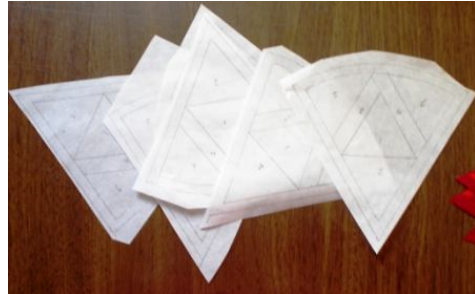
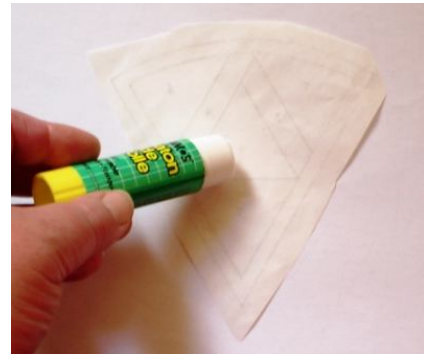


Instructions for Foundation Piecing of ShellyQ's Xmas Star

Roughly cut out your paper patterns, you should have 6 units



On the unmarked side of the paper place a small dab of water soluble glue stick in the center of section 1. This helps to hold your first piece in place, no need to pin. Use sparingly or you will have a lot of trouble removing the paper later on.



Place fabric for section one wrong side up on a light surface



Place paper foundation (marked side up) over fabric. Ensure there is seam allowance all the way around section 1



Turn foundation so fabric side is up.
Place fabric piece 2, right side down,
over the top of fabric piece one



Hold foundation up to a light source and
check that there is sufficient seam allow-
ance extending beyond the stitching line
between section 1 & 2



Place unit under machine, printed side up and
holding fabric in place so it doesn't shift. Using a
very small stitch sew on the line between section
1 & 2. Start and stop sewing a few stitches be-
yond the drawn line, this will help to anchor the
seam. No need to back stitch



Fabric side, first seam stitched. Before trim-
ming, open out fabric piece 2 and check that it
adequately covers the area of section 2.



Fold paper back out of the way and trim seam.
Approx 1/4" for the larger blocks and just over
1/8" for the minis



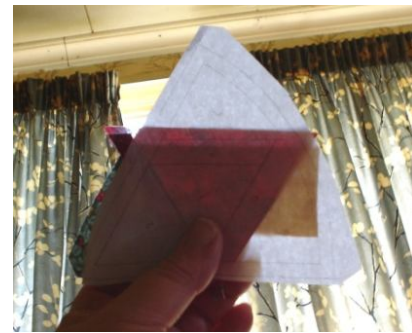
Open out piece 2 and press



Position piece 3 over the seam line between section 2 & 3



Check seam allowance with light source.
Stitch the seam line. Continue adding pieces in this manner until complete. Don't forget to check and trim each seam allowance before going on to the next step



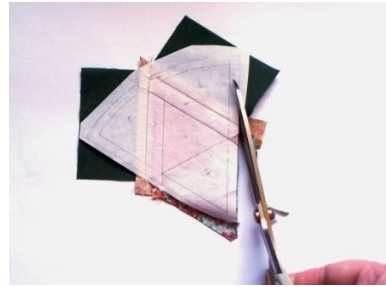
Fabric side, all pieces added, but before final trim



Paper side, showing surplus fabric



Carefully cut out the unit on the outside line.
For straight edges you can do this with a ruler
and cutter but because of the curved edge I find
this easier with a good pair of scissors.



The completed trimmed unit, fabric side. At this
stage, for this pattern I like to remove the paper,
particularly for the minis, as it is almost impos-
sible to sew through all those layers of paper as
well as fabric



Showing reverse side, with paper re-
moved



Join 4 of the units into 2 pairs using
1/4" seam allowance



Press the seam allowance open for this
block as this helps to spread the bulk in the
seam allowance



Join another unit to each pair to make two halves. Then join the two halves



Reverse side of completed block showing seam allowances pressed open



Voila, completed block ☺



I hope you enjoyed this pattern