

MATERIAL GIRLS of the Program Team PRESENT:
Handy Dandies for the Adventurous Quilter September 2010
Speaking English
(Hand quilting with perfection)

As quilters we strive for perfection, yet we always notice and often point out the flaws in our work.

English paper piecing can help to achieve that elusive perfection when hand quilting shapes that are short sided and many angled. Hexagons, diamonds, apple cores and triangles are all perfect candidates for paper piecing.

Portable as well as precise, many quilters love this method. Most would recognize Grandmother's Garden quilts as the best known of the English paper pieced quilt.

I once attended a quilt show in which a quilt had incorporated the smallest hexagons I have ever seen, ½ inch at most. I questioned one of the white glove ladies as to how that was possible. While she explained the method used she also commented that this quilter was an 86 year old woman. I was fascinated.

Give English paper piecing a try. If you love the traditional quilt and hand sewing you will find a new way in which to piece a quilt that is fun, accurate and travels well.

The paper pieces can be purchased or copied onto cardstock paper (the advantage of this computer age). Scraps can be used up to create a wonderfully beautiful quilt!

*Some information in Handy Dandies for the Adventurous Quilter may have been obtained from the websites listed in the Wickedly Wonderful Websites, and is intended to encourage quilters to explore those links.

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Wickedly-Wonderful-Websites

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http://www.museum.state.il.us/muslink/art/htmls/ks_tech_epp.html

<http://ajpadilla.com/tutorials/english-paper-piecing>

http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/specialty/english-paper-piecing_ss1.html

<http://www.paperpieces.com/index.html>

<http://www.paperpieces.com/contents/en-us/d47.html>

<http://www.paperpieces.com/contents/en-us/d31.html>

<http://www.paperpieces.com/contents/en-us/d30.html>

http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/basics/knots-to-know_1.html

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