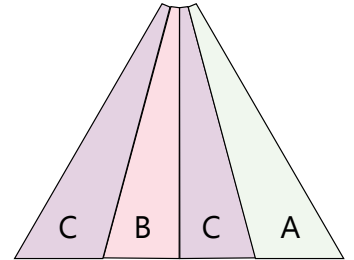
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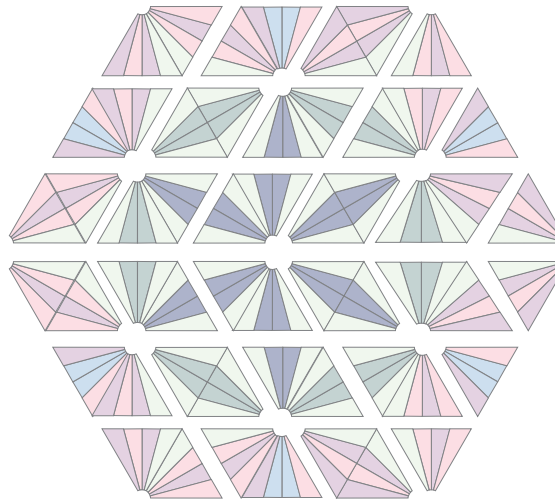


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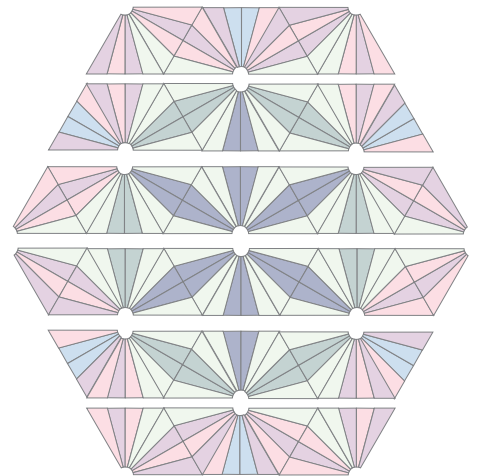


Make 6

- Sew two units together to make a diamond.
- Follow the diagrams carefully.
- Sew the diamonds into rows.
- Sew the rows together to make the hexagon top.

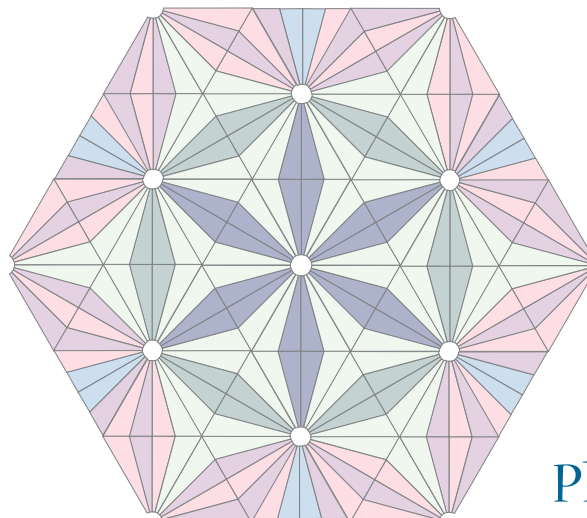


Diamonds



Rows

Hexagon Top





## Freezer Paper Appliques

- Trace the applique shapes onto freezer paper.
- Trace six diamonds and seven hexagons.
- Iron the freezer paper shapes onto the back of the fabric.
- Cut the fabric  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the paper edge.
- Wrap the fabric around the paper piece. Glue stick in place.
- For the diamonds, only two sides need to be wrapped as the raw edge will be covered with the binding.

