

Hexagon Flower Needle Case

While creating the Hexagon Flower postcard in the second book in the Quilted Postcards series, I thought it would be lovely to have a set of Hexagon Flower based items, either to have myself or for a gift to a stitchery friend. Hexagons are my most favourite patchwork!!! I had already created the postcard, coaster and bowl filler/pin cushion and a needle case just came to mind.



Finished size of needle case when closed is 4" square

You Will Need

2 pieces of fabric 4½" x 8½"

1 piece of iron-on interfacing 4½" x 8½"

1 piece of wadding 4½" x 8½"

1 piece of white cotton fabric 5" x 9"

Fabric for Hexagon flower

Printer paper

A selection of threads

Yellow stranded embroidery thread

Wool felt 4" x 8"

Air erasable pen

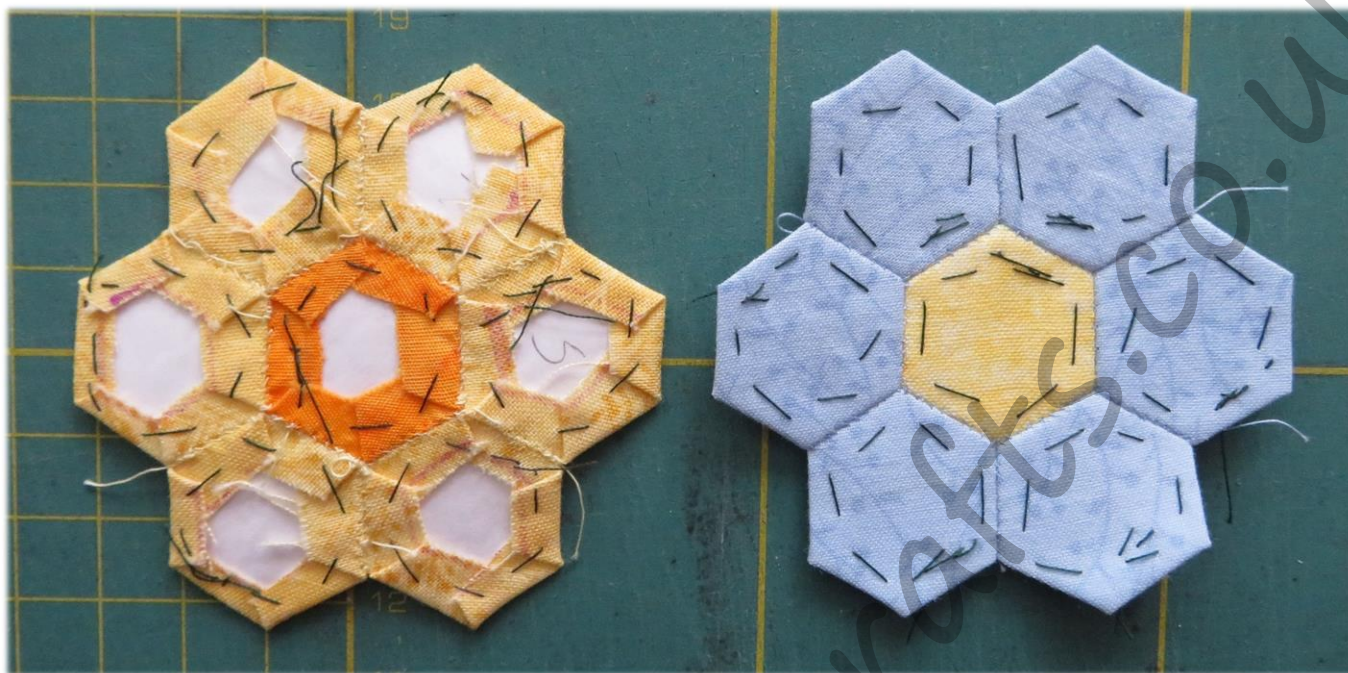
To Make

1. Make copies of the two templates attached, or if you have a set of hexagon shapes find the ones that match – the smaller/paper one has ½" sides and the bigger/fabric one has ¾" sides
2. Using the smaller ½" sided one, draw seven hexagons onto printer paper and cut out
3. Using the bigger ¾" sided one, cut six hexagons for the petals and one hexagon for the centre
4. Place a paper hexagon in the centre of the back of each fabric hexagon and tack the fabric over the paper

