

Hexagon Pot Holder

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **TEMPLATE:** Half-hexagon template from Page 5, printed from cardstock and cut out.
- **RULER:** If you would rather not use the half-hexagon template from page 5 you can purchase a “Hexagon Trim Tool” by Creative Grids (optional).
- **FABRIC:** Seven (7) 10.0” x 10.0” squares. Six (6) of seven (7) need to be folded in half, wrong sides together, and pressed. If you are using the Hexagon Trim Tool you do not need to press the squares in half.
- **BATTING:** One (1) hexagon cut from a heat-resistant batting or two (2) hexagons cut from regular batting.
- **FABRIC CLIPS (small).** Pins will work if you don’t have fabric clips.
- **ROTATING CUTTING MAT** or a **SMALL CUTTING MAT** that turns easily. This will be used when cutting hexagons (optional).



DIRECTIONS:

1. You will use six (6) hexagons for the top of the potholder and one (1) hexagon for the back of the potholder (Fig 1).
2. **WRONG** sides together, press each of the six (6) hexagons in half (Fig 2). NOTE: If you cut your hexagons using the half-hexagon template, they are already pressed in half. If you cut them using the Hexagon Trim Tool fold the hexagon in half, finger-pressing the fold. Press from the fold out to the edges. Make sure you keep the edges aligned as you press. The two (2) raw edges opposite the folded edge on EACH hexagon will be referred to as edge “A” (Fig 4).
3. Organize your hexagons in the order you would like them to be arranged on your potholder and label them #1 - #6 (Fig 3). Remember that Hexagon #1 and Hexagon #6 will be next to each other when your potholder is finished, so you may want to select those hexagons that are of good contrast to each other and position them accordingly.

FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4



©2023 Joyful and Merry Quilting Mary Balagna; Pattern with its written instructions, photographs, designs, and blocks are intended for the personal use of the person who purchased or received it as a “free download” from the joyfulandmerryquilting.com website and may be reproduced for that purpose only. Any other use, especially commercial use, is forbidden under law without express written permission from the copyright holder.

4. Place your batting hexagon(s) on your work table (Fig 5).
5. Place your hexagon backing fabric, right side up, on top of the hexagon batting, matching all raw edges (Fig 6).

FIGURE 5

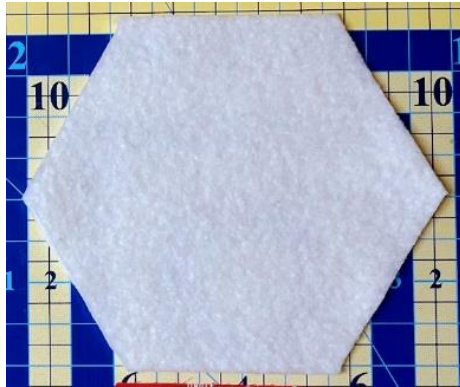
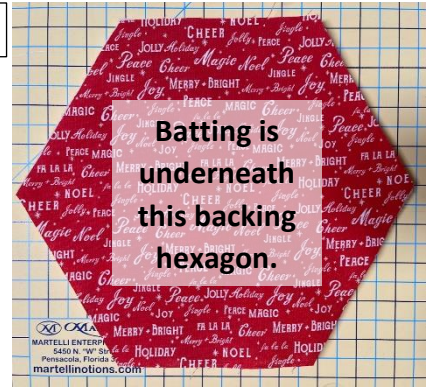


FIGURE 6



6. In the following steps, you will place edge "A" of each of the six (6) hexagons, one at a time in clockwise order, on the appropriate side of the backing hexagon.
 - a. We will refer to the sides of the backing hexagon by number as pictured (Fig 7). When placing the folded hexagons on the backing hexagon, match the two raw edges (edge "A" as pictured in Fig 4) with the appropriate hexagon side number.
7. Carefully place each edge "A" of hexagons 1,2,3 and 4 on Sides 1,2,3 and 4 of the backing hexagon, lining up the edges. You can clip (or pin) the hexagons in place as you add them or wait until all hexagons are in place (Figures 8, 9, 10, and 11).

