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CRUMB SNOWFLAKE

Lessons:

Improv Crumb quilting
Fusible Raw edge applique
Straight line Matchstick quilting

"... every snowflake is made up of billions and billions of water molecules, ... at the very core, are six water molecules essentially "holding hands" to make a hexagon shape. The ways that huge numbers of water molecules can be added to that core hexagon are so myriad, that there's no chance of having the same snowflake." - Mary Anne White, professor emerita of chemistry at Dalhousie University.

Fabrics and Supplies:

- For Background, **Fabric Crumbs** that **contrast** Choose colors that will contrast with your snowflake fabric.

CRUMBS- are little pieces of fabric that are too small for a project. No crumbs? Just cut up some fabric!

I use small irregular scraps of fabric pieces and leftover binding strips that are at least 1.5" wide, any shape and length. My general rule is, "If it fits in the palm of my hand, it's a crumb."



- Snowflake - 12" square of fabric. I chose white.
- 12" square or double sided fusible interfacing, like HeatnBond Lite.
- Batting, 13" thin, low loft. Like bamboo, cotton, or 80/20
- Backing fabric 13" square
- Binding fabric, 2 1/4" x 60" if using
- Optional sleeve fabric.
- Seam roller
- Snips or [BladeSaver Thread Cutter](#) or similar, check your local quilt shop first.

- Painters tape 1" wide ,
- Quilt Rulers, about 2.5" x 6" and 2.5" x 15"
- Rotary cutter
- Walking foot
- Sharp scissors
- X-acto or other small sharp craft knife
- Thread that matches your snowflake for quilting
- Basting spray, like 505

CRUMB PIECED BACKGROUND

Make new fabric out of otherwise discarded fabric scraps

- Crumb piecing is also a good way to empty your partially full bobbins and play with your small scraps and leftover binding strips.
- Press crumbs, strips, and scraps before piecing.
- You will make several small crumb blocks and/or strips and then sew them together.
- Sew with at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Regular stitch length 2.5
- Press towards the side with less seams.

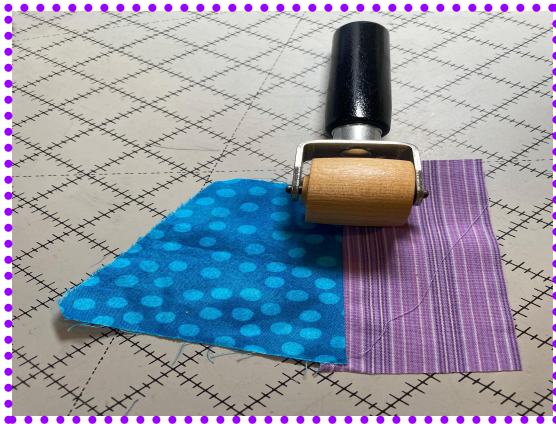
MAKING CRUMB BLOCKS - you can combine both methods below.

METHOD ONE - CRUMBS & STRIPS

Lay the straight edge of a crumb, right sides together, along one edge of a strip of fabric. Sew together. Then add another crumb on the same edge of the fabric strip, about $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart, and sew it down. Continue in this manner along the entire strip.

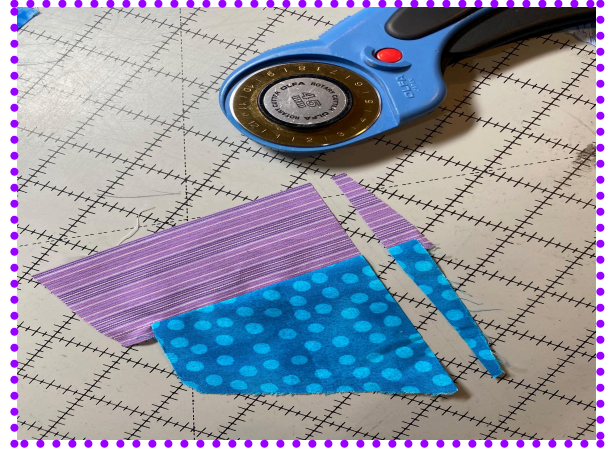
Cut the sewn pairs apart with a rotary cutter or scissors.





Use the seam roller or iron to press the seam to one side.

Trim a straight edge where you want to add the next piece. You can sew these pieces onto another strip. Repeat steps 2 & 3. Continue sewing several units together.



METHOD TWO - CRUMBS & CRUMBS



1. Clip or pin any two crumbs with right sides and straight edges together, and sew together.

Chain Piece - Without cutting your thread, sew another set of two crumbs together. Chain piece several pairs together.



2. Cut the pairs apart with your thread cutter or snips.
If needed, trim seam allowance to about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Finger press or roll the seam to one side.



Trim the edge where you want to add the next piece.

3. Add another crumb piece or strip that fits across the 2 pieces you just sewed together. It can be at an angle or straight.

Or sew crumb pairs together.

Tip: try not to have seams touching each other to eliminate bulk.



