



## **YULETIDE CHEER**

### **Cushion Pattern**

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**FINISHED SIZE 18" x 18"**

Skill Level – Intermediate

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In this English paper pieced panel, I wanted to create a playful echo of the cars piled high with trees and presents in the Holiday Village print by tessellating honeycomb shapes to create a wheel, as well as fussy cutting a central star of Christmas trees. The Christmas tree is at the heart of a family's festive celebrations and takes its rightful place at the heart of this panel.



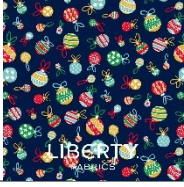
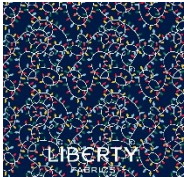
### SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

This pattern is suited for someone who has English paper piecing experience. This pattern requires an intermediate knowledge of quilting techniques and terminology. The quilt and block diagrams portrayed are virtual images. The layout and look of your project may differ when using actual fabric.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Sewing Supplies	Sewing Equipment
EPP Papers for Centre panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 36 x 1 ½" Honeycombs - 60°</li><li>• 12 x 1 ½" Triangles - 60°</li><li>• 24 x 1 ½" Kites - 90° /60°</li></ul> Acrylic Templates with 3/8" seam allowance or Template Plastic to make your own.	Hand sewing needles - size 10 applique or milliners straws Cotton thread - 50 wt or finer Fabric glue pen for basting  Straight pins, scissors, fabric marking pen / pencil, fabric clips, thread conditioner, thimble Rotary cutting equipment - mat, ruler, cutter Sewing machine with ¼" foot and a zipper foot (if doing optional piping cord detail)
Cushion Pad - 45cm x 45cm	
Cotton Wadding / Batting - 50cm x 50cm	
Calico / Lining for front panel - 50cm x 50cm	
Piping Cord (Optional)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5m x 4mm</li><li>• 2.5m x 6mm</li></ul>	


## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Helen's Stars B Item Code: 01666887 B		Cushion Front & shapes <b>2</b> and <b>5</b>  Top Tip - cut 20" x 20" front panel <u>before</u> fussy cutting EPP shapes to ensure you have enough fabric.
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Holiday Village C Item Code: 01666880 C		Honeycomb shapes <b>1</b> and <b>4</b>
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Holiday Village B Item Code: 01666880 B		Honeycomb shapes <b>3</b> and <b>7</b>
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Crackers B Item Code: 01666881 B		Kite shape <b>6</b>
50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Wiltshire Shadow Ruby 01666515A / 04775683Z		Cushion Envelope Back Panels  Cut 1 x 11.5" x 19" rectangle - RH panel Cut 1 x 14" x 19" rectangle - LH panel
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Tumbling Baubles B Item Code: 01666882 B		Back Cushion Panel Detail  Cut 4" x 19" strip
50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Wiltshire Shadow Gold 01666572A / 04775755B		4mm Piping Cord A (optional)
50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Tangled Up B Item Code: 01666888 B		6mm Piping Cord B (optional)

## Fussy Cutting Layout Instructions

The following layouts enable you to fussy cut selected sections of the fabric to create the English paper pieced shapes using templates with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.

Take extra care to cut all six shapes in a set the same, remembering to mark points on the back of the fabric for accurate piecing. For best results, press fabric before marking shapes and cutting. When joining two fabric pieces together always use the following method unless indicated otherwise.

The Centre / basting start part of the shapes are marked with a 

### Centre Star 1

Cut 6 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Honeycombs

– 3 featuring the green house, 3 featuring the blue house.



### Shape 2

Cut 6 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Triangles.



### Shape 3

Cut 6 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Honeycombs.



### Shape 4

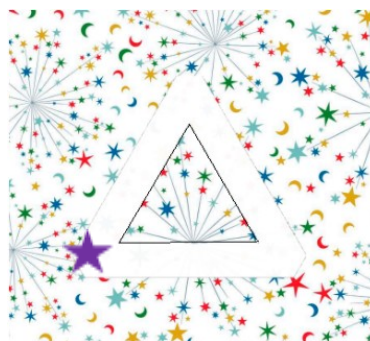
Cut 12 x 1 1/2" Honeycombs – 6 x 4a and 6 x 4b.

The black dots show where the pattern is matched.



### Shape 5

Cut 6 x 1 1/2" Triangles.



### Shape 6

Cut 24 x 1 1/2" Kites

( 6 blocks required, each block requires 4 kites)



## Shape 7

Cut 12 x 1 ½" Honeycombs

3 of each colour featuring the Red, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Green houses.



## MAKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGLISH PAPER PIECED FRONT CENTRE PANEL

Layouts for all the pieces are provided above to create the design on the front cover. You get much more accurate results if you use a template. Purchase acrylics or trace the provided template on quilters' plastic template: This provides a window to select the part of the fabric design you wish to fussy cut.

### Cutting Fabric

On the wrong side of the fabric, position the template as required and draw around the outer edges: this will be your cutting line. Mark the inside points to enable you to place the paper piece accurately for fussy cutting. There are also guidelines marked to help with centering designs. The templates have a 3/8" seam allowance. I find this gives a bit more wiggle room when wrapping over your paper pieces.

Ensure you repeat the same process when fussy cutting each shape in a set as in layout instructions.



## Basting fabric around paper pieces

Personally, I prefer the speed and accuracy from glue basting; however, traditional thread basting can be used if preferred.

Top Tip - wrap the fabric around your pieces in the same direction to ensure that the pieces will nest together and make it easier for you when sewing together and allow the pieces to lay flat.

See illustrations below on how to baste the Honeycomb, Triangle and Kite shapes required for this pattern.

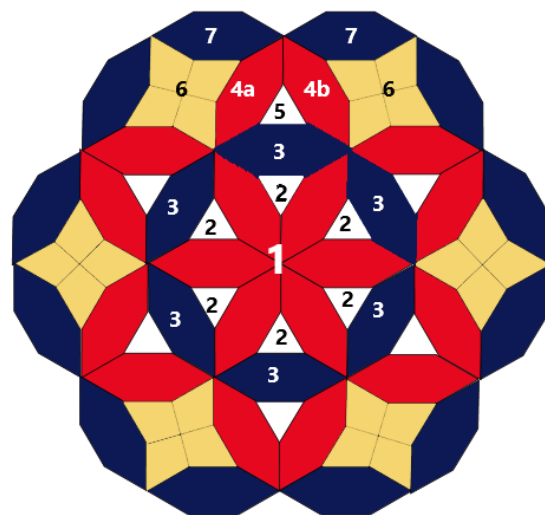


## Assembly of EPP panel

Once you have cut and basted the EPP shapes they are ready for stitching together, refer to layout diagram to right.

**Top Tip** – when whipstitching your pieces together, place your needle in at 90° and this will make sure minimum stitching shows on the right side.

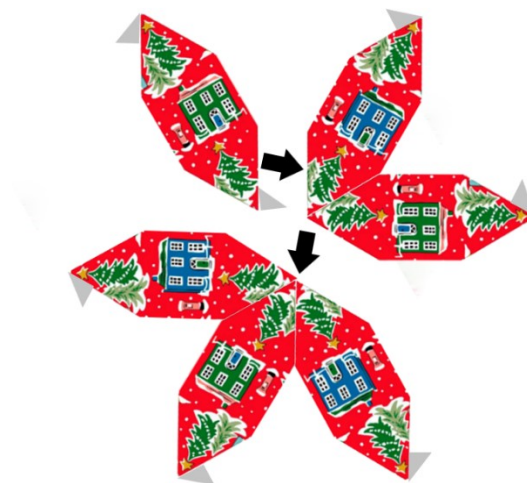
If you are sewing a light and dark fabric together, I recommend matching your thread to the lighter fabric.



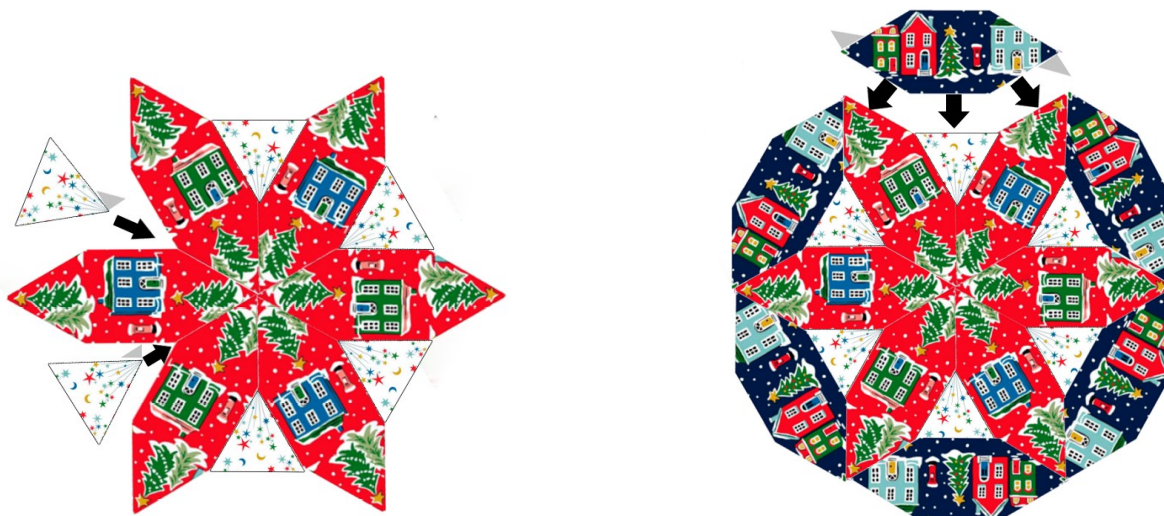
The centre star of the panel is created using Honeycomb shapes **1**

