

## A Little Bit Hexie!



A Quiltville Mini

Finished size: 12" X 12"

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This pattern was designed especially for my group of travelers coming to Tuscany, Italy with me in May of 2015 as instruction for finishing their projects.

A basic knowledge of English paper piecing is assumed.

For a more detailed Hexie tutorial, check out my blog tutorial at:

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2010/10/hexagon-tutorial.html>

### What you'll need:

13 3/4" per side hexie papers and fabric for the rosette.

1 9" square of background fabric

3 fat quarters of coordinating batik for pieced border and binding.

Scraps for cornerstones

Backing fabric and batting.

### Assembly:

After the rosette is assembled, press it well.

Remove the papers from the hexies WITHOUT removing the basting. The basting will help keep your seam allowance turned under.

Center the rosette within the background square and pin in place. Applique the rosette to the background square:



Use very small stitches and catch just a few threads at the edge of the rosette when appliqueing to keep stitches nearly invisible.

Use a thread that blends with the edge of the rosette.

OPTIONAL: Very carefully trim away the excess backing fabric from behind the rosette leaving 1/4" seam allowance. Especially helpful if hand quilting.

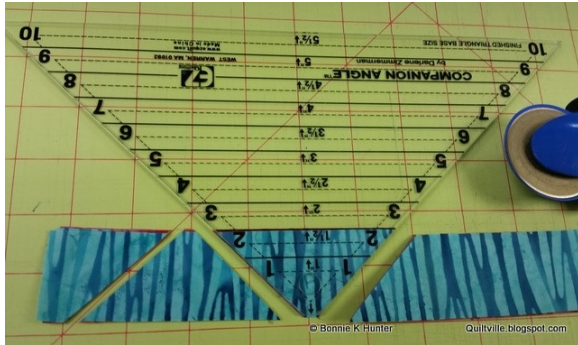
Press the block well, and trim block to 8.5".

### Borders:

In traditional rotary cutting, you can cut these from 3 1/4" squares, slicing them on the diagonal twice from corner to corner to yield the triangles required.

I used the Easy Angle Ruler and 1.5" strips to cut the quarter square triangles for these border units in already matched pairs ready to sew. You can use any method that gives you a 2.5" hour glass unit that finishes at 2" in the quilt.

My method:

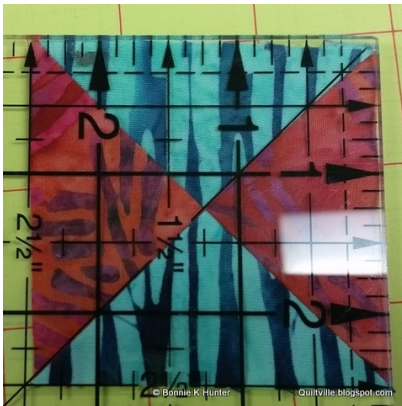


Layer border fabrics with right sides together.

Using 1.5" strips and the 2" line on the ruler (Large numbers to the outside edge) cut triangles in matched pairs.

Cut 32 PAIRS – each pair will be half one one hour glass unit. Stitch the pairs on the short side. Join pairs to yield 16 hour glass units.

Press all seams toward the darkest fabric.



**TEST MEASURE!**

With proper cutting and stitching, these units should measure 2.5" square and finish at 2" in the quilt. ALWAYS TEST and adjust!

HINT: Spinning seams on the back will help these seams to nest each other when joined!



**Borders & Cornerstones!**

Join border units in sets of 4 to create 4 borders.

Cut 4 2.5" cornerstones from fabric of your choice and add them to the ends of the top and bottom borders. Press seams toward cornerstones.



Add side borders first, pressing seams toward the quilt center. Add top and bottom borders, also pressing toward quilt center.

**Quilt as desired, bind and enjoy!**