

# “Interlocking Hexes”

Adapted from *Six is for Hexagons, Encyclopedia of Patchwork Blocks, Volume 6*

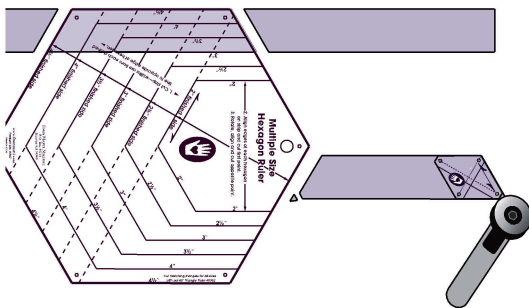
## Fabrics Required

Collected focus prints  
 ½ yard each of three fabrics  
 for the “woven” strips  
 6” x 42” header strip

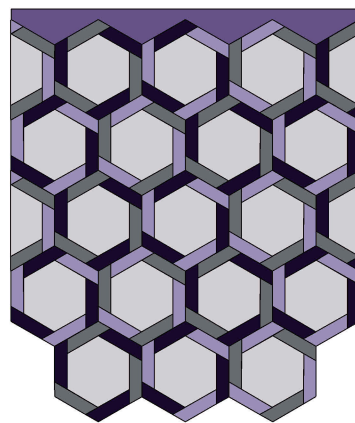
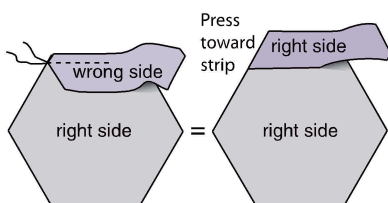
The illusion of interlocking hexagons is created by adding strips to hexagons in a careful, alternating pattern. In these instructions, the 4½” hexagon on the Multi-Size Hexagon Ruler #8060 is used. The quilt is approximately 41” x 51¼” without borders.

To make the quilt shown in the diagram:

1. From the focus fabrics, cut 21 hexagons using the 4½” hexagon on the ruler. Four will be trimmed later.
2. The interlocking strips can be any width you like. In this quilt, the diamond template #53 in Set H was used to measure strips approximately 2⅜” wide. (See *Start with Strips*, page 57.) Cut strips from three fabrics; light, medium and dark are best.
3. Cut strips to size by placing one flat edge of the Hexagon Ruler on the edge of the strip and cutting the sides. Stack several of these pieces and use the corner of #53 or any **FROM MARTI MICHELL 60°** diamond or triangle to blunt the points.

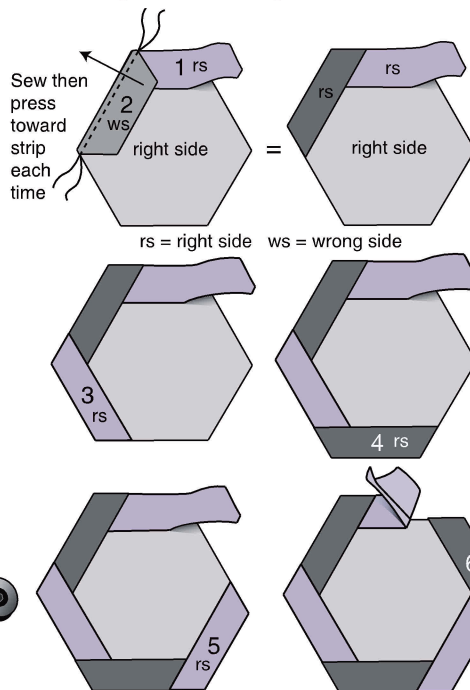


4. Partially sew the first seam, beginning at one edge and stopping about 1” short of the next edge. Before adding the next strip, press seam toward the strip.

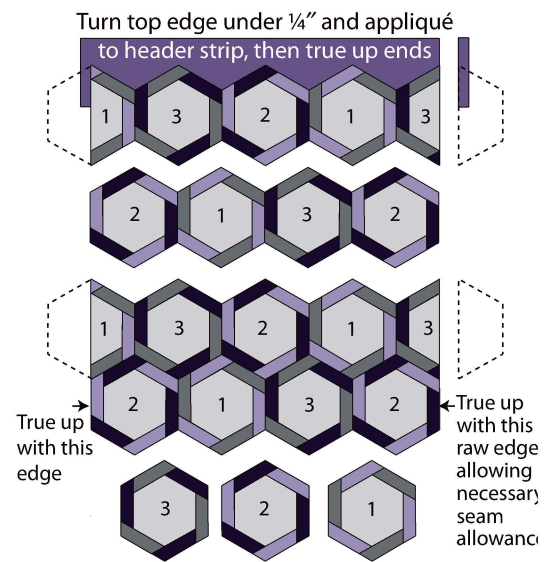
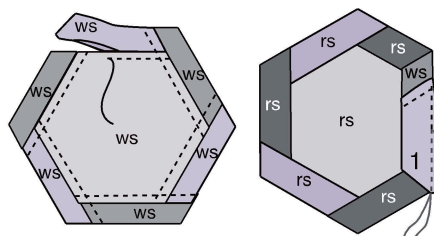


41” x 51¼” without borders, made with the 4½” hexagon on the Multi-Size Hexagon Ruler #8060

5. Add additional pieces as shown, right sides together, using edge-to-edge sewing and alternating appropriate colors. Fold each piece back and press before adding the next strip.

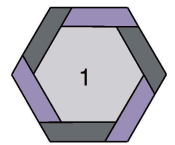


6. To complete the block, finish the first seam. Press toward the strip.

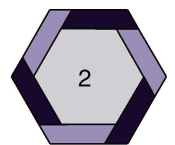


Make 21 blocks as follows for the illustrated quilt design.

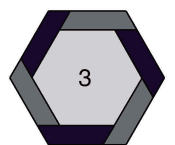
Make 7\*  
light and  
medium



Make 7  
light and  
dark



Make 7\*  
medium  
and dark



\*Two will be trimmed after rows are joined.

7. Sew hexagons into rows, dot-to-dot, carefully following the diagram.
8. Sew rows together as in *Scrappy Hexagons*, pages 29–32.
9. In the diagram, after the rows are joined, the dangling ends of Rows 1 and 3 are trued-up to match the raw edges of Rows 2 and 4. Finish as desired.

Page numbers refer to *Six is For Hexagons, Volume 6* in the *Encyclopedia of Patchwork Blocks* series; see page 52 in the book for another Interlocking Hexes layout.