

January 2026, Block of the Month-Paper Pieced Snowflake

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This month's design was found at [Quilting Mod : Free Snowflake Pattern](#).

She has step by step directions on this site.

I found the fabric measurements slightly small, as you need to be very careful that you are covering all of the needed space so I have included revised cutting directions in my interpretation of the pattern. She also uses an "Add a quarter" ruler in her directions, which is great (I actually love mine for doing paper piecing) however, if you don't have this ruler, you can still do paper piecing. I have included my own pictures in the directions.

Materials:

- 6 copies of the pattern for each snowflake (regular copy paper is fine)
- 1 copy of the corner piece (you can layer your fabric for cutting)
- 2 different colored fabrics (I used blue & white)
- Fabric glue stick
- Add a Quarter ruler or thin cardboard (I used cardstock) or template sheet and a ruler with clear $\frac{1}{4}$ " marking
- The usual sewing supplies (thread, seam ripper, scissors, pins/clips, machine)

Cutting for 1 snowflake:

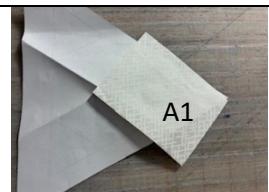
- Cut 4 corner pieces using background fabric. Be sure you have 2 pieces facing up, 2 facing down.
- Cut 6 - 3" X 4" (piece A1) snowflake fabric
- Cut 12 - 2" X 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (pieces A4 & A5) snowflake fabric
- Cut 12 - 2" X 4" (pieces A8 & A9) snowflake fabric
- Cut 6 - 3 X 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Piece A2) background fabric
- Cut 6 - 3" X 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (piece A3) background fabric
- Cut 12 - 2" X 4" (pieces A6 & A7) background fabric
- Cut 2 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips background fabric

Directions:

- You can sew each wedge of the snowflake individually, or sew all 6 step 1, then all of step 2, etc. The choice is yours.
- Using your straight edge (cardboard), place along the line between A1 & A2, fold up the paper.
- Repeat this process for the line between A1 & A3.

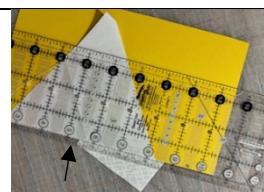


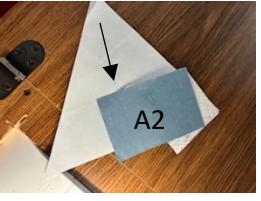
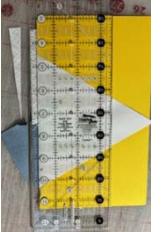
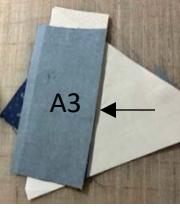
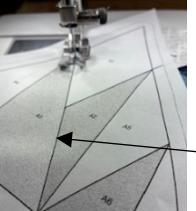
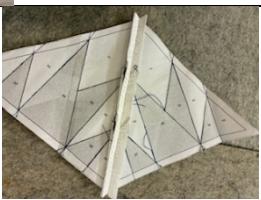
- Flip the paper over. Place a small amount of fabric glue on paper at the back of piece 1.
- Place fabric piece A1, right side up covering space A1, make sure that edges of the fabric are at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the fold lines you just created.



A1

- Turn the piece over so that the paper is on top. Fold the paper back along A1/A2 line. Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " rule, trim off excess fabric.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place fabric A2, face down on fabric A1, aligning edge. (see arrow) Hold or pin in place. (I usually just hold it as the pieces are small) Flip the piece over and take to your machine. USING A 1.5 TO 2 STITCH LENGTH, stitch on the line between A1 & A2. 	 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After stitching, flip to fabric side and press the piece open. Flip piece over, paper side up, using straight edge, fold paper along the A1/A3 line. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$". Flip piece to fabric side. 	 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place piece A3, right side down along the seam you just trimmed. Flip over, sew on the A1/A3 line. Press open. Turn piece over. Fold on A3/A4 line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$" seam. Flip to fabric side. Place piece A4, face down along seam just trimmed. Flip to paper side. Sew along A3/A4 line. Flip to fabric side. Press open. Flip back to paper side. 	 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat the fold, trim $\frac{1}{4}$", flip to fabric side, place fabric along $\frac{1}{4}$" edge just trimmed, flip to paper side, sew on line, flip to fabric side, press open, flip back to paper side, until all 9 pieces have been sewn on and pressed flat. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flip to paper side, Trim aligning $\frac{1}{4}$" line of ruler with Dark lines outlining piece. (do not use the grey outer line as the trim line) Repeat the process until you have 6 wedges complete. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take 2 wedges, place them right sides together aligning the snowflake edges and lines. Clip or pin in place. Sew on the dark line. Press the seam open. 	 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make 2 sets of 3 wedges, pressing seams open. Join the 2 sets together, press the seam open. 	 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sew the corner triangles in corners as shown. Sew opposite corners, press seam towards corner piece, then sew remaining corners and press towards corner piece. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$" strips along the 2 side edges as shown. Trim to $12\frac{1}{2}$" square. 	 

If you would like, you can make 3 snowflake blocks and sew them into a table runner. Place a 1 ½" strip between each block and at each end. Frame with a 2 ½" snowflake fabric border. Layer, quilt and bind with background fabric. (I hope to have the quilting and binding done for the January meeting)

