

Foundation Paper Piecing

The most difficult part of FPP is remembering what step you are on and getting into a routine. Here's a cheat sheet to keep next to your machine to help you.

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Preparation

- 1. Set up your machine with a short stitch (1.5-1.8 mm) and needle down.
- 2. Fold every solid line of the foundation very accurately, using your 3-in-1 tool. To make a 3-in-1 tool, download the directions here: <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/downloads>
- 3. Glue baste fabric 1, over section 1, with the wrong side of fabric to the blank side of the foundation. (Remember that the blank side is where all fabric will be placed and the pattern will emerge.)
- 4. Place fabric 2 on top of fabric 1, right sides together.
- 5. Ensure fabric 2 will fit over section 2, with a minimum 1/4" seam on all sides.

Execution

- 1. Turn over and sew on the solid line for section 2 next to section 1 (sew 2 stitches before and after the line.)
- 2. Press open on the right sides of the fabric, with a dry iron across the seam. NO SWISHING!
- 3. Fold foundation paper with 3-in-1 tool on the sewn line with fabric #2 folded under.
- 4. Align Add-a-Quarter ruler and trim fabric seam allowance.
- 5. Place next fabric over next section making sure that seam allowance is next to previous fabric.
- 6. Sew on the solid line, including 2 stitches before and after the line.
- 7. Press open from the right sides of the fabric, with a dry iron across the seam. NO SWISHING!
- 8. Fold foundation paper with 3-in-1 tool on the sewn line with new fabric folded under.
- 9. Align Add-a-Quarter ruler and trim fabric.
- 10. Repeat #5-9 for remaining pieces of fabric.