



Ice Skating

Cushion Pattern

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FINISHED SIZE 18" x 18"

Skill Level – Intermediate

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This cushion design takes its inspiration from the twisting stars and pirouetting skaters in the Festive Fair collection; I combined their movement with the collection's ribbon print to create an EPP rosette that emulates ribbon gift bows and reminds us of Christmas morning and beautifully wrapped presents under the tree.

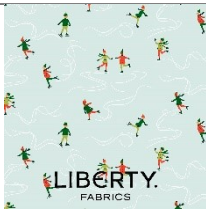
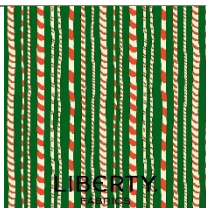
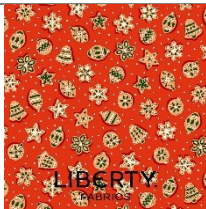
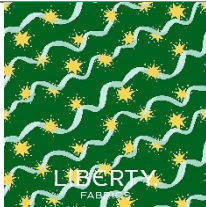
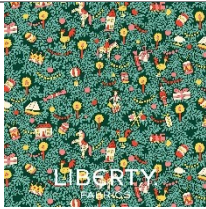
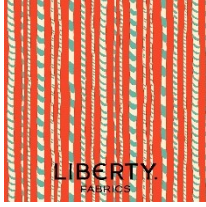
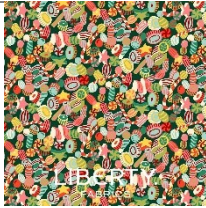
SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

This pattern is suited for someone who has English paper piecing experience. This pattern requires an intermediate knowledge of quilting techniques and terminology. The quilt and block diagrams portrayed are virtual images. The layout and look of your project may differ when using actual fabric.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Sewing Supplies	Sewing Equipment
<p>EPP Papers for Centre panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x ¾" Hexagon• 6 x ¾" Half Hexagons• 6 x 1 ½" Diamonds - 60°• 24 x 1 ½" Triangles - 60°• 18 x 3"x 4½"x 1½" - Trapezoids - 60° <p>Acrylic Templates with 3/8" seam allowance or Template Plastic to make your own.</p>	<p>Hand sewing needles - size 10 applique or milliners/straws</p> <p>Cotton thread - 50 wt. or finer</p> <p>Fabric glue pen for basting</p> <p>Straight pins, scissors, fabric marking pen / pencil, fabric clips, thread conditioner, thimble</p> <p>Rotary cutting equipment - mat, ruler, cutter</p> <p>Sewing machine with ¼" foot and a zipper foot (if doing optional piping cord detail)</p>
Cushion Pad / Pillow - 45cm x 45cm	
Cotton Wadding / Batting - 50cm x 50cm	
Calico / Lining for front panel - 50cm x 50cm	
Piping Cord (Optional)* - 2.50m x 4mm 2.50m x 6mm	

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Ice Dancing Item Code: 01667349		Cushion Front Panel & EPP shapes 1, 4 and 5 Top Tip - cut 20" x 20" front panel <u>before</u> fussy cutting EPP shapes to ensure you have enough fabric.
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Candy Cane Stripe B Item Code: : 01667347 B		EPP shapes 2 and 7
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Gingerbread Delight B Item Code: 01667353 B		EPP shapes 3 and 6
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Stars and Ribbons Item Code: 01667346		EPP shape 8
50cm x 110cm WOF (20" x 44")	Toy Tree Item Code: 01667343		Cushion Back Panels & EPP shape 9 Top Tip - cut back panels <u>before</u> fussy cutting EPP shapes to ensure you have enough fabric.
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Candy Cane Stripe A Item Code: 01667347 A		Optional 4mm Piping
1x Fat Quarter (20" x 22")	Sweet Surprise Item Code: 01667350		Optional 6mm Piping

Fussy Cutting Layout Instructions

The following layouts enable you to fussy cut selected sections of the fabric to create the English paper pieced shapes using templates with $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.

