

Tierney's Striped Octagon EPP Template

Basic construction for the pieced-octagon block:

- 1) From fabric A, cut a 1.5" x 3" strip for the center stripe.
- 2) From fabric B, cut two 1.5" x 3" strips for the left and right stripes.
- 3) Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA, sew the left stripe to the center stripe, and then the center stripe to the right stripe.
- 4) Press seams toward the center stripe. (For accuracy when wrapping fabric around paper template.)
- 5) Center a paper template, guidelines facing you, on the wrong side of the fabric.
- 6) The seams should be nicely aligned with the guidelines before basting.
- 7) Glue or thread baste all sides using $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA.

Basic construction for the square block:

- 1) From fabric C, cut a 1.5" square.
- 2) Center the paper square template on the wrong side of the fabric square.
- 3) Glue or thread baste all four sides using $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA.

* You may find it helpful to keep a printout of the overall template handy for testing block placement, as well as keeping your final layout in order as you stitch each block together.

* Assemble the blocks according to your preference. For larger work, such as quilts, wall pieces and table runners, you may find it helpful to make several units that measure three octagons wide x four long (shown below), and then stitch those units together.

* Use the strip piecing method if you're making several blocks with the same color combination.

*When cutting the paper templates, cut on the black lines. The red lines are only a guide for fabric placement.

Dive in to your large scraps, fat quarters, charms, and any fabrics that just make you happy! Enjoy this free English Paper Piecing pattern, and Happy Stitching!



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