

## Hexagon Runner

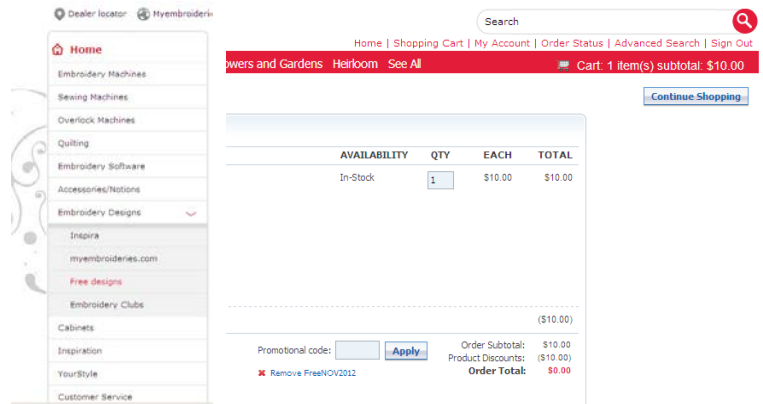
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Make this gorgeous hexagon runner using the Hex N More Ruler! Batik fabrics add a pop of color to your table. The IN-R-Form batting alternative gives nice definition to the quilting and the pretty embroidery design, which is free for the month of September, quilts the runner beautifully!

The flower design, **100394002**, is free for the month of September 2013 from [www.myembroideries.com](http://www.myembroideries.com).

To download the design from the PFAFF® website, click on **Embroidery Designs** then **Free Designs**. Click on: [Click here for FREE coupon and to download instructions](#). On the new page, click the link that says: [Get the September 2013 design now](#). When you get to the checkout, enter the coupon code **freesept2013** in the box. Click **Apply**.

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### Sewing Supplies:

- ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system 820924096
- Stitch-in-Ditch Foot 820925096
- creative™ All Fabric Hoop II 150mm x 150mm 820889096
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90 620071896
- INSPIRA® Aqua Magic stabilizer 620120201
- INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative 36" x 58" 620131596
- Hex N More Ruler JBQ201
- Assorted batik fabrics for hexagons minimum 6½" squares or strips
- ⅝ yard of backing fabric
- Sewing thread

NOTE: Pre-wash all fabrics to pre-shrink. We will need to wash our runner to remove the stabilizer after embroidery. INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative does not shrink. If the fabrics aren't pre-washed, puckering can occur after washing.

## Cut:

From assorted batiks:

Sixteen 6½" hexagons following instructions included with the ruler

From backing fabric:

Two 20" squares

## Piece the Hexagons:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.

2. Select stitch **1.1.1**



3. Snap-on your ¼" Right Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ system.

4. Lay out the hexagons on a flat surface and decide on the placement.

5. Pick them up in order, and take to your sewing machine.

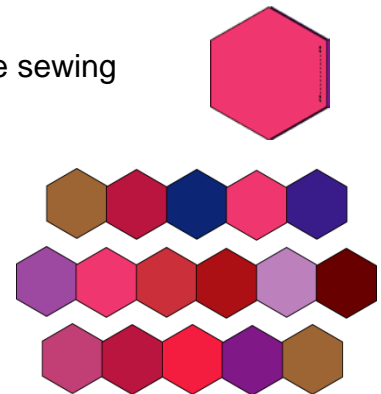
6. Place the first two right sides together.

7. Begin stitching ¼" from the edge and backstitch. Continue sewing stopping ¼" from the end and backstitch as shown.

8. Continue piecing the hexagons together in this manner until you have three strips as shown.

9. Press all seams open.

10. Place the first two strips right sides together. You will be lining up the first seam to be sewn, only. Stitch the first two sides together stopping with the needle down in the seam. Pivot and "arrange" the next seam to be sewn. Repeat until the seam is complete.



11. Repeat with the other row of hexagons.

12. Press all seams open.

13. Place the two backing squares right sides together.



14. Begin to stitch the seam and sew about 6". Stop. Adjust the stitch length to **6.0**



15. Sew about 8". Reselect stitch **1.1.1**



16. Press seam to one side.
17. Place the pieced runner top right sides together with the backing fabric; pin.
18. Trim the backing even with the pieced top.
19. Transfer your pins to the backing side.
20. Place the pinned runner, backing side up, on top of INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative.
21. Pin through all layers.
22. Stitch around the outside of the runner using a ¼" seam allowance.
23. Trim excess In-R-Form.
24. Clip the outer corners and snip in to the seam line on the inner corners.
25. Open up the basted portion of the backing seam.
26. Turn right side out.
27. Insert Steam-A-Seam into the opening and press with steam to fuse closed.
28. Topstitch ¼" from the outer edge all the way around.
29. Snap-on the Stitch-in-Ditch Foot. Stitch in the ditch of the hexagons.

## **Embroider/Quilt your Runner:**

1. To quilt your runner, cut a 5⅞" square from paper or leftover stabilizer.
2. Hoop INSPIRA® Aqua Magic stabilizer in your *creative™* All Fabric Hoop II.
3. Thread with cotton sewing thread top and bobbin.
4. Bring up the flower design **100394002** and activate **Basting** .
5. Center the paper square over the first hexagon. The corner of the paper is where the needle needs to begin. This will ensure that the flower centered in the hexagon.
6. Baste the runner to the stabilizer. It's OK if the basting runs off the runner on the edges and stitches only on the stabilizer.
7. Touch **Precise Positioning** .

8. Touch the **center icon**  to move the cursor and needle to the center of the design.
9. Using a tape measure, check to see that the needle is centered in the hexagon. If it isn't, touch **Place locking point on fabric**  and use the arrow keys to move the needle to the correct position on the fabric.
10. Embroider the first flower.
11. Repeat embroidery, placing a flower in each hexagon.
12. Trim stabilizer close to stitching.
13. Wash the runner in the washing machine with warm water to remove the remaining stabilizer.

OK, let's set the table and have dinner!