To piece this star, you need to create two halves. Firstly, sew a pair of honeycombs with right side together, ensuring the centre points meet, using a whip stitch.

Then add a third honeycomb, ensuring centre points meet. Repeat for second half of star and sew both halves together ensuring points match in the centre and that the houses alternate green and blue.



Once the centre star is complete, add triangle shape **2** as shown, followed by honeycomb shape **3**





Honeycomb shapes **4a** and **4b** are joined as pairs, pattern matching the tree in the centre.

Then add triangle **5** to these units. Add the six units to the panel.



Make 6 four-pointed star units with Kite shapes **6**, sew in pairs and join two halves. Then add to panel.



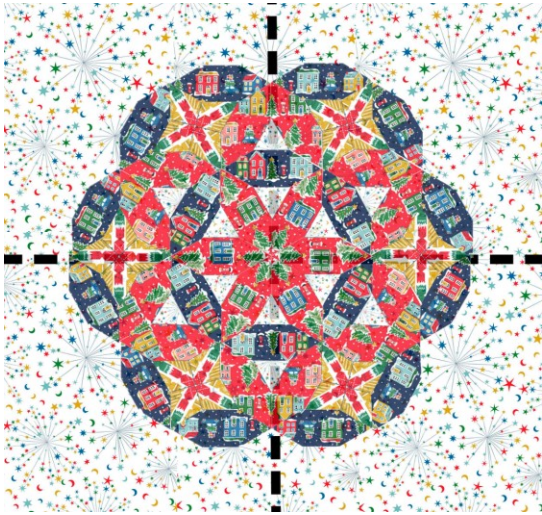
Finally add the final round of 12 honeycomb shapes **7**. Alternating the colours Red, Light blue, Green and Dark Blue.



Once this panel is assembled, press. Remove papers and press panel again.

## CUSHION ASSEMBLY

Fold the cushion front fabric in quarters and finger press. This will enable you to centre the EPP panel, lining up the points as shown below.



Pin panel in place and then applique stitch on to front panel. This can be done with a blind hem stitch or ladder stitch.

Now you can add quilting to your cushion front. Layer your quilt sandwich by placing your cushion front backing fabric right side down. Then place your cotton wadding down and finally your cushion front.

Baste all layers with quilter's safety pins or your preferred method.

Quilt as desired. Suggestion is to stitch in the ditch around the stars and to echo quilt in  $\frac{1}{4}$ " lines around the EPP panel. Once quilted, trim and square cushion front panel to 19" square.

### Piping Cord (Optional Extra)

As an optional extra this cushion can be finished with piping cord.

Double piping cord has been used on the pattern cover. You may wish to use just one or none.

To make fabric covered piping cord, cut  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips on the bias /  $45^\circ$ .

You will need to cut enough strips to make a 2.5m length of cord.

Join strips with wrong side together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press seams open.

Fold fabric bias strip around 4mm piping cord for fabric **A** and 6mm cord for fabric **B**.

Using a zipper foot, and a long basting stitch, stitch as close to the cord as possible.

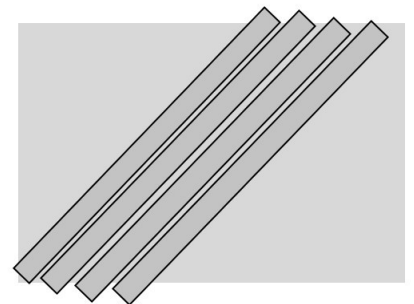
Now attach fabric covered piping cord to the right side of the front cushion panel, raw edges together.

Sew a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam using your zipper foot stitching as close as possible to the cord by moving the needle position. Binding clips are useful for holding cord in place.

Clip the flange of the fabric covered piping cord to allow it to sit smoothly around the corners.

To join the start and end, fold under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the fabric and butt the ends of the cord up and slide under for a neat finish.

Repeat with Piping cord B using 6mm sewing as close to A as possible.



## Cushion Back Panels



Place the right side of the feature fabric strip (4" x 19") to the wrong side of the long edge of Right Hand back panel, (11½" x 19")

Stitch ¼" seam.

Press to the right side(front) of the panel.

