English Paper Piecing - Pentagon Ball

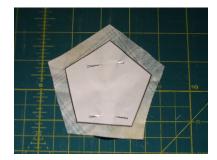


Materials:

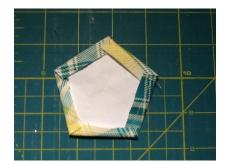
- 12 fabric scraps
- Stuffing
- 12 pentagon template papers
- Needle and thread

Instructions:

1. Cut out your pentagon template papers in your chosen size. Pin paper to the wrong side of the fabric and cut out the patch, leaving a generous ¼" seam allowance all the way around.



2. Fold the fabric over the edges of the paper, one side at a time and baste through all the layers, ensuring that the fabric covers the paper snugly and neatly. Press to set the fabric.



3. Take two patches and place right sides together, aligning the edges. Whipstitch along this edge using small neat stitches – the neater they are the less visible they'll be from the right side.



4. Continue stitching together 6 pentagons to form a flower.



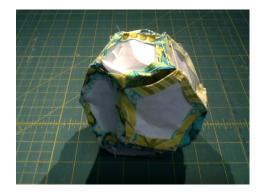
- 5. Make a second flower shape with the remaining 6 pentagon patches.
- 6. Take one of your flowers. Press together 2 two adjacent sides, right sides together and whipstitch the edges together.



7. Repeat for the remaining 4 pairs of side edges. This will create a basket shape. Repeat for the other flower shape.



8. Take both baskets and arrange together to form a ball shape. This can be a bit fiddly but persevere! Making sure your points are matching sew together both halves of the ball, leaving one side for turning.



9. Carefully remove basting stitches and papers and turn the ball right side out.



10.Stuff generously and then sew the opening closed. You're done!



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