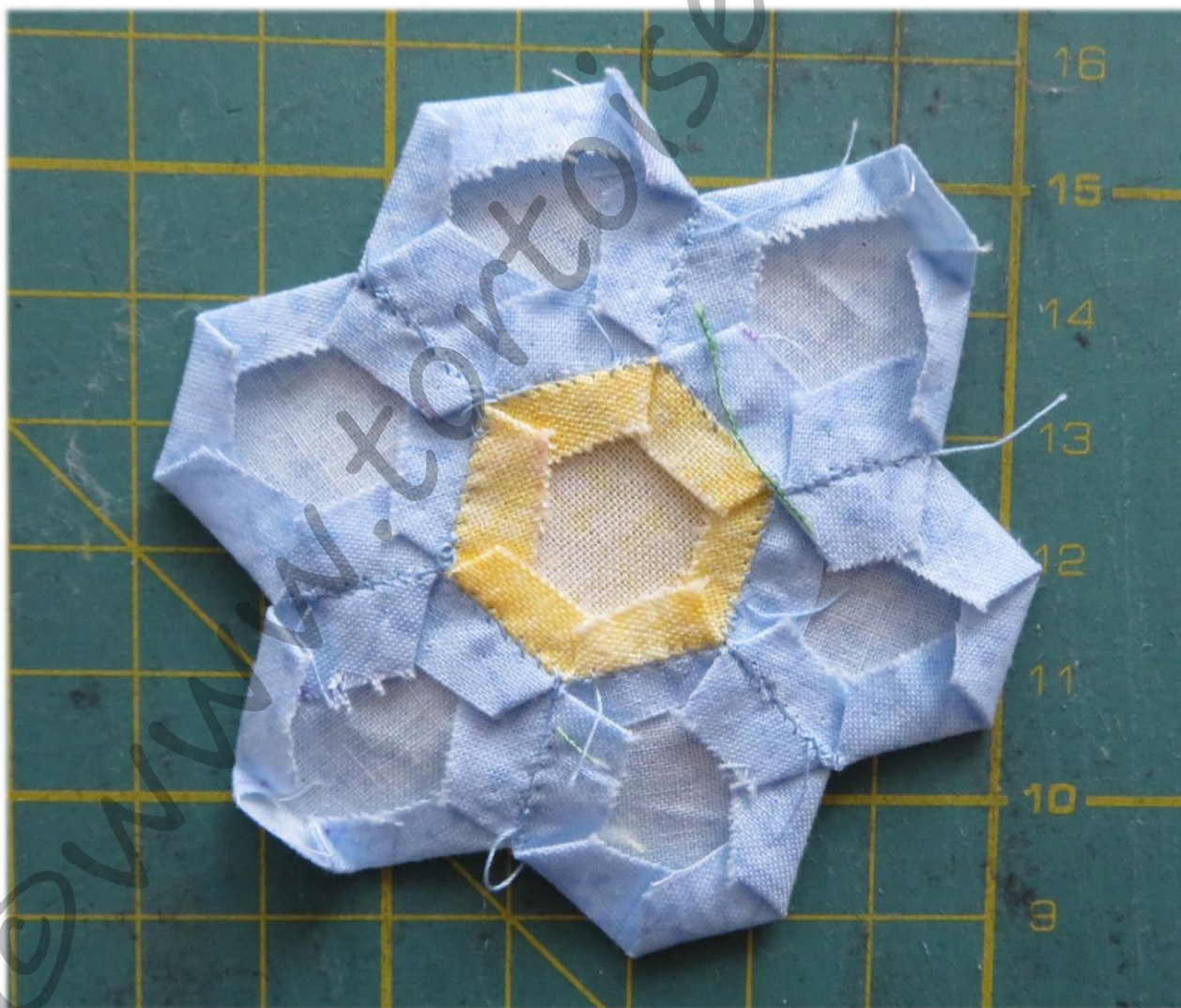
I am old school, and I tack through the papers when doing hexagon. I know there are other methods out there so please use whichever method you are happiest with to create the hexagon flower