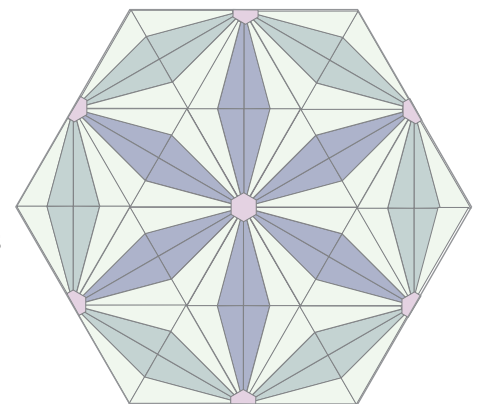
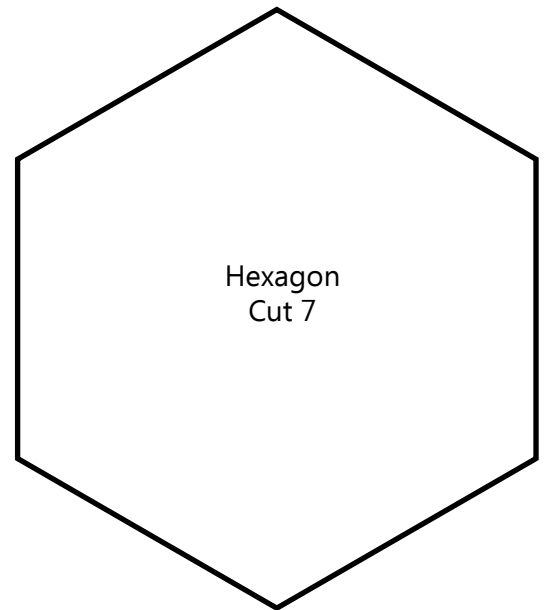
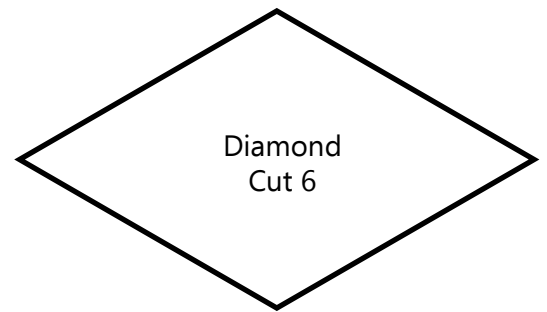
- Applique the hexagons over the openings as shown.
- Applique the diamonds to the outside edge as shown.

## Finishing

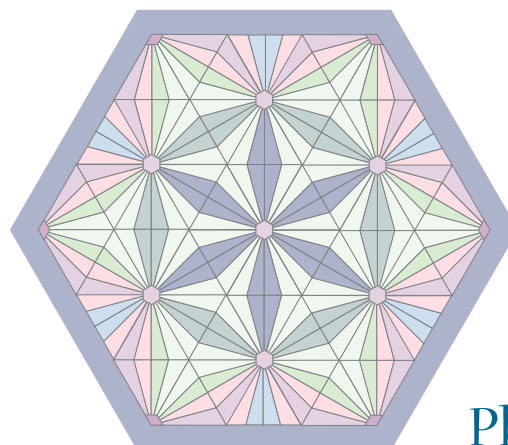
- Layer the backing, batting and top.
- Baste the layers together.
- Quilt as desired.
- Bind with the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " binding strips.

## Time Saving Tips

- One way to save time cutting is to leave your  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " strip folded. Cut the squedge pieces two at a time. You'll be getting mirror images without worrying about flipping over the tool.
- Note: If you use the above method with batiks, remember the fabric looks the same on both sides.
- Don't like to applique? You can avoid this step by sewing triangles to the units. For more information on this technique, refer to the free hexagon patterns on the web site: [PhillipsFiberArt.com](http://PhillipsFiberArt.com).
- Eliminate the outer row for a smaller project. Make only the 12 AD and 12 AE units.
- Add borders from six  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 33" strips to make a larger project.