Take extra care to cut all shapes in a set the same, remembering to mark points on the back of the fabric for accurate piecing.

For best results, press fabric before marking shapes and cutting.

Shape 1

Cut 1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Hexagons



Shape 2

Cut 6 x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Half Hexagons



Shape 3

Cut 6 x 1½" Triangles

I have cut 3 of these two star motifs and alternated them around the centre hexagon



Shape 4

Cut 6 x 1½" Diamonds



Shape 5

Cut 18 x 1½" Triangles



Shape 6

Cut 6 x 1 ½" Triangles

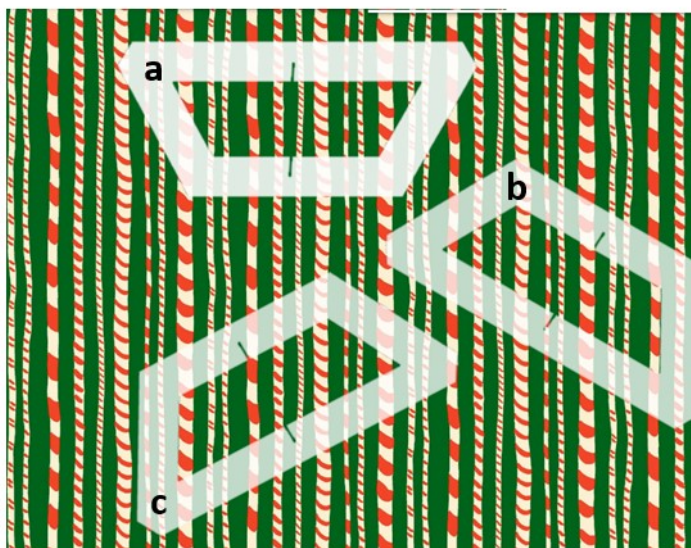


Shape 7

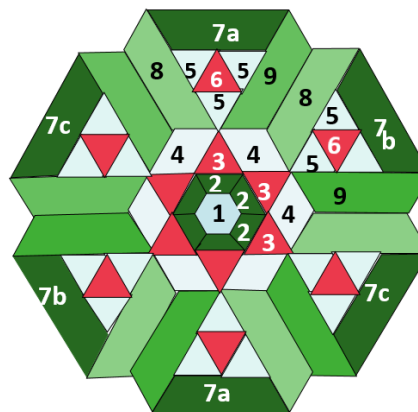
Cut 6 x 3" x 4 ½" x 1 ½" - Trapezoids

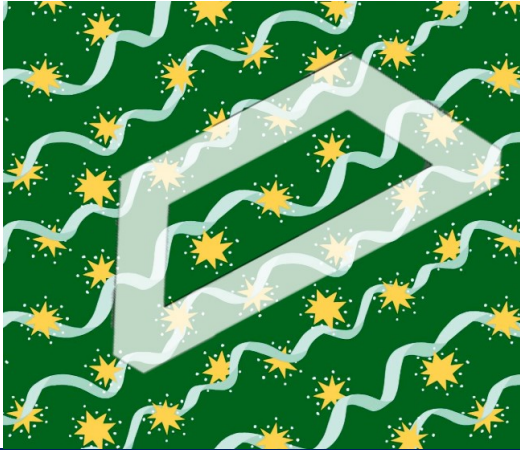

Please note the position of the templates on the stripe.

Cut 2 in each direction, a, b and c for the cushion on the pattern cover.



This is the effect you will achieve if just cut 6 x 7a shapes:



<p>Shape 8</p> <p>Cut 6 x 3" x 4½" x 1½" - Trapezoids</p>	
<p>Shape 9</p> <p>Cut 6 x 3" x 4½" x 1½" - Trapezoids</p>	

MAKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGLISH PAPER PIECED FRONT CENTRE PANEL

Layouts for all the pieces are provided above to create the design on the front cover. You get much more accurate results if you use a template. Purchase acrylics or trace the provided template on quilters' plastic template: This provides a window to select the part of the fabric design you wish to fussy cut.