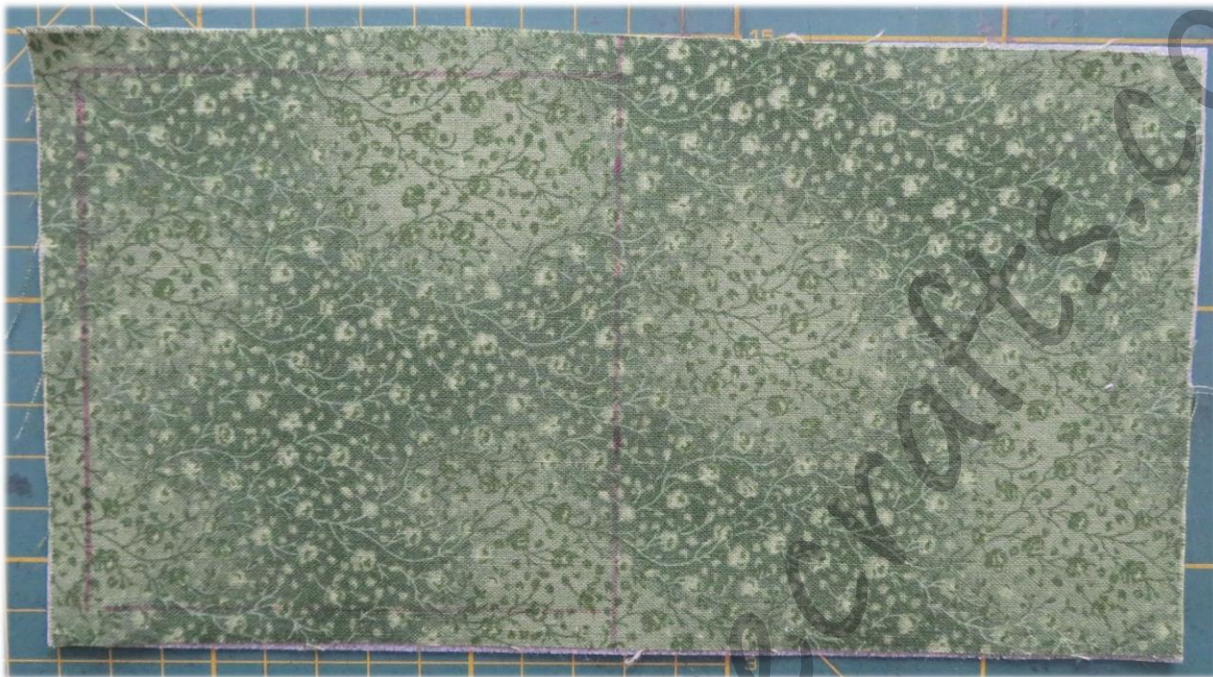
5. Stitch the hexagons together to create the flower



