



## How to Machine Piece in the hoop

Foundation pieced quilts, sometimes called paper pieced quilts, are made by sewing pieces of fabric onto a temporary or permanent foundation. This is another "in-the-hoop" technique that can be done very easily with an embroidery machine. This method is also referred to as "stitch and flip", as fabric pieces are stitched down and then flipped over.

Now you can produce near perfect patchwork blocks time and again, whether you're a beginner or an experienced quilter.

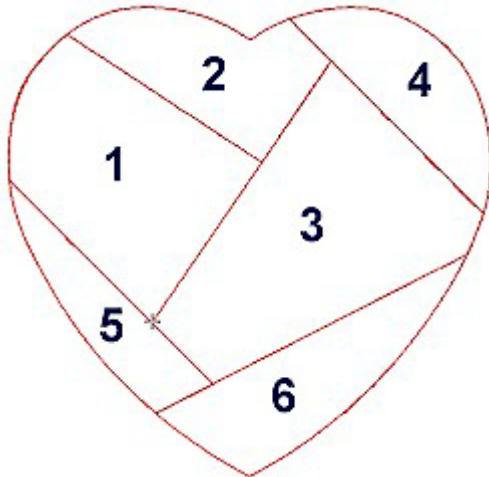
This is also a great way to use up those tiny precious fabric scraps that you can't bear to throw away. Have fun with different colors and fabric types – combine cottons, silks and metallics for exciting effects.

The following tutorial demonstrates how machine piecing is done for our projects. The photos and instructions show our Crazy Heart project, however the principles apply to other designs of this nature digitized by The Purple Hat.

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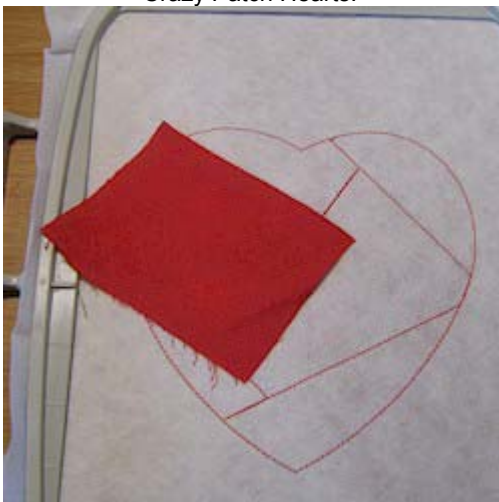


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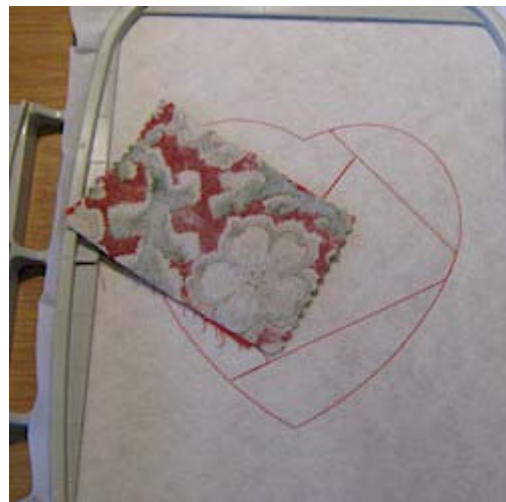


Our new "paper-piecing" projects have a PDF instruction file with a numbered pattern grid like the one shown here, indicating the order in which the fabric pieces must be attached. Shown above is the numbered pattern grid for the Crazy Patch Hearts.

Hoop stabilizer or fabric (this choice may depend on the particular project - please check your PDF instruction file for recommendations). **Color 1** embroiders a pattern grid (without the numbers) for your project.



Place a piece of fabric over *patch 1*. Make sure that it covers the patch area and is at least a 1/4 inch larger on all sides. Secure in place with embroidery adhesive spray. **Color 2** attaches the fabric to your hooped stabilizer. **Color 3** then embroiders the seam-line position for *patch 2*.



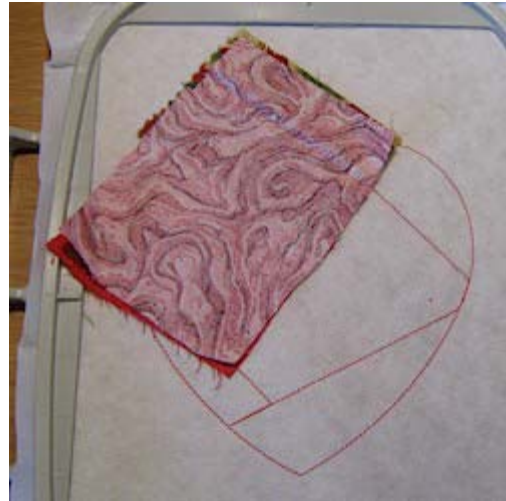
Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover *patch 2*. Place the fabric on top of *patch 1*, right sides together, so that the edge of your fabric for *patch 2* covers the seam-line position.



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**Color 4** attaches the fabric for *patch 2*. Trim the seam allowance and fold over. Finger press the seam line for a neat sharp edge.



**Color 5** embroiders the seam-line position for *patch 3*. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover *patch 3*. Place the fabric on top of *patch 1 and 2*, right sides together, so that the edge of your fabric for *patch 3* covers the seam-line position.



**Color 6** attaches the fabric for *patch 3*. Trim the seam allowance and fold over. Finger press the seam line for a neat sharp edge.



Continue adding patches, following the numbered sequence until all your panel areas are covered. The **next color** will stitch around the overall shape to keep all the applied fabrics nice and flat.

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This particular design is embellished with decorative stitches and motifs. Follow the color change instructions to add these details to the crazy patch heart.

Shown below are the completed Crazy Hearts in three sizes.