4. Repeat these steps, adding larger pieces, and crumbs units together or add them to a strip as in Method One
Your pieces can be at right angles or not.
Keep going until you have about four 7" blocks or three 4"-5" x 14" panels.



Sew your crumb blocks or panels together into a 14"+ square.



Iron it flat. Trim to 13" square.

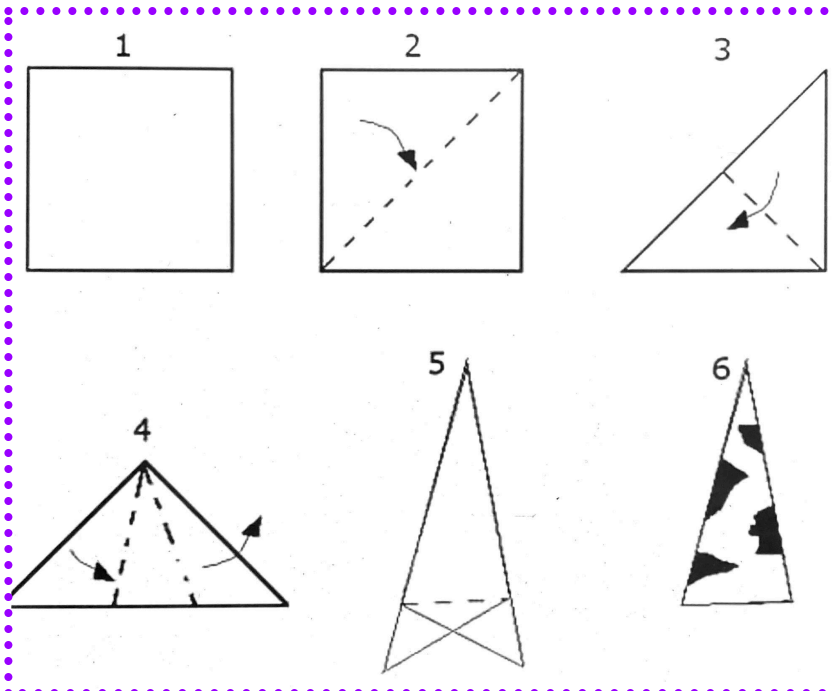


MAKE YOUR SNOWFLAKE

*** Practice with 12" square scrap paper first! ***

Prep the Snowflake fabric:

- Iron the fusible interfacing onto the wrong side of your Snowflake fabric/white.
- Cut into an 11" square. (Fig. 1).



- Fold according to the following diagram with the fabric on the inside.
Diagram from KinderArt.com
- Use your seam roller to flatten and crease the folds.
- Fold your square in half diagonally (Fig. 2).
- Fold your triangle in half – again diagonally (Fig. 3).
- Fold into thirds, **one side to the front, the other to the back** (Fig. 4). Cut off dog ears.



Fold it into thirds.

Cut off dog ears.



DRAW & CUT THE SNOWFLAKE

Suggested Tutorial: [Paper Snowflakes from Crafty Daily, YouTube](#)

- Draw a simple snowflake design onto the wedge.
- Draw the branches at least 1/2" wide or 1/4" on a fold.
- Use straight and/or curved lines.
- Make sure you are drawing at least 1 branch **attached** to the right and/or left side fold.
- Draw 3 - 5 branches.
- You can also draw a small design at the center point/tip to create a hole in the center.
- Mark an X in the negative spaces.
- You will be cutting these out.
- Slowly, cut with your scissors and craft knife. Using your craft knife, slice several times, through each layer to get cleaner cuts. Try not to cut into any of your branches.





Carefully unfold your snowflake.
Admire your unique creation!

Carefully peel off fusible backing paper. Place your snowflake in the center of the background block.



- Fuse it in place with a dry iron.
- Once it's where you like it, use a steam iron to permanently secure it down.
- Let cool.
- Check by seeing if any parts of the snowflake come up when you try to lift it with your fingernail. If it lifts, repress.

MATCHSTICK QUILTING

Prep your block for quilting.

- Make your quilt sandwich using the basting spray.
- Use stitch length to 3.0
- Use the same color or close to the thread as your snowflake.
- Use a walking foot or lighten the pressure of your presser foot, if needed.



Mark the center of your block vertically or horizontally.
Place a strip of painters tape straddling this center line.



Stitch along one side of the tape but **NOT** on the tape.

Start and end on the same edge.

Do not alternate directions of your stitch lines. This will create puckering.
Repeat on the other side of the tape.



DO NOT REMOVE THE CENTER TAPE YET

- Line the edge of your presser foot next to the line you just stitched.
- Repeat on one side of the tape towards the raw edge of your block and then on the other side of the tape to the other raw edge of your block.



REMOVE THE TAPE NOW.



Match stitch quilt in the space left by the tape.



NOTE: If you want even closer quilting stitches, stitch in between some or all of the lines you've sewn.

FINISHING

1. Use a steam iron to flatten your quilted block.
2. Trim to 12.5" square.
3. Bind as desired.
4. Add a sleeve.

Congratulations, you completed another mini quilt!

Contact me with any questions.

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