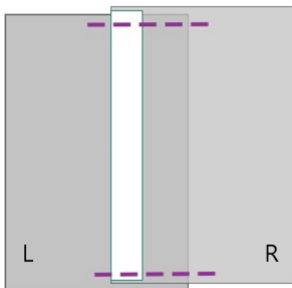
*Optional - you can add piping cord detail between these layers.*

Press under ¼" on the other long side of the feature strip. Top stitch ⅛" from each edge.

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On the other back panel piece, (14" x 19") press under ¼" on one long edge and fold over another ½" hem. Top stitch close to the folded edges. To form envelope back, overlap back panels, right side facing up, to form a 19" x 19" square, the same size as the front.

The hemmed panel piece should be on the bottom with the feature strip on the top. Baste to keep in place as show in the diagram.



Sew the cushion front and the back together with a ½" seam, right side together. Trim and finish seams as required. Turn right side out.

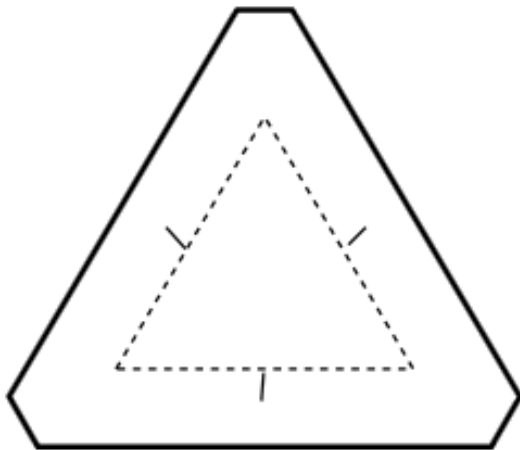
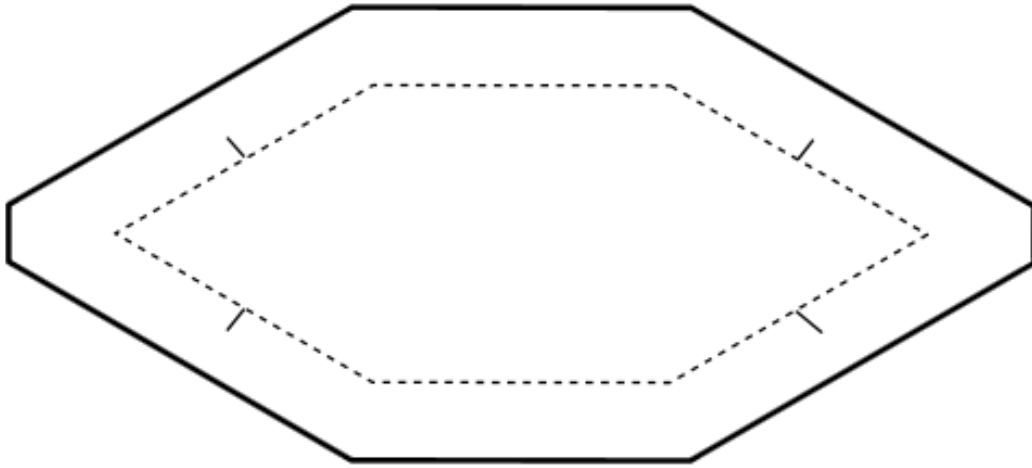
Press and place cushion pad in.

Sit back and enjoy your cushion!

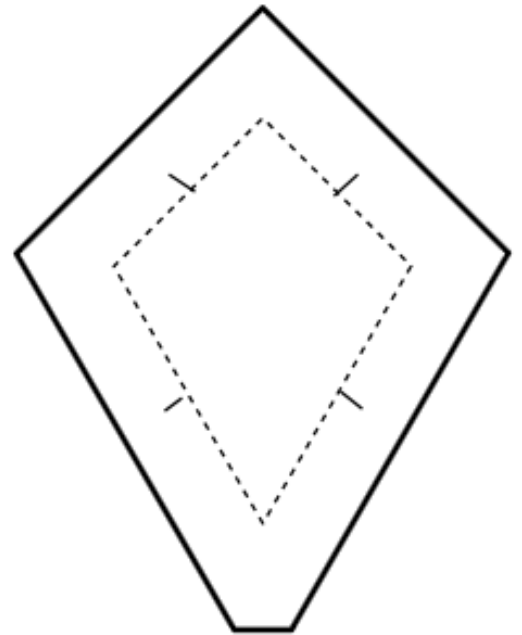
## TEMPLATES

Box should  
measure 1"

**Honeycomb** – 1.5" (60 degree)



**Triangle** – 1.5" (60 degree)



**Kite** - 1.5" (60/90 degree)