Raised patchwork rose

Make a fabric rose by attaching a large fabric hexagon to a smaller paper and twisting the excess fabric into a rose shape.

Size

Each patch (along one edge): 25mm.

You will need:

- Fabric template
- Fabric
- Fabric marker
- Paper for piecing
- Tacking thread
- Sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Pins
- Pair of sharp scissors
- Backing fabric or bag blank

Rose patches

1. Pin the *Fabric template* face down onto the reverse of the fabric and cut the hexagon shape from the fabric – cut flush to the edge of the template. The seam allowance is included. The stitching line is indicated by the dash line.

**2.** Using a fabric marker, mark the six corners of the stitching line on the right side of the fabric.

Remove the pin from the template and fabric; repeat **twice** more.

3. Working anti-clockwise, pin the fabric to a *Paper* as follows:

With the right side up, pin the fabric to the paper so that one marked corner aligns with a corner of the *Paper*. This is the anchor pin.
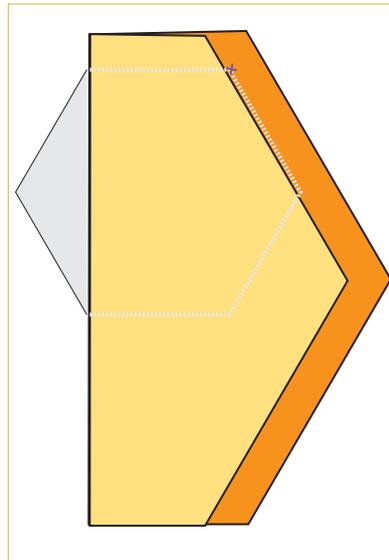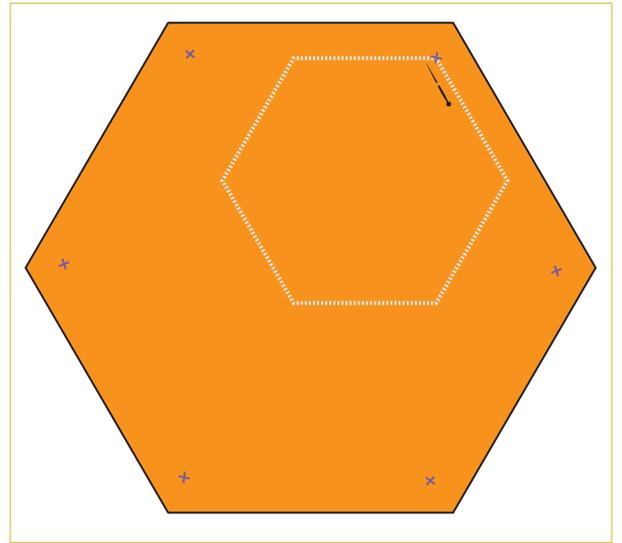
Fold the fabric to the left of the last pinned corner to the right, matching the top fabric edges, so that the fold aligns with the corner to the left of the last pinned corner. Crease the fold.
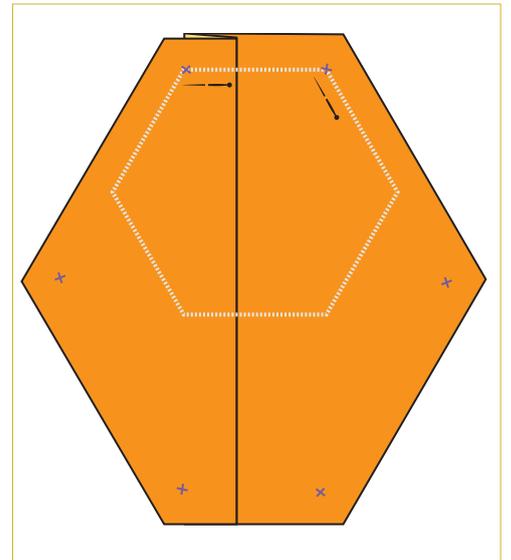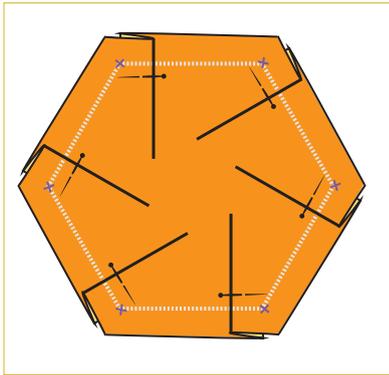

Holding the last fold in place, fold the fabric back to the left so that the marked corner to the left of the last pinned corner, aligns with the *Paper* corner to the left of the last pin.
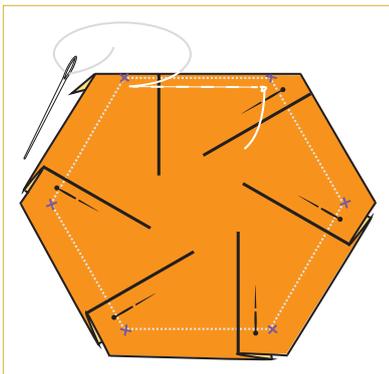
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Rotate the patch do that the last folded corner is to the right. Repeat for each corner, removing the first anchor pin to fold the last corner and complete the patch. Repeat for each patch.