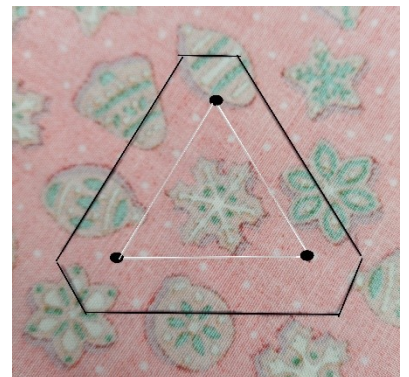
Cutting Fabric

On the wrong side of the fabric, position the template as required and draw around the outer edges: this will be your cutting line.

Mark the inside points to enable you to place the paper piece accurately for fussy cutting. There are also guidelines marked to help with centring designs.

The templates have a 3/8" seam allowance. I find this gives a bit more wiggle room when wrapping over your paper pieces.

Ensure you repeat the same process when fussy cutting each shape in a set, as in layout instructions.



Basting fabric around paper pieces

Personally, I prefer the speed and accuracy from glue basting; however, traditional thread basting can be used if preferred.

Top Tip - wrap the fabric around your pieces in the same direction to ensure that the pieces will nest together and make it easier for you when sewing together and allow the pieces to lay flat.



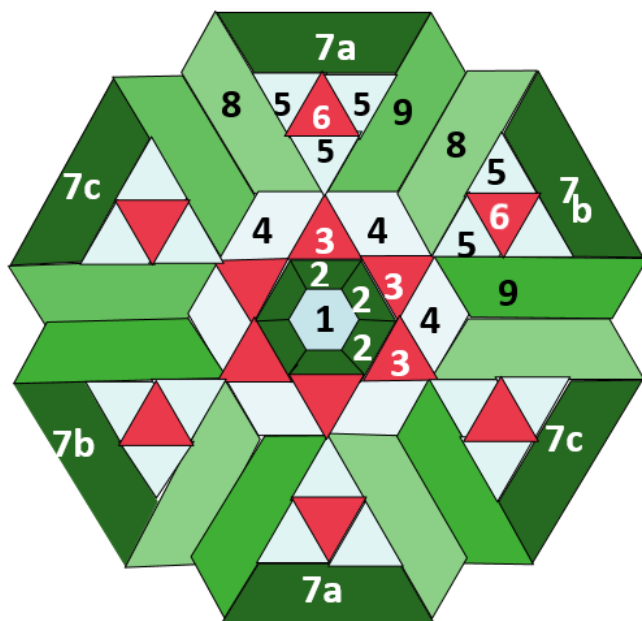
Assembly of EPP panel

Once you have cut and basted the EPP shapes they are ready for stitching together, using a whip stitch.

Top Tip – Place your needle in at 90° and this will make sure minimum stitching shows on the right side.

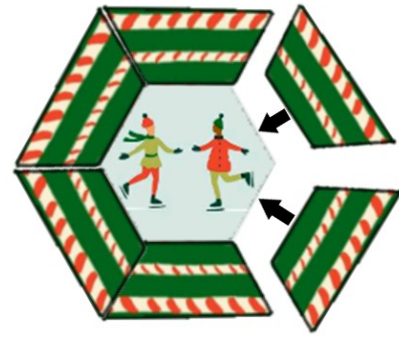
If you are sewing a light and dark fabric together, I recommend matching your thread to the lighter fabric.

Refer to the diagram right for placement of your EPP shapes.



To piece the centre, with Right sides together sew the half hexagons shape **2** around the hexagon shape **1**.