6. Press and remove the tacking and paper

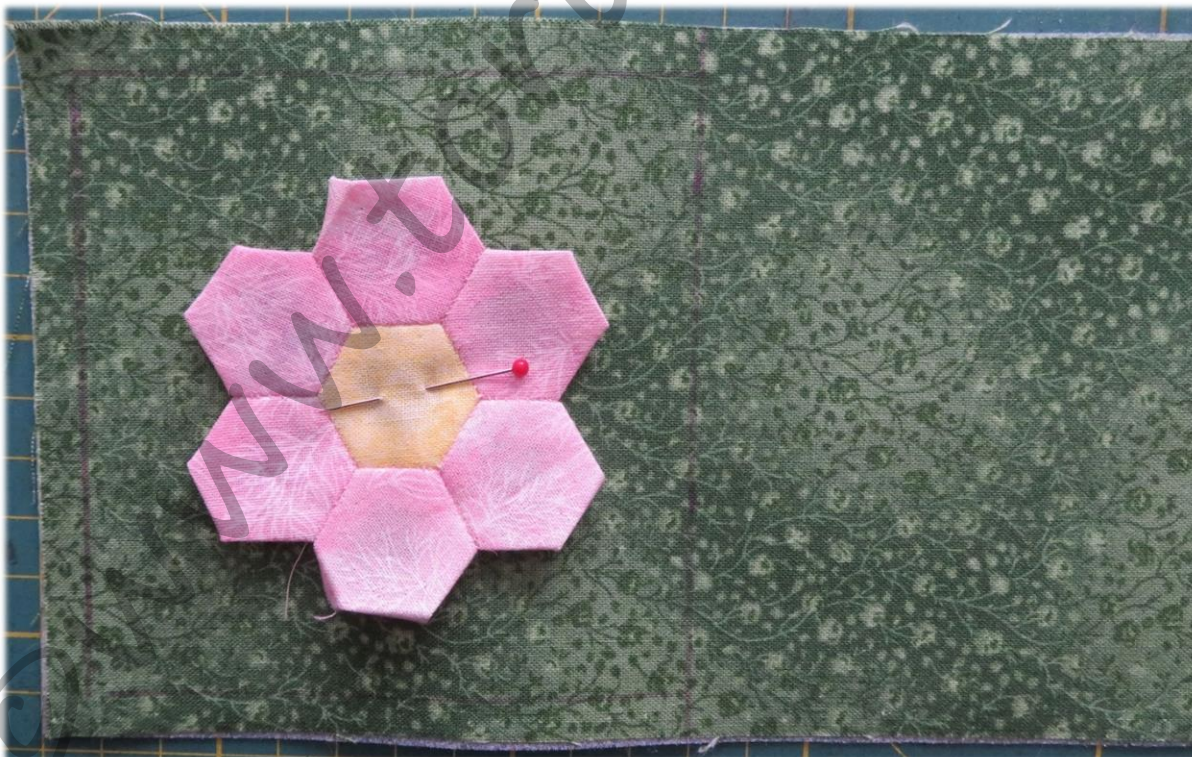


7. Take one of the 4½" x 8½" pieces of fabric and press the interfacing on the wrong side
8. On the front, mark the centre line and the ¼" seam line round the edge



