

Hexagon Bee Pillows



Update your home with these matching hexagon quilt pillows embellished with vinyl bees. Sewing hexagons together by machine doesn't have to be difficult! With your SINGER® momento™ craft cutting machine, the hexagon shapes are cut accurately, and the sewing lines are drawn on the back of the fabric so you will know exactly where to start and stop sewing. Just take it one seam at a time! The cut file includes hexagon pieces for both layouts. The finished size of one pillow is approximately 20" x 20" (50 cm x 50 cm).

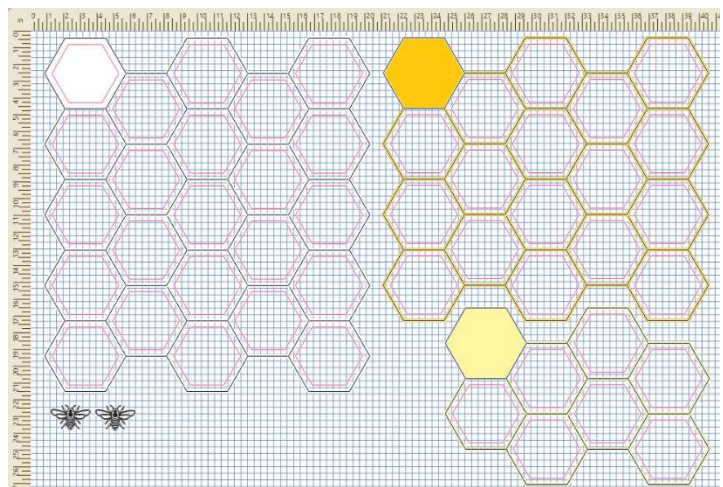
What you need

- Quilting Fabric in four yellow tones – a fat quarter (45 cm x 55 cm) each
- Quilting Fabric in white – 2/3 yard (60 cm) 44" (112cm) wide
- Backing Fabric (white broadcloth or similar, this will be in the inside of the pillow)
- Fabric for the back of the pillow
- Heat Transfer Vinyl – Black
- Low Loft Fusible Batting
- Fabric Grip Mat 24" x 24"

- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Rotary Blade
- Basic Blade
- SINGER® momento™ Heat Removable Fabric Pen
- Weeding Tool
- Brayer
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Heat Press
- Sewing Machine
- ¼" Quilting Foot (optional)
- Thread
- Straight Pins
- Rotary Cutter
- Ruler
- Parchment Paper
- Zipper 18" (45 cm) long
- Pillow Insert 20" (50 cm)

Directions

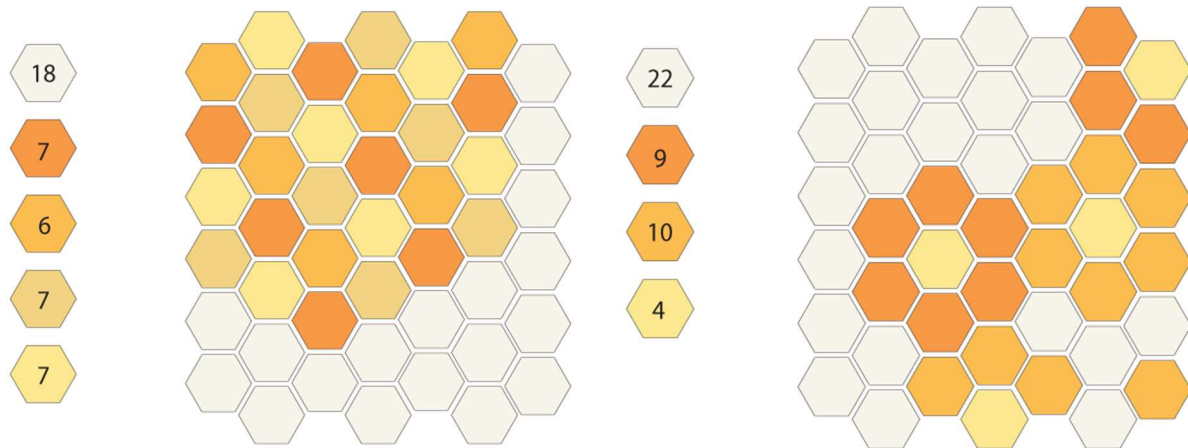
1. Cut your quilting fabrics to fit onto your Fabric Grip Mat.
2. Open the project in Canvas. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine.



