

Pattern of the Month - May 2019 "Hexagon Chatelaine Base"

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This is a Chatelaine base; add pincushion, pockets, etc to fit your needs after your Base is completed.

Use Hexagon template provided to accurately cut:

- (20) Hexies from cotton prints. Pay extra attention if using 'directional' prints.
- (10) Hexies from white flannel. (Flannel is less bulky than batting for this project.)

Stack two cotton prints right-sides-together, directional prints going in same direction, then lay one flannel Hexie on top of each print stack. Make ten (10) sets.

Mark 1" (or a bit more) opening on straight edge of each set. For directional prints, opening should be at the top straight edge of prints.

Use a 1/4" seam to sew from beginning of opening, around Hexie, and stopping at other side of opening. Clip all corners then turn Hexies right-side-out. At opening of each, turn seam in, then press well. Openings will be closed in Ready to Sew step (below). Hand or machine sew if any openings are missed.

Lay Hexies on a table or the floor, arranged by color and/or print combinations that are pleasing to you. Important! Leave Hexies on the table to maintain layout placement.

Ready to Sew: Using a zig zag setting on machine, pick up first two Hexies from lay-out, snug straight edges butted together, keeping them flat, sew, allowing zig zag to overlap edge of both Hexies. One by one, sew remaining Hexies together in one long row. Basic Chatelaine is finished except for one more step to make it more comfortable.

***From one end, count 4 Hexies toward center of the row. On the next 2 Hexies, turn side points inward, press well and top stitch in place. May also turn couple more points inward if you wish, (see illustrations below). This narrows the back-of-neck area, less bulk while wearing your Chatelaine.