FIGURE 7

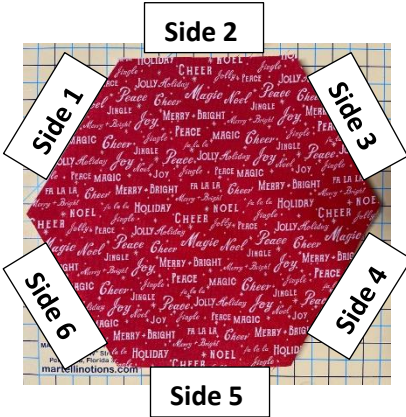


FIGURE 8

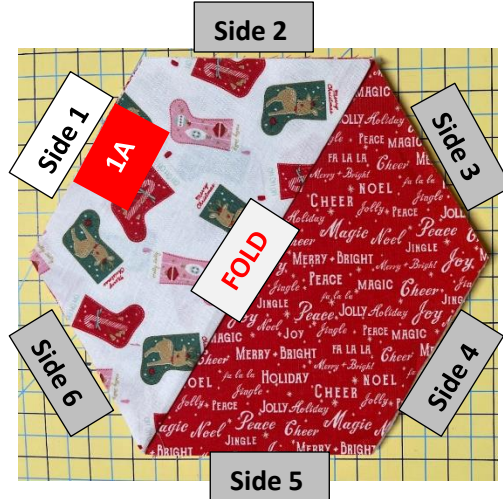
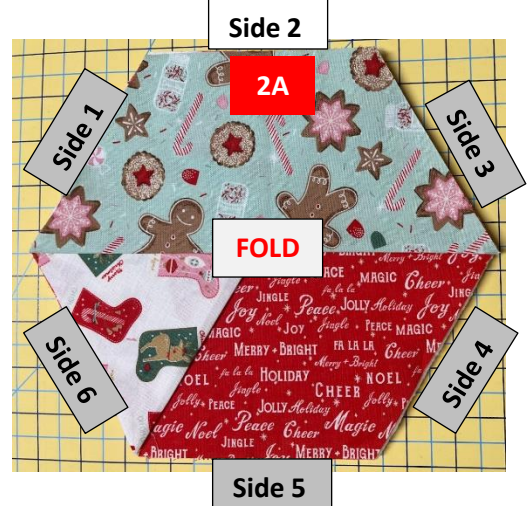
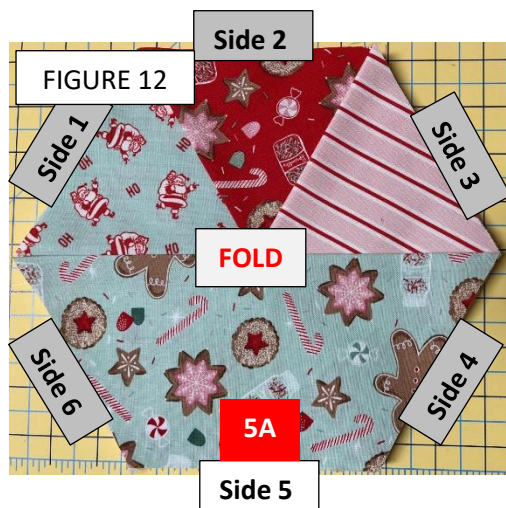


FIGURE 9





8. We have two (2) folded hexagons left to add to our potholder (#5 and #6), but it appears that there is no more room for them on the backing/base hexagon. But...there is! We will just need to do a little flipping and tucking to make it happen!
9. When you place edge "5A" of Hexagon 5 on Side #5 of the backing hexagon, it will cover up Hexagon 1 (Fig 12). You will need to tuck Hexagon 5 under Hexagon 1 as pictured in Figure 13. Hexagon 1 will now be visible (Fig 14).



10. When you place Edge “6A” of Hexagon 6 on Side #6 of the base triangle, it will cover both Hexagons 1 and 2 (Fig 15). Tuck Hexagon 6 under Hexagon 1 AND Hexagon 2 (Fig 16) in order to create the “6-triangle” look to the potholder (Fig 17). Clip or pin each side in place as pictured in Figure 17 to secure.

FIGURE 15



FIGURE 16



FIGURE 17



11. Using a walking foot, sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the edge of the hexagon (black dashed lines in Fig 18). Clip all 6 points (red circles) and turn right side out, from the center (yellow circle) (Fig 19).

12. Top stitch about $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge of the potholder and you're finished (Fig 20)!

