

Hosta Queen Mixer

100" by 100"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Quiltworx.com designed the instructions, and foundation papers for the Fire Island Hosta Queen. A sewing technique called foundation paper piecing is used to assemble the units required to make this quilt. Traditional piecing and curved piecing techniques are used to join the units after the foundation piecing is completed. The color layout for the quilt on the cover was designed in Quiltster, a subscription-based fabric and block auditioning application that includes Quiltworx patterns (and others!).

Foundation Papers: This pattern includes enough foundation papers to complete one quilt measuring 100" by 100". The foundation papers and templates for this pattern are printed on newsprint. Newsprint is lightweight and tears away from your stitches without damaging the threads. **Please remove the foundation papers in your pattern at this time and check to make sure you have the inventory as listed on the back page, upper right corner.**

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SUPPLY LIST

General Supply List: Steam iron, ironing board, large size cutting board, 6" by 24" ruler, small scissors, rotary cutter, seam ripper, and a sewing machine with a quarter-inch foot.

Paper Piecing Supply List: 12" *Add-A-Quarter* ruler, Scotch tape, fabric glue stic, washout fabric glue pen, a fold template, flower pins, large Ziploc bags, a Purple Thang, size 70 sewing needles, and a high-quality cotton thread. Other handy items used to keep your templates, fabrics, and papers organized, are paper clips and binder clips.

NOTE - Taking Workshops: If you are taking a class from one of our Certified Shops or Instructors please use the class handout and supply list that they provide for their classes.

COMMON TOOLS & TERMS

Purple Thang: A small plastic tool used like a stiletto that does not poke through the fabric. I use it to guide the fabric between the presser foot and feed dogs when sewing over several layers of stacked seams.

Add-A-Quarter Ruler: A small ruler with a quarter-inch lip on the bottom side used to trim the quarter-inch seams for foundation paper piecing. These can be purchased in three (3) sizes: 6", 12", and 18" rulers. I recommend the 12" and 18" ruler for this pattern.

Washout Fabric Glue Stic and Glue Pen: I use a water soluble glue stic to adhere the first piece of fabric to the backside of the foundation paper. We use the glue pen to temporarily glue the raw edges together before sewing any long straight or curved seams.

Flower Pins: Flower pins are a long pins with a flat flower glued to the end of each pin. The flower is flat so the paper can easily be folded back over the pin and still lay flat.

Fold Template: A flat piece of template plastic used as a straight edge while folding back the foundation papers just before trimming with the *Add-A-Quarter* ruler. A 3" by 12" piece of template plastic should be cut to use with the 12" *Add-A-Quarter*. A 3-1/2" by 18" piece is cut for the 18" ruler.

Sewing Lines on the Foundation Papers: You will find the sew lines on each foundation unit labeled as Line 1, Line 2, 3, & 4. The lines are marked in chronological order.

Dashed Lines on the Foundation Paper: These lines are reference lines marking the edge of your 1/4" seam allowance. They are not sewing lines. The dashed lines when sewing are lined up with the raw edges on the strips.

GENERAL TECHNIQUES

Foundation Paper Piecing: The technique of Foundation Paper piecing involves sewing fabrics to a foundation of paper that has preprinted lines and sewing instructions. This allows for perfect points and seam allowances when piecing an intricate quilting design. Oversized pieces of fabric are sewn under each section on the foundation paper, then trimmed down to the proper size.

Smart Corners: Quiltworx.com designs its foundation units with "Smart Corners" if appropriate. This involves building the corner of the paper to perfectly match the finished seam allowance and eliminating all dog ears you may encounter during assembly.

Floating Points: Floating points are designed so the tip of the point does not intersect with a seam allowance. Floating a point is a "forgiving" way to piece unit/blocks together because nothing is designed to match up. The most critical step to floating a point is learning how to tear back the Foundation Paper when adding the next piece. With these instructions you will have the opportunity to work with several block designs in which we incorporated floating points.

Cutting and Stacking Techniques: Efficiency has also been incorporated into our cutting techniques through the use of paper piecing templates and Template Layout Sheets. If these concepts