

# Quilting



Crafty guy and keen quilter [Chris Webb](#) has put together this tutorial to help you make your own unique mini quilt. Design your own template and use some modern tricks and tips to make English Paper Piecing a breeze! Start off with a simple design, and make things more complicated as you grow in confidence—you'll go from mini to maxi quilts in no time.



## Equipment

- Piece of A4 card
- Pencil and rubber
- Pen/fabric pen
- Ruler
- Scissors (for fabric and paper)
- Glue stick
- Paperclips
- Safety pins

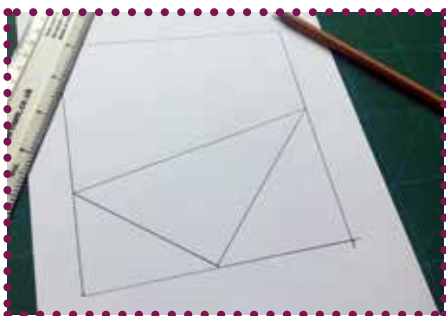
## materials

## For patchwork and quilting

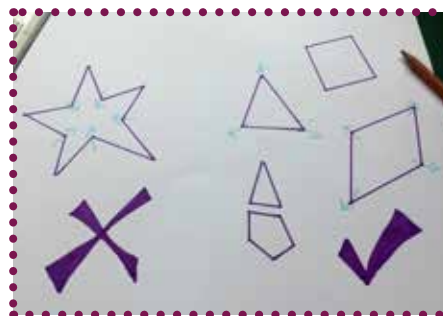
- Fabric (scraps plus some larger pieces)
- Thread
- Wadding
- Needle



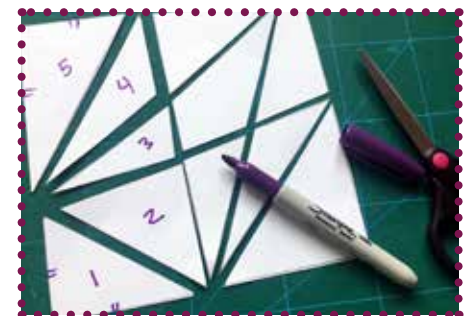
## Step 1: Create a template



**1. Create your paper template:** draw a six-inch square and create a patchwork design by drawing straight lines inside it.

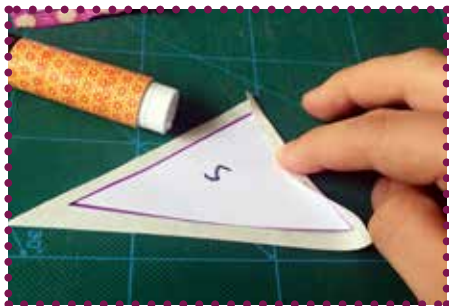


**2. Make sure you are drawing convex polygons—** shapes with angles that point outwards rather than inwards. If you want to make star shapes or letters, you will have to break them down into separate smaller shapes.



**3. Cut out your template pieces carefully—** they should fit together like a puzzle with no gaps. You may find it helpful to number your templates and mark the outside edges so you don't get them mixed up!

## Step 2: Piece



4. Select and cut your fabric pieces so that they are  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch bigger than your template pieces along all edges.

Lay your fabric pieces front-side down, with your paper pieces front-side down on top. Lightly glue the edges of your paper piece, fold the fabric edges over the paper, and smooth in place.



5. For your outside edges, only fold and glue the sides that will be on the interior of your patchwork—the other sides should stay flat.



6. Starting with two adjoining pieces, sew your pieces together one at a time. Sew through the fold of the fabric, trying to keep as close to the edge as possible so that you don't catch the card.



7. When your patchwork is complete lay it flat to check it—hold it up to the light to check for any unstitched gaps.



8. Lift the glued edges of your fabric and pull out the paper templates. If there are any bits that don't come undone easily use a bit of water/steam to loosen the glue.

## Step 3: Quilt



9. Measure your finished piece, and cut a backing fabric that is 1 inch larger on all sides.

Cut a piece of wadding that is the same size as your finished piece.

Create the quilt sandwich, with the wadding between the backing fabric and patchwork. Hold all three layers together with a few safety pins (this is called basting the quilt).



10. Thread up your needle with some heavy thread and tie a knot at the end. Begin to quilt your layers in any fashion you like. Be sure to quilt only where there are three layers, do not go beyond the edges of your patchwork.

**Top Tip:** Try using embroidery thread, pearl cotton or other heavy threads for a different look.

## Step 4: Bind and Finish



**11.** The edges of your backing will become the binding. Fold it over itself halfway, toward the front-side of your mini quilt, then fold the binding towards the quilt again, so that it completely hides the raw edges of your patchwork and wadding.



**12.** Stitch the binding to the quilt using a ladder stitch that runs through the fold of your binding on one side and through the top layers of your quilt on the other.



**13.** When you come to the corners, fold the corner towards the next side at a 45 degree angle and continue to fold and stitch the next side to give you a mitred corner.



**14.** Continue around all sides and corners until your work is complete. Tie off your stitch and thread your excess thread into the quilt.

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his Vlog tutorial:

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