

## Basic Paper Piecing Instructions

### Supplies:

*Provided at demonstration:* thin cardboard      1 copy of pattern  
*Also needed:*                      9 / 14 needle              open toe presser foot (preferred)  
*Optional, but helpful:*              Add a Quarter ruler      Clover mini-iron

### Basic information before you begin:

- You will place the fabric on the unprinted side of the paper pattern and stitch on the printed side of the pattern.
- Using a 9 / 14 needle and shortening your stitch length to 15 – 18 stitches per inch (1.5 on Pfaff) will help when it's time to remove the paper foundation.
- The block will appear as the reverse of what you see on the pattern.
- You piece in numeric order on the pattern.
- Grain line is not as important in some paper-pieced patterns, but if you are doing larger pieces (such as in this pattern) it's better to be aware of the grain line.
- When you cut your fabric pieces, they need to be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " bigger than the finished size for both width and length.

### Cutting for 2 blocks:

White fabric: 3 – 4½" squares – cut in half diagonally

Dark floral: 1 – 4½" square and 1 – 7½" square – both cut in half diagonally

### How to Paper Piece:

1. Place your first piece of fabric **right side up** behind the #1 position. Be sure that you have at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of fabric beyond all #1 markings. (*Hold the piece up to the light and look from the printed side of the pattern.*) You may want to temporarily pin #1 to help maintain its position on the pattern, but be sure to pin away from the #1 - #2 stitching line.
2. Turn the pattern to the printed side and find the #1 - #2 line. Place the cardboard over #1 and fold the paper over the cardboard. Place the Add a Quarter ruler over the cardboard with the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " section off of the paper and trim any excess #1 fabric.
3. Turn the pattern back to the fabric side. With **right sides together**, align edge of fabric #2 along the edge just cut. Hold these together and turn it back to the printed side.
4. Stitch directly on the #1 - #2 line, beginning and ending about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the line. Press the seam.
5. Place the cardboard over #2 between the #2 - #3 line and proceed as in steps #2 – #4.
6. When all pieces are stitched, trim the block  $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the finished block line. For this block, you may remove the paper now, but for most paper pieced blocks you will leave the paper on until you've joined blocks / rows together.
7. Note: To help remove the paper, run a blunt object over the stitching lines on the paper side before tearing it.

# Two-fer Paper Pieced Block