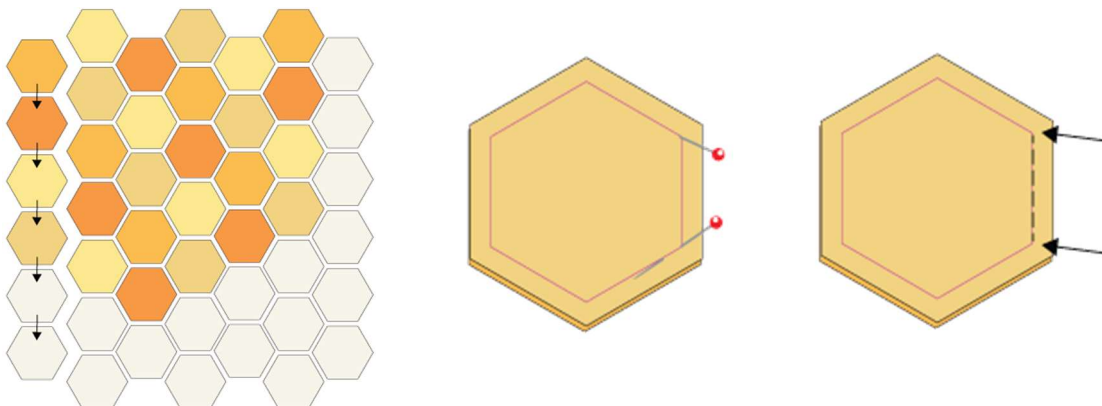
3. Place the first fabric (white) wrong side facing up onto your Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the material to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles. Insert the

Heat Removable Fabric Pen into the left carriage and the Rotary Blade into the right carriage. Follow the steps to cut the 23 hexagons on your Craft Cutting Machine. Repeat for the other white fabric piece and you will have 46 white hexagons.

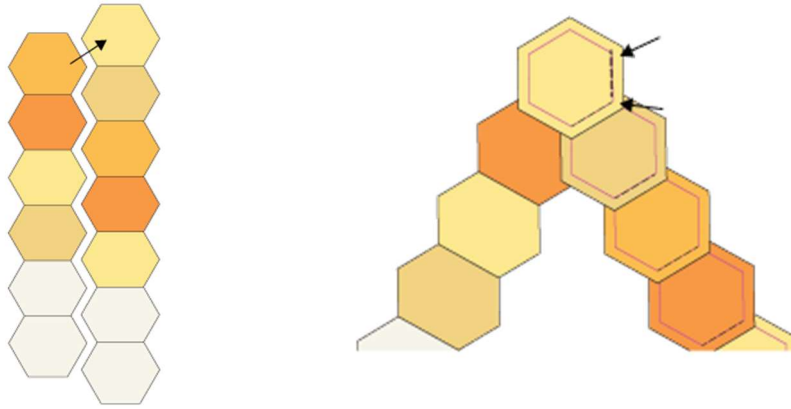
4. Place the next fabric (orange) wrong side facing up onto your Fabric Grip Mat. Select the layout with 18 hexagons and follow the steps to cut the material on your craft cutting machine. Repeat the cut for two more yellow/orange fabrics. From one of the fabrics, you will only need 7 hexagons. Select the layout with 8 shapes and cut them on your craft cutting machine.
5. Place Heat Transfer Vinyl, shiny side down, on the Standard Grip Mat. Change to the Basic Blade and change the inputs for mat size, material and material size. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl bees on your crafting machine. Set them aside for now.
6. Use a flat surface to place your hexagons for the layout you are making.



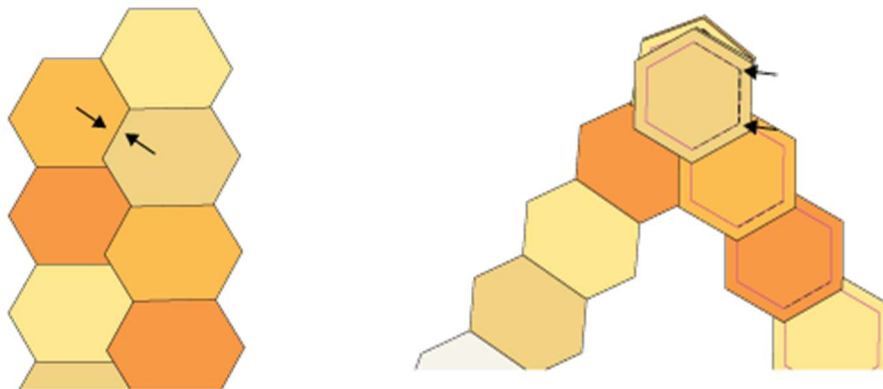
7. Sew the hexagons into vertical rows: Place the first two hexagons, right sides together. Push a pin through each marked corner to align pieces, then pin pieces together. With your sewing machine set to straight stitch with a short stitch length, sew along the marked line from corner to corner. Back-stitch at the start and end of the stitching line to lock the stitches in place. Stop stitching right at or just before the marked corner. Continue to sew the hexagons into rows.



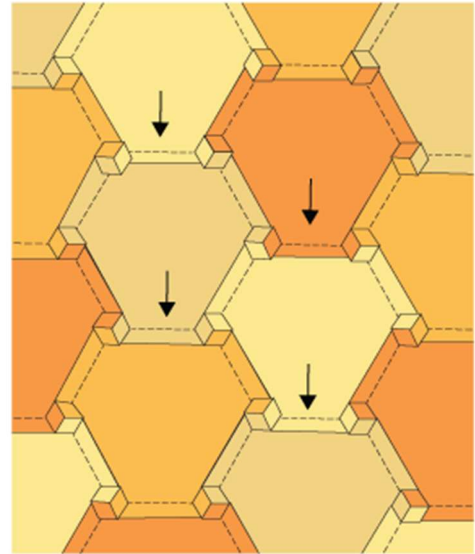
8. Once you have sewn all the vertical rows of hexagons, it is time to join the rows. This can be a little confusing at first, but you will notice how easy it is when you follow the marked lines. Make sure you do not sew beyond the marked corners. Start at one side and work your way towards the other side, one seam at a time. Start by placing the first seam as indicated right sides together, sew along the marked line from corner to corner.