Thread the needle with white tacking thread; tie a knot in the end of the thread.

4. Working along one edge at a time, fold the seam allowance over the paper; using tacking thread, stitch a line of running stitch 2mm from the edge; around the circumference of the patch; taking particular care to fold and stitch the corners.

Repeat with each patch.

Piecing

Thread the needle with sewing thread; tie a knot in the end of the thread.

5. Place two patches right sides together; edge to edge. Oversew along one edge.

6. Using the photograph as a guide, attach the third patch as above, one edge at a time.

Attach to the bag

7. Position the patches on the bag. You may find it easier to stitch each patch separately – working anti-clockwise along the outer edge of each patch, starting at the point furthest round the outer edge. For the first two patches: slip stitch the four outer edges of the patch to the bag; remove the tacking thread and the paper.

For the third patch: slip stitch along three and a half edges; remove the tacking thread and paper; tuck the seam allowance under; slip stitch the edge in place.

8. Unfold the fabric in the centre of the patch, pinch the fabric in the centre, twist it clockwise and push it down into the centre of the patch.
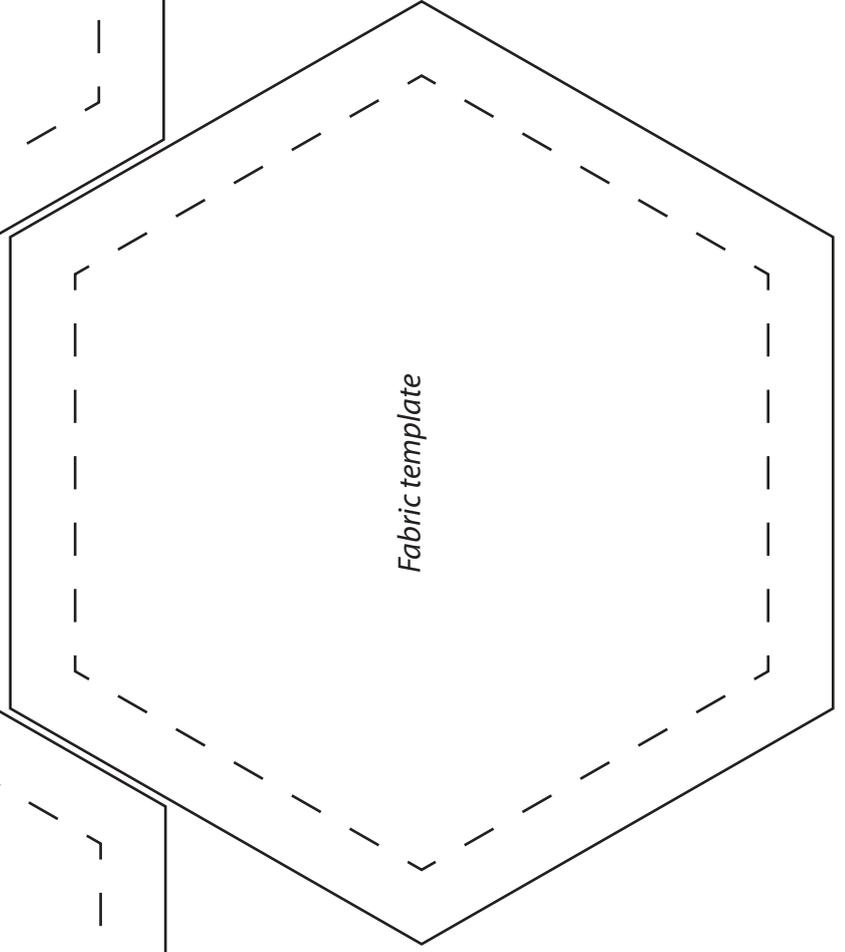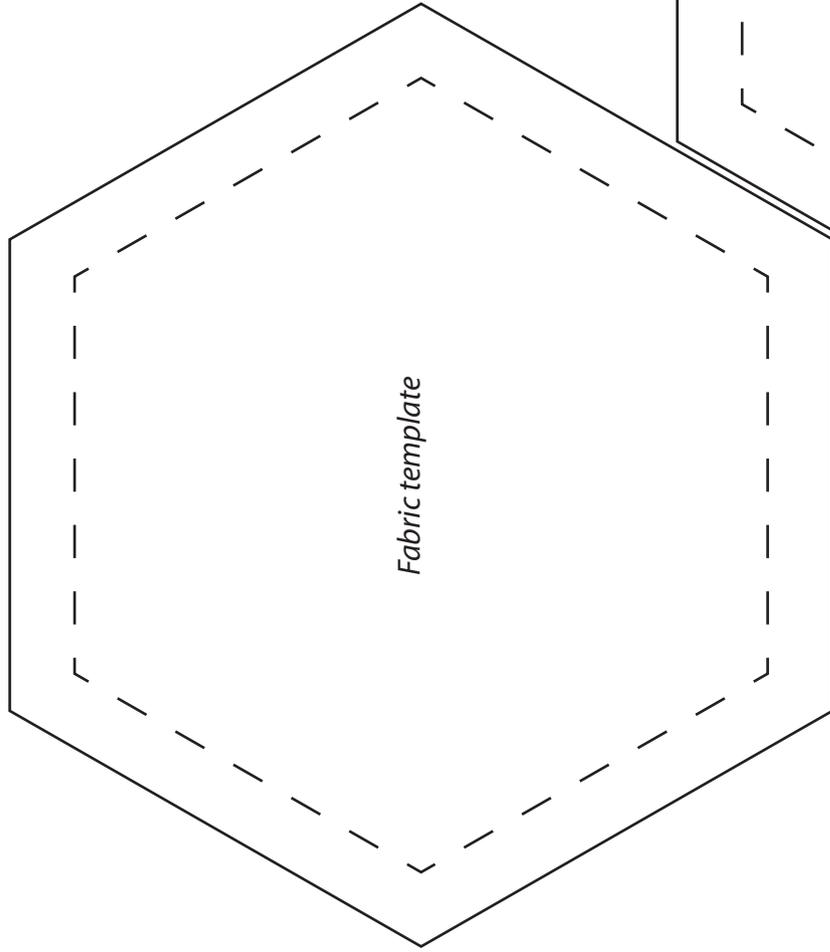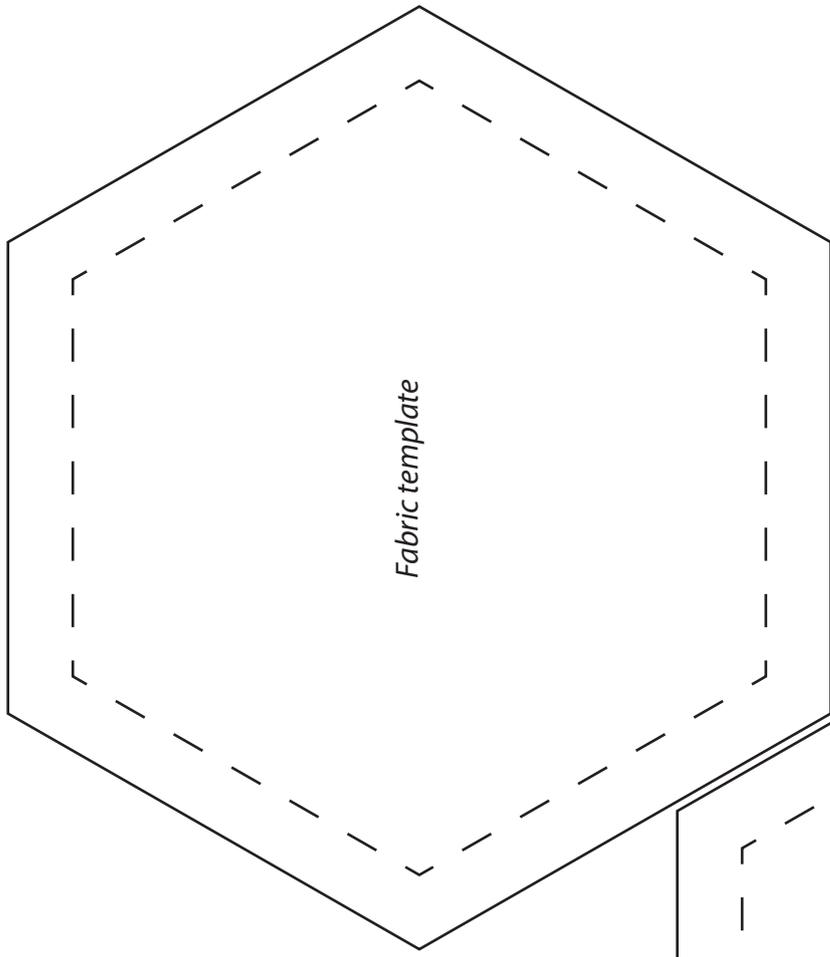
9. Embellish and secure as desired.

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