

## **Foundation/Paper Piecing**

Fabric pieces are cut to the approximate size needed to cover area and placed in the sequence of the pattern, on the unmarked side of the paper. The lines are sewn from the marked side of the paper. The block will be built facing out, on the unprinted side of the paper.

Important to note that at least ¼” of fabric extends over each line.

Tools and Supplies:

Sewing machine with 12 or 14 sharp needle

Fabrics and thread

Small mat

Rotary cutter

Sharp straight edge ruler or plastic card

¼” ruler

Pressing implement

Scissors

Pattern

Lamp or good light

- 1 Place fabric piece #1, wrong side up on the unmarked side of the paper and pin in place.
- 2 With straight edge on the line between #1 and #2 fold the pattern back on the line and using the ¼” ruler trim the seam to ¼ inch.
- 3 Place fabric for #2 along trimmed seam with right sides together. Check to be sure the fabric will cover the area needed.
- 4 Turn piece over and stitch down the line between #1 and #2 starting a couple of stitches before the line and ending a couple of stitches after. Use short stitches as it makes the paper easier to remove.
- 5 Turn piece over and press using an implement or finger press.
- 6 Continue from step no. 2 adding pieces in numerical order.

The outer line of the pattern is generally the finished seam line so be sure you have at least ¼” beyond.

Do not remove paper pattern until all the lines are stitched, including the outer lines.

Straight of grain is not important except for the outer edges of the block .

Gloria Moore, Demo, March 24, 2015