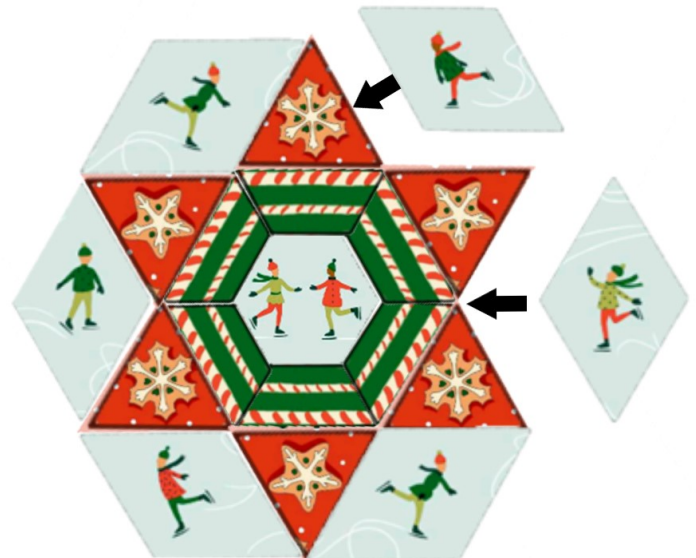
Top tip - stitch around the hexagon edges first and then the side seams of the half hexagons.



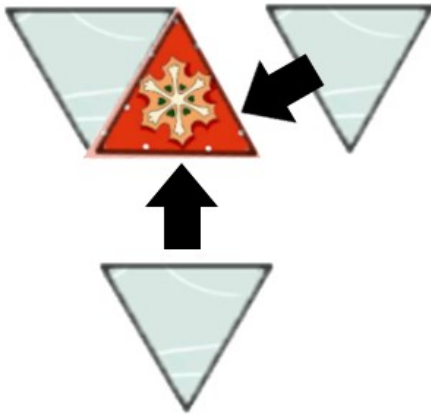
Next add triangle shapes **3** to the outer edge of the centre hexagon block, alternating the two fussycut motifs.



Add the diamond shapes **4**, paying attention to the direction of the ice skaters that you have fussycut.



Make 6 triangle units by stitching 3 triangle shapes **5** around a triangle shape **6**, as shown below.



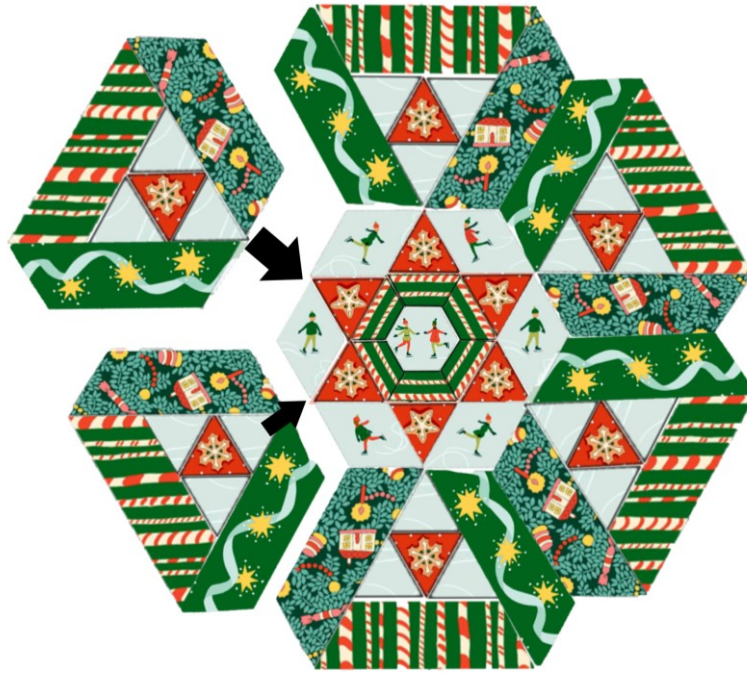
Add trapezoid shapes **7** to each triangle unit.



Add a trapezoid shape **8** to the left of the unit and a trapezoid shape **9** to the right as shown below.



