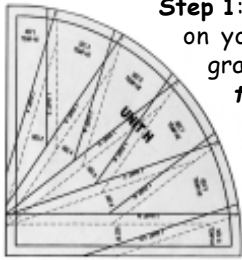


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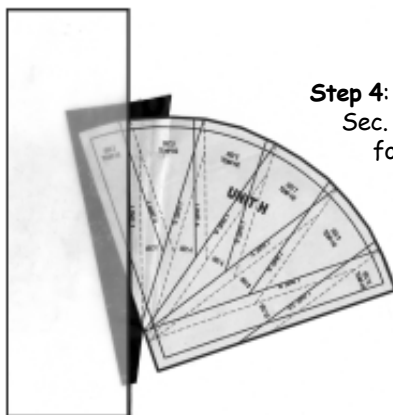
Step 1: Place the foundation papers *right side up* on your table and position as shown in the graphic. Note: *If you are left handed, rotate the paper 90 degrees.*

Step 2: Place a small amount of fabric glue on the wrong side of the paper, under Sec. 1. Note: *When adding the glue to the paper, take one very light swipe with the glue stick. Do not press down too hard or it will become difficult to remove the paper from the fabric. The glue is used to adhere the fabric to the foundation paper until the first two pieces have been sewn to the paper. Then the fabric should be loosened from the paper.*

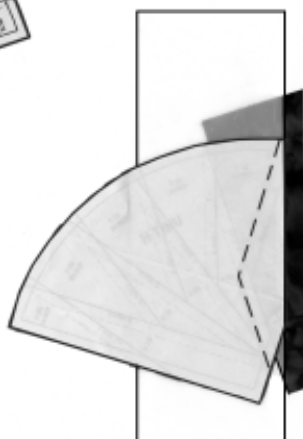
Step 3: Position Fabric #1 wrong side up on your table. Lift the foundation paper and position Sec. 1 over the top of Fabric #1. Make sure the underneath side of Sec. 1 is covered with the fabric.



Step 4: Place the fold template over Sec. 1 and line the edge of the fold template up on Line 1.

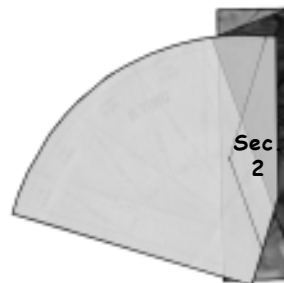
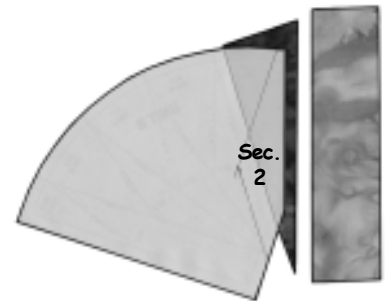


Step 5: Fold the paper back over the top of the fold template.



Step 6: Place the add-a-quarter ruler next to the folded back section on the paper, lip side down and trim the fabric with your rotary cutter. This leaves you with a quarter inch seam allowance with which to line up the next piece of fabric.

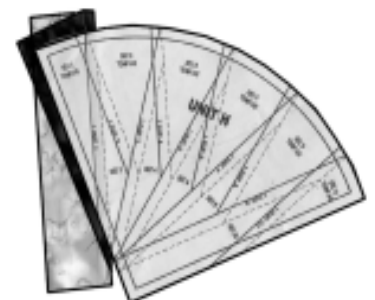
Step 7: Place Fabric #2 *right side up*, next to the folded back paper as shown.



Step 8: Lift the foundation paper and position Sec. 2 directly over Fabric #2. Notice on the graphic where Sec. 2 is located on the backside of the paper. Line the trimmed quarter inch seam on Fabric #1 up with the edge of Fabric #2.

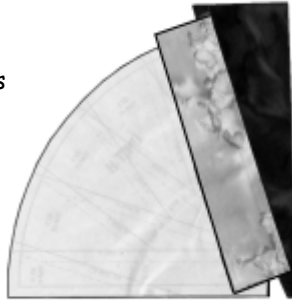
Note: If you find it difficult to locate Sec. 2, you can fold and crease the paper on the dotted line next to Line 2. This will outline the position of Sec. 2 on the backside of the paper .

Step 9: Lift the two pieces to your machine with the paper. Open the paper and sew on Line 1. Start at the top of the solid line and sew to the bottom of the solid line. Always extend the sewing lines into the seam allowances.



Step 9: Flip the paper over and press the fabric pieces flat on the right side of the fabric. Don't press any folds into the seam.

Note: *Loosen the glue under Sec. 1 at this time.*

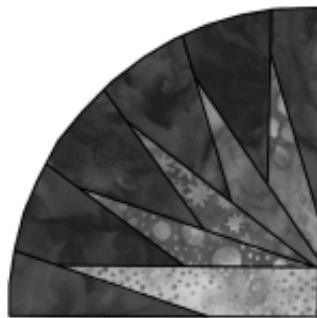


Step 10: Follow the steps below to add the additional pieces to the foundation paper. Repeat the following steps adding each piece until all the pieces have been sewn to the paper.

1. Flip the paper over so the right side of the paper is facing up.
2. Line up the edge of the fold template with Line 2.
3. Fold the paper back over the top of the template.
4. Tear the paper loose from the stitch, [about 6 stitches] at the top of Line 1. This allows the paper to fold back evenly on Line 2.
5. Place the add-a-quarter ruler next to the folded back section on the paper, lip side down and trim the fabric with your rotary cutter. This leaves you a quarter inch seam allowance to line the next piece of fabric up with.

Step 11: Position Fabric #3 under Sec. 3 with the foundation paper still folded back. Sew on Line 2, press and trim by repeating the previous steps, adding each piece until all the pieces have been sewn to the paper.

Step 12: When the foundation piecing is finished trim the excess fabric from the foundations papers. The trim line is the solid line around the edge of each unit. Trim the fabric by placing a ruler on top of the foundation paper. Line the edge of the ruler along the outside of the black line and trim the fabric and papers with your rotary blade.



Note: *When trimming the curved units, carefully walk the rotary cutter around the curved edge of the foundation paper. Keep your fingers to the side of the blade just behind the front of the cutter, not in front of the blade. This way if the blade slips you will only cut the paper and the fabric, not your fingers.*