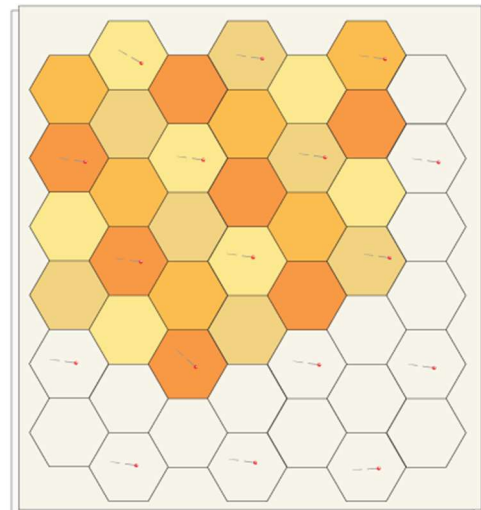
9. To sew the next seam, align the two sides together and use pins to match the seams. You will note that the hexagon directly above will fold over in half. Ensure that the seam allowances are folded away from where you will be stitching. Sew along the marked line from corner to corner. Back stitch at the start and end of the stitching line to secure. Repeat until the first two rows are sewn together. Then continue to sew the rest of the rows together.



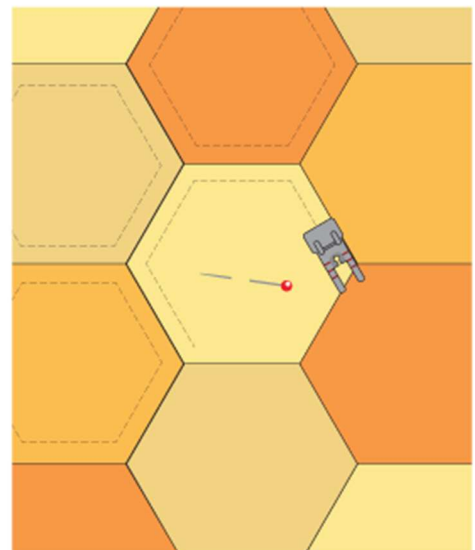
10. Now it is time to press the seams. Press all vertical rows seams in the same direction. Press the first set of seams counterclockwise, forming a tiny hexagon on the wrong side of the fabric. Press the next set of seams clockwise, then alternate as you go down the row.



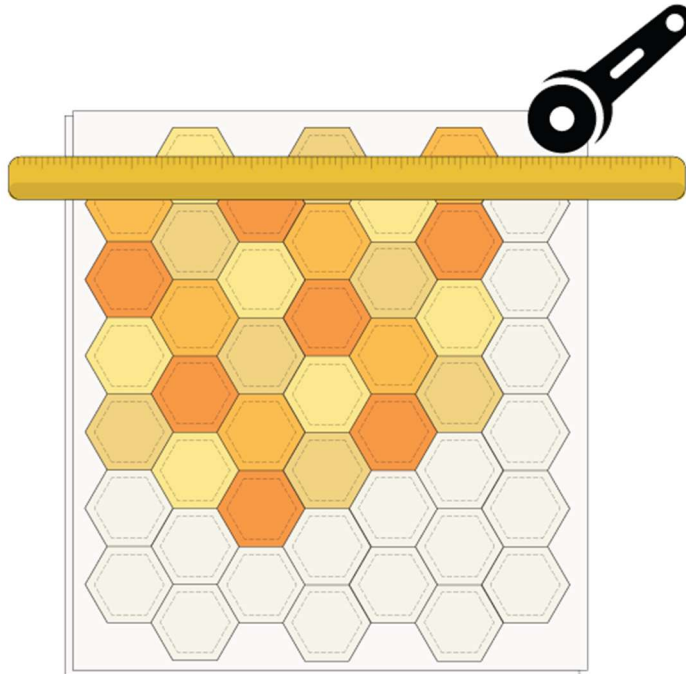
11. Lay your backing fabric right side down on a flat surface and smooth out any wrinkles. Place the batting on top, matching up the raw edges. Place the quilt top centrally and right side up on the batting, smoothing it into place. Use pins to secure the layers.



12. Set your sewing machine for straight stitch with a stitch length of 2.5mm. Quilt the layers together as desired. We stitched inside each hexagon, $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) from the seams. By using a quilting foot, you will have a guide and know where to stop and pivot. Select needle down when turning the fabric.



13. Use a ruler and rotary cutter to trim the pillow front to approximately 20" x 20" (50 cm x 50 cm).



14. To embellish the pillow front with a vinyl bee, weed the vinyl, position the bee on the pillow top, cover with a piece of parchment paper and use the heat press to apply.
15. For instructions on how to sew the back of the pillow, go to <https://www.mysewnet.com/en-us/studio/>.