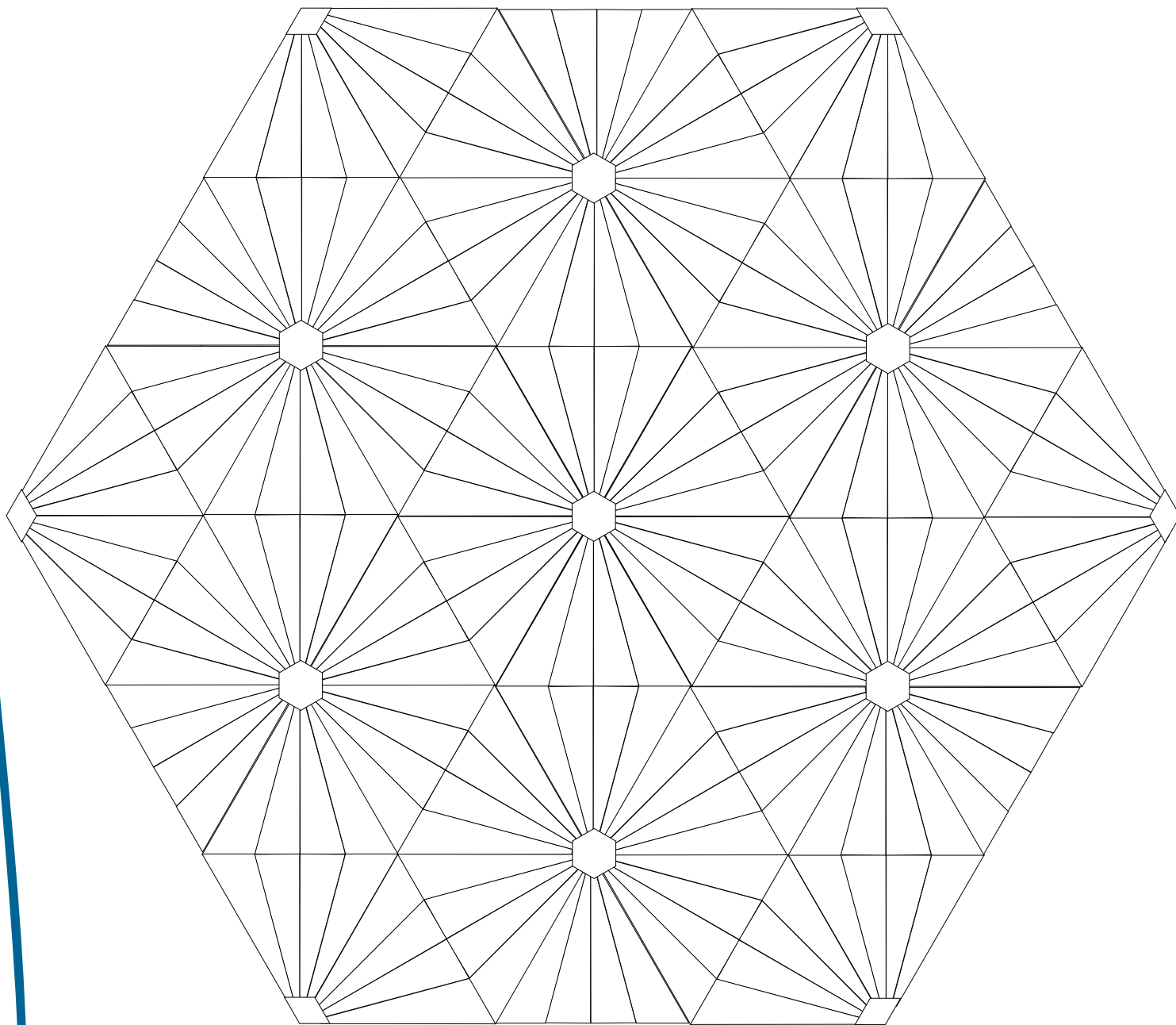
smaller project



with border added



## Linking Hands Graph Paper



Color the design to help plan your fabric choices.