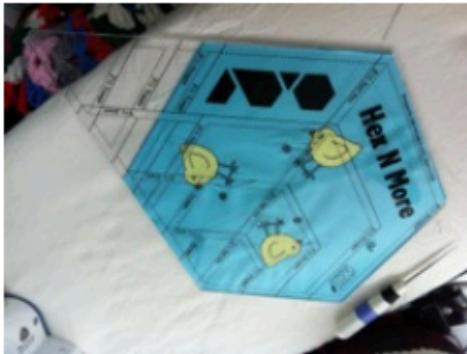


The Self Binding, Self Mitering Hexagon

I'm making potholders, but this technique can be used to create bound hexagonal shapes of any size.



First you cut your topside hexagon. I use the HexNMore ruler. I cut my potholders the same size as the largest hex on that ruler - 8 1/2". First I embroidered some cute spring things on the fabric!

Now you cut your backing hexagon. Lay your topside hexagon on your backing material and use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut the backing hexagon 1 1/2" larger than the topside hexagon. Cut one side at a time.



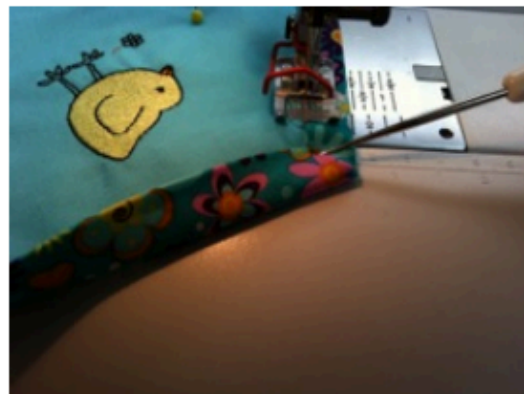
I like to put a layer of batting and a layer of thermal batting like Insul-Bright in my potholders. Cut each batting layer the same size as your topside hexagon. Here I used a fusible batting and it held the sandwich of batting, thermal batting and backing together nicely.

Center the topside fabric and battings right side up on the wrong side of the backing fabric. The backing fabric extends out on each side. Fold and press this extension in half, to meet the smaller hexagon edges. Do this to all sides of the hexagon.



Off to the sewing machine! I like to stitch the binding down with a decorative stitch, but a simple straight or zigzag stitch will do just fine. Use an awl to flip the edging over on top of the potholder. Edgestitch the binding and stop just before you get to the corner.

The stitched side stays in place and the next side will flip up over it to perfectly miter the corner. Use the awl to hold this in place and stitch, pivoting at the corner. Continue around, treating each corner the same.



There! No binding to sew on! The corners fall into place without any fuss! It's a self binding, self mitering hexagon!