FIGURE 18

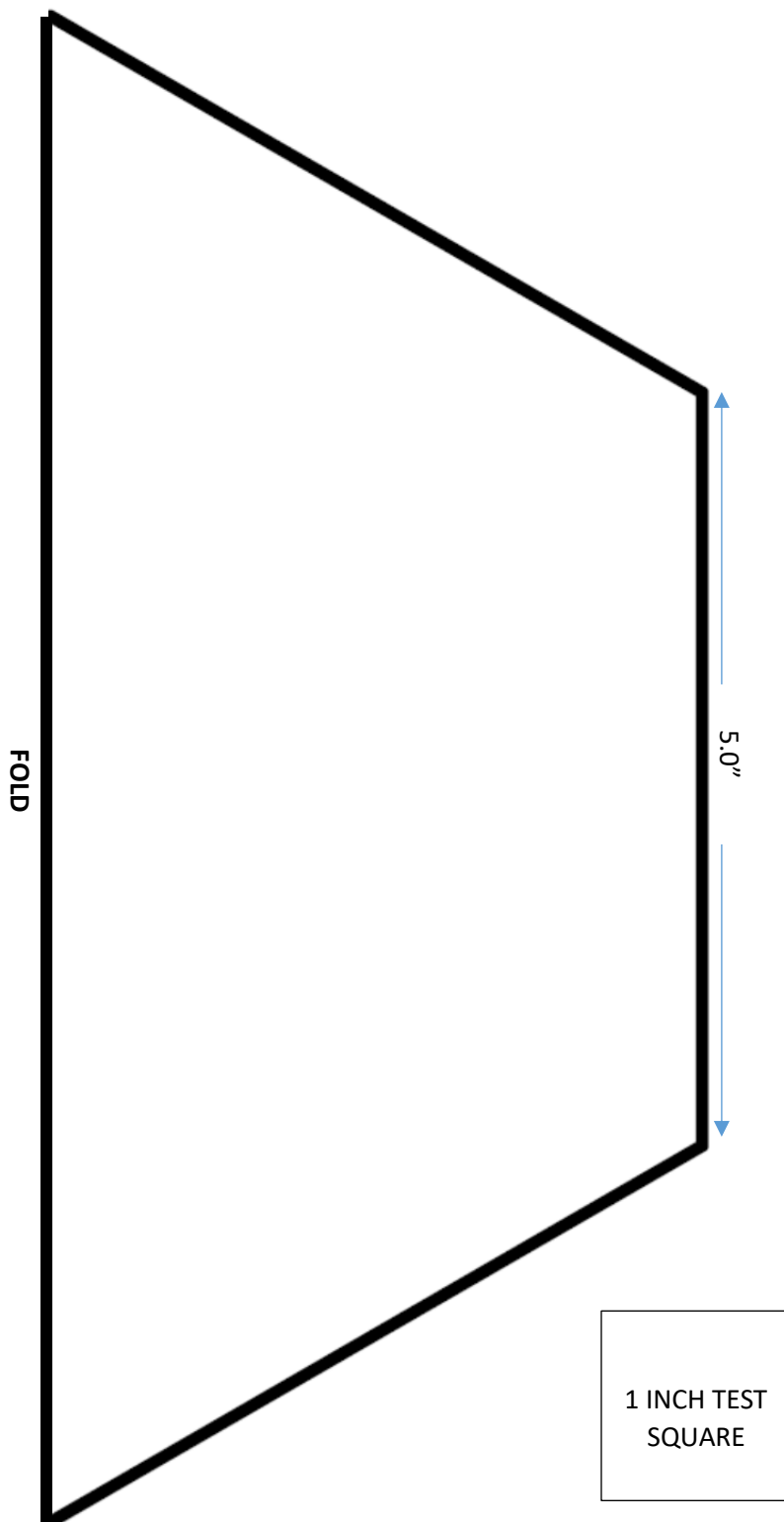


FIGURE 19



FIGURE 20





Half-Hexagon Template

- Print or trace template on a heavy or cardstock paper.
- Fold a 10" x 10" fabric square in half, wrong sides together, and place fold under the template's long edge (labeled FOLD).
- With a pencil or marking tool, trace around the edges of the "half hexagon".
- Using your rotary cutter and a ruler, cut along the four (4) marked edges and open.
- You have created a hexagon!
- Make seven hexagons for one (1) potholder.

NOTE: Hexagon sides will measure 5.0".

If you would prefer to use a hexagon ruler, I used the "Hexagon Trim Tool" designed by Jean Ann Wright for Creative Grids.