

Hexi ornaments Cindy Cockell

I cut my hexi templates from light weight card stock or use up those order cards that come in magazines. In the demo I showed my Fiskar hexi cutters I got at Michaels but you can cut the templates with scissors. Just try to be as accurate as possible.

Great scrap project!



Wreath (1 1/4" template) – finishes about 4":

12 hexis cut exactly to the size of the small template from fusible fleece/batting.

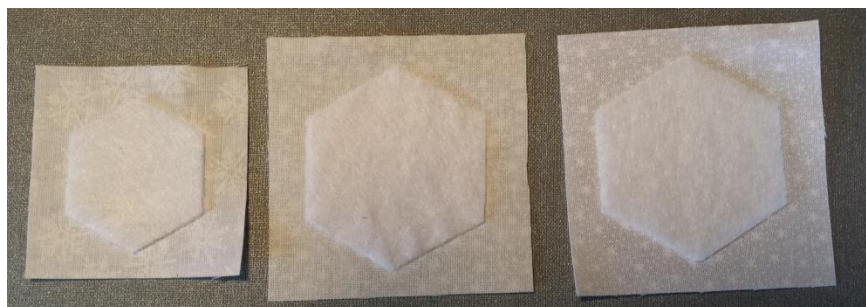
Hint: I cut a strip of batting 1 1/4" wide then position my template like shown to the right (green is the template). Then just cut off the excess with scissors and reposition your template on the strip again. Fusible batting makes it easier to keep the hexi shape in place and fold over the edges. It also adds some fullness to the ornaments.



12 squares from various green fabrics – cut squares 2"x2". I used 3 different greens made the fabric on the front and back the same on each hexi but they could all be different

Fuse hexis to the wrong side of the green fabric. Center it as best you can. I've shown the snowman hexis fused in the left picture below.

Then trim the excess from the corners so you have roughly 1/4" seam allowance all around (right picture below). I trim with scissors.

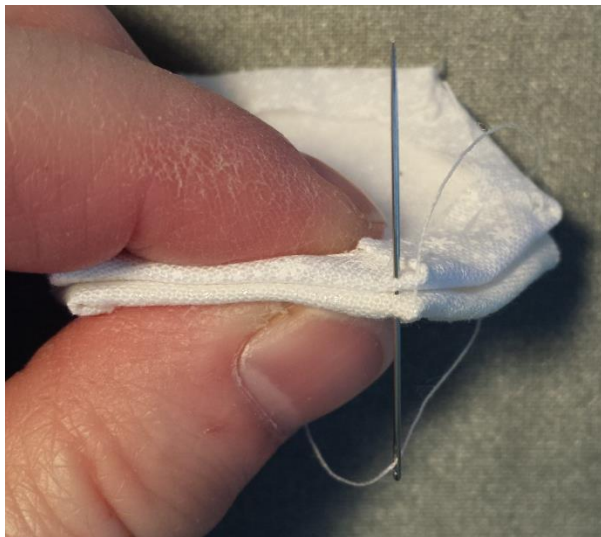


Now tack down each point. I do 3 stitches into each point but you can do 2. I do one stitch at the raw edge, 1 in the middle and 1 close to the point. I've show it stitched with red so you can see my stitches but you really should use a matching thread. Take a stitch through the center of the side and continue to the next point until all points are done. Make sure you can't see the stitches on the front. I take a little back stitch at the end but you don't have to tie a knot. Don't pull too tight or you'll pucker it. Complete all hexis for the ornament the same way.



Next sew the hexis together. There are 6 for each wreath side. If they don't lie perfectly flat after you sew them together don't worry too much. By the time you finish they should be OK or flatten by ironing.

When you sew the hexis together put 2 hexis right sides together and hold them like below. Take small stitches along 1 edge, picking up only a few threads. I tie a knot at the beginning and end. Then open them up and they should lie flat. Make 2 sides the same.



Embellish: Sew 3 red beads to each hexi on the wreath on one side. This way the stitching won't show.

Put the wrong sides of your hexi wreath together. I match my colors but it doesn't matter. If the hexis don't match up exactly you can ease them in since you are hand stitching.

Sew along the outside edges of the wreath then the inside edge using the same whip stitch and matching green thread as you did when sewing the hexis together.

Add a ribbon to the top for a hanger. Add a bow to the top or bottom if you wish.

Snowman (1 ¼" and 1 ¾" template) – finishes about 2" x 5":

2 hexis cut exactly to the size of the small template from fusible fleece/batting (cut a strip of batting 1 ¼")

4 hexis cut exactly to the size of the large template from fusible fleece/batting (cut a strip of batting 1 ¾")

2 squares from various whites/creams – cut squares 2"x2"

4 squares from various whites/creams – cut squares 2 ½" x 2 ½"

Cut hexi shapes from the fusible batting and fuse to the wrong side of fabric just like for the wreath. Trim to leave 1/4" seam allowance.

Sew 2 large hexis together for the body. Sew the small hexi to one of the large hexis, centering it on the edge since it is smaller. You will make 2 body sections like this so it looks like the picture.

Sew your embellishments to one side: the beads, buttons and nose. This way the stitching won't show when it's done. Don't do the earmuffs and arms at this time.

I used Delica beads for the mouth (or a small bead size 10-15). Take a stitch with black thread above each eye for eyebrows. Add blush for cheeks if you wish.

If you don't have a nose button you have a few other options:

- use fabric backed with some Heat & Bond Lite and satin stitch in place
- use embroidery floss to make a nose
- use your sewing machine (some may even have a decorative stitch that will make a triangle)

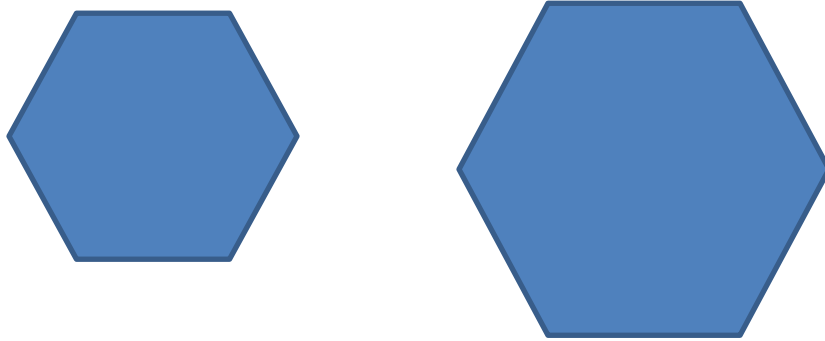
Put your 2 snowman bodies wrong sides together. Start stitching about ½ way along the side where the arm will go and stitch along the bottom of the snowman. Stop when you get about ½ way along the side for the other arm. Insert a small branch or twig for the arm. I took a few stitches back and forth to hold the arm (you could use a dot of hot glue to hold it inside if you want but then it's stiff at this point. Then finish stitching until you get to the other side and add the other arm. You could use felt for arms (or fuse 2 pieces together for more stiffness)



Stitch 2 pom poms to the points on each side of the head. Cut a piece of flannel, plaid fabric or ribbon for the scarf (1/2" x 6") and tie it on. Add a ribbon for a hanger.
Google hexi ornaments or go on Pinterest for more ideas

Templates:

My original pattern the edges are 3/4" and 1"



Other sizes for larger ornaments:

FYI – in Word you can click on Insert and pick Shapes then find the hexi and double click it to add to your page. Then click on the hexi shape and resize to any size you want by dragging it from a corner (so it keeps its original proportions)

So these are 1 1/4 on the edge and 1 3/4" so you'd cut your fabric squares 2 3/4" and 3 1/2" respectively