This makes it simpler to get the hexagon flower in the centre of the front

9. Using the lines marked, pin the hexagon flower in the centre of the left hand side section of the fabric



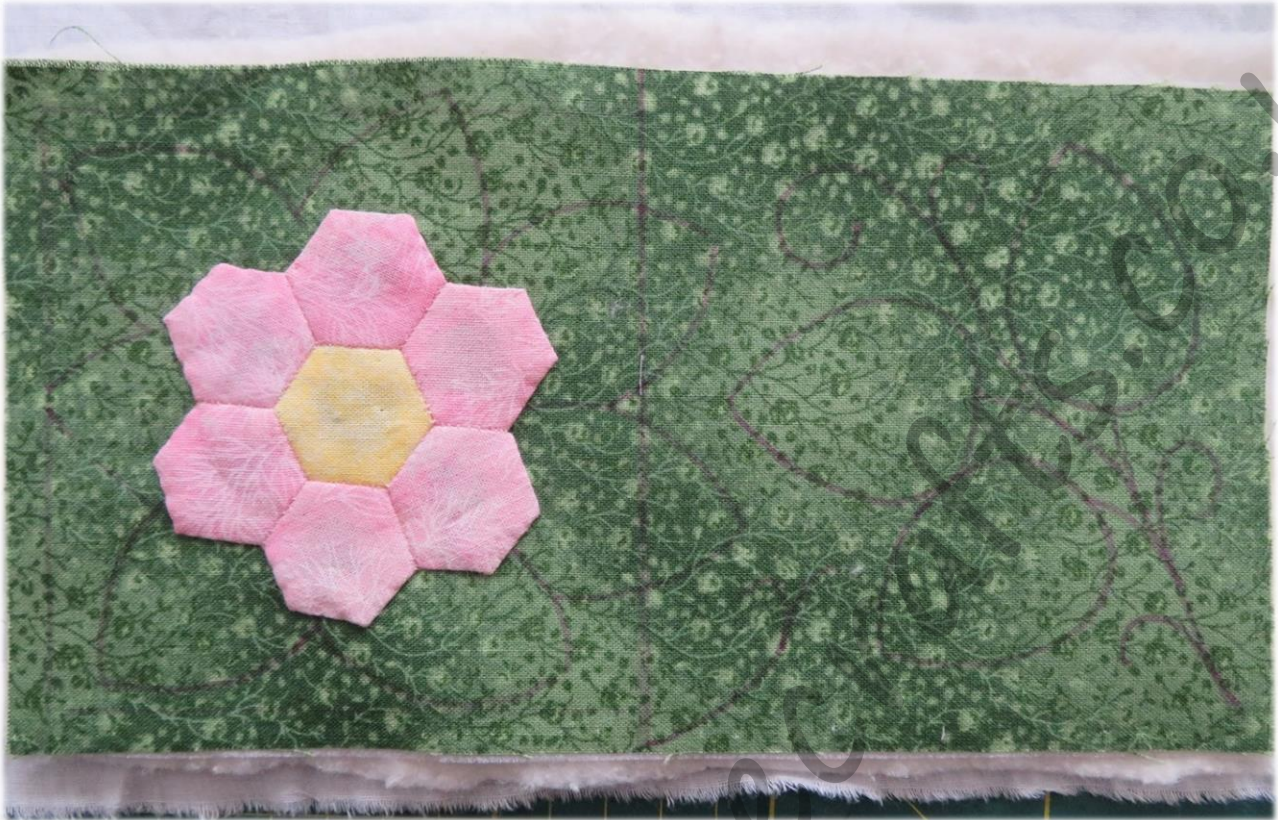
10. Slip stitch the flower in place



11. Layer with the wadding and white cotton fabric



12. Mark the leaves around the flower and then draw leaves on the right hand side



13. Stitch round the flower and then stitch the leaves, remembering to take the thread ends through to the back, tie off and trim



I have used the standard straight stitch and a dark green thread



14. Hand embroider the centre of the flower

I have used two strands of embroidery cotton and French knots round the edge of the centre hexagon

15. Tack round the edge of the rectangle 1/8" in, trim off the excess wadding and fabric



16. Take the other piece of fabric 4½" x 8½" and place, right side up on a flat surface. Place the quilted piece, right side down on top and pin together. Stitch the two pieces together using ¼" seam allowance and remembering to leave an opening for turning the right way



17. Trim the corners and then turn the right way round. Press flat

18. Stitch round the edge 1/8" in

This finishes the edge nicely and also stitches the turning opening shut

19. Take the piece of felt and cut the edges with pinking shears if you have them



20. Pin the felt to the undecorated side – don't pin in the middle

21. Working on the decorated side, stitch down the marked centre line. Tie the ends off and slip through the layers

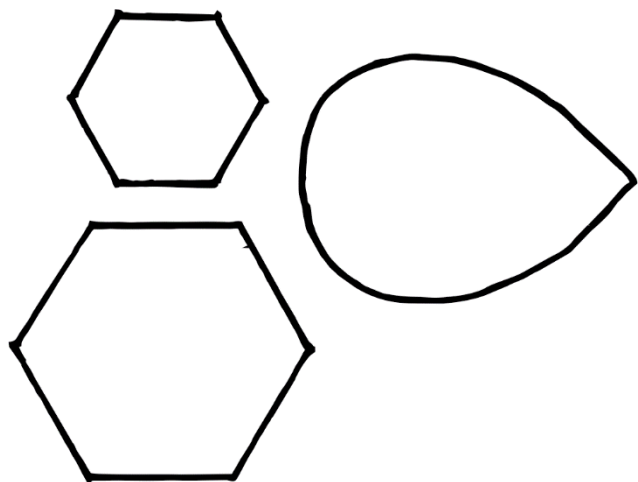


22. Fold the needle case in half, along the stitched centre line and its ready to use

I usually fold the needle case half and then leave a book on it for a while to allow it to settle into shape, otherwise I find it tends to open itself!



Design Templates



The Books

Both of my books are available on Amazon and to order from your local book shop

Quilted Postcards 'Little Quilts Of Creativity'
Quilted Postcards – The Flower Edition

