

Foundation Paper Piecing Tips

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Common FPP FAQ's:

HOW DO I ASSEMBLE SECTIONS?

Here's how I put sections together to ensure good alignment:

[Tinyurl.com/3966srxx](https://tinyurl.com/3966srxx)

WHAT STITCH LENGTH AND THREAD SIZE DO I USE?

I use a pretty short stitch; about 1.5 on my machine. This makes the paper easy to tear off, and ensures the stitches won't show or peek through on the right side of the quilt.

For thread, I use a 50 wt cotton, but really any all-purpose cotton thread will do.

DEALING WITH BULKY SEAMS:

1. Remove paper from seam allowances and any tight angles before pressing.
2. Press seams open when possible.
3. Use a hammer. No, seriously! 🤪 Use a press cloth to protect your fabric, and tap lightly.
4. Use a weight such as a tailors clapper. Even just a piece of wood or heavy book will work. Or, use your iron upright as a weight on top of an acrylic ruler.

WHAT IF I NOTICE A MISTAKE AFTER I FINISH ASSEMBLING THE QUILT?

Oof, this happens to the best of us! But there's a couple tricks you can use:

1. If you used a light-colored fabric in the place of a dark fabric, pull out your permanent markers and color it in! Permanent markers such as Sharpie come in a wide variety of colors and actually dye your fabric, so it's a legitimate method of fixing a mistake! Just call it "hand dyed"! 🤪
2. Cut out the pattern piece from the correct fabric, and use appliqué to sew the piece in place directly on top of the incorrect fabric.

I AM NEW TO FPP. HOW DO I LEARN?

Please follow my free courses! I start at the very beginning of FPP, and will teach you the basics with my "quick and dirty" method. No special tools are needed, and I show you tips and tricks to take the mystery out of this amazing and versatile technique!

You can find the lessons on my website:

<https://www.crankykangaroo.com/blog>

Above all: have fun, enjoy the process, and don't be afraid to experiment!

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

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