

Cutting Machine Appliqué and English Paper Piecing:

A Two-day workshop

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Have you got a domestic cutting machine but haven't really put it to use for quilting? Let's make that cutting machine (Cricut, Silhouette, Brother ScanNCut or other) work for you! Cut your pieces for applique and English Paper Piecing in a fraction of the time. At the end of the workshop, you will have all the pieces you need to create a small masterpiece. Work on an appliqué project or an English Paper Piecing project.

You will learn to:

- Download applique shapes for your cutting machine.
- Understand how to create shapes for your machine.
- Cut fabric and templates (freezer paper, soluble stabilizer, cardboard or your favorite template material) for use in appliqué.
- Cut your own English paper piecing templates.
- Cut fabric with seam allowance for turned edge applique, raw edge applique, or English paper piecing.

If you bring a flash/thumb drive, you will receive:

- Cutting (*.svg) files for two hexagonal blocks. With her permission, we will use two blocks from Becky Goldsmith's (Piece O'Cake) pattern Hexie Garden[©]. I will supply the cutting files (*.svg files) for two of the blocks.
- If you have purchased the Hexie Garden pattern and bring it with you, I will provide **all** the cutting files for all the blocks.
- Cutting (*.svg) files for common English paper piecing shapes: hexagons, part hexagons, rosettes, diamonds, and triangles.
- Bonus: you will receive *.svg files for a variety of floral and leaf shapes. These are my own drawings and have no copyright. You **must** bring a thumb drive to receive these files.

Supply list:

- **Cutting machine:** Bring your own or share with someone in class. Your cutting machine must have a rotary cutting blade and a standard knife blade if you are cutting templates.
- **Cutting machine mats:** fabric and light grip/low tack mats for paper
- Laptop with the cutting machine software loaded. We will not download and install software during the class. Cricut, Silhouette, and ScanNCut software are all free and can be downloaded here:

- [Cricut Design space](#)
- [Silhouette Studio](#)
- [Brother Canvas Workspace](#): For the ScanNCut, if you are sharing, you need the model number of the machine to download the correct version.
- **Fabric** – fat quarter equivalent for each element below. Choose as many colors for each element as you like.
 - Hexagon background – need 1/2 yd.
 - Flowers (two blocks with flowers - choose a main color and center color for each)
 - Leaves
 - Stems
 - Hexagon Border Frame
 - Setting Triangles
- **Template material**
 - For prepared edge starch method:
 - Heat resistant template plastic OR
 - Sheets or rolls of freezer paper (8.5X11" or 12X12"). Cutting from a roll is fine. Two sheets will be ironed together to make a sturdy, reusable template.
 - For glue edge prepared method:
 - Soluble stabilizer (fusible or not)
 - [Ricky Tims stable stuff](#) available at link OR
 - [Floriani Stich N Wash fusible](#) available at link OR
 - [Print and Piece Fusible Lite](#),
 - For needle turn method:
 - Template material of your choice for applique shapes:
 - Cereal box weight cardboard (20-24 pt/0.20-0.24"), OR
 - student poster board (11pt) , OR
 - or your choice of material.
 - For English paper piecing:
 - Template material of your choice:
 - Student poster board (11 pt) OR
 - cereal box weight cardboard (20-24 pt/0.20-0.24"), OR
 - 60-80 lb. cardstock
- **Glue**: Elmer's washable school glue (a stick, not liquid). The color doesn't matter.
- **Thumb drive**: If you wish to receive the bonus cutting files mentioned above, please bring a thumb drive.

Sources for materials

- Hexie Garden Pattern: from [Amazon](#) or from [Becky Goldsmith](#)
- Template plastic: [Karen Kay Buckley KKB029 Perfect Template Plastic](#) or your favorite

- Soluble Stabilizer: [Ricky Tims stable stuff](#), [Floriani Stich and Wash Fusible](#), [Print and Piece Fusible Lite](#),
- Paper Piecing templates: Try Michaels or HEB for poster board and Michaels for heavy cardstock. Make sure to use the coupons.
- Cereal box weight cardboard: [22 pt-24 pt](#) or just cereal boxes
- Applique turning tools: Two [Wooden cuticle sticks](#), [Two Metal cuticle sticks](#), or [Apliquick Tools](#). I use Apliquick tools but boy, have they become expensive!

Location: https://www.aaqg.org/resources/Workshops/2023-2024/11-Gerety/Supply_List_Gerety.pdf