Finally add these units around the central hexagon unit, paying attention to the direction of the stripes.



Press the panel once complete. Remove papers and press panel again.

CUSHION ASSEMBLY

Cut a 20" x 20" square from cushion front fabric.

Fold in quarters and finger press. This will enable you to centre the EPP panel, lining up the points.



Pin panel in place and then applique stitch on to front panel.
This can be done with a blind hem stitch or ladder stitch.

Now you can add quilting to your cushion front.

Layer your quilt sandwich by placing your cushion front lining fabric right side down. Then place your cotton wadding down and finally your cushion front panel, right side up.

Baste all layers with quilter's safety pins or your preferred method.

Quilt as desired. Suggestion is to echo quilt in ¼" lines around the EPP panel using a metallic thread for a subtle Christmas sparkle.

Once quilted, trim and square cushion front panel to 19"x 19".

Piping Cord (Optional Extra)

As an optional extra this cushion can be finished with piping cord.

Double piping cord has been used on the pattern cover. You may wish to use just one or none.

To make fabric covered piping cord, cut 1½" strips on the bias / 45°.

You will need to cut enough strips to make a 2.5m length of cord.

Join strips with wrong side together using a ¼" seam and press seams open.

Fold fabric bias strip around 4mm piping cord for fabric **A** and 6mm cord for fabric **B**.

Using a zipper foot, and a long basting stitch, stitch as close to the cord as possible.

Now attach fabric covered piping cord to the right side of the front cushion panel, raw edges together.

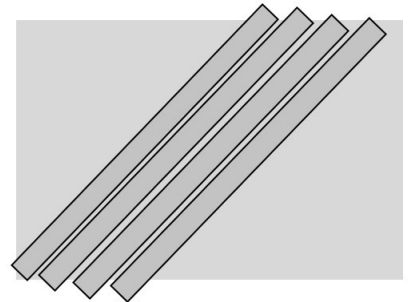
Sew a ½" seam using your zipper foot, stitching as close as possible to the cord by moving the needle position.

Binding clips are useful for holding cord in place.

Clip the flange of the fabric covered piping cord to allow it to sit smoothly around the corners.

To join the start and end, fold under ¼" of the fabric and butt the ends of the cord up and slide under for a neat finish.

Repeat with Piping 6mm cord B using the zipper foot, sewing as close to A as possible.



Cushion Back Panels

This features a patchwork strip that is made from 2 ½" squares that can be cut from any of the fabrics you have used on the front.

Cut 10 x 2 ½" squares of your choice and join in a strip using ¼" seam, press seams open. This will make a strip 2 ½" x 20 ½", trim to 19".



Place the right side of the feature fabric strip (2 ½" x 19") to the wrong side of the long edge of Right-Hand back panel, (11 ½" x 19")

Optional - you can add piping cord detail between these layers

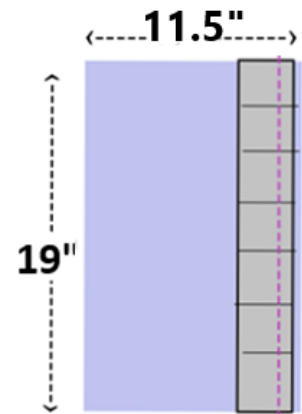
Stitch ¼" seam.

Press to the right side (front) of the panel.

Press under ¼" on the other long side of the feature strip.

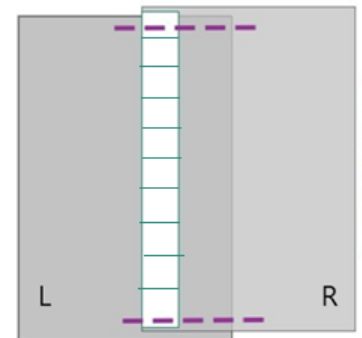
Top stitch ⅛" from each edge.

Optional - you can add piping cord detail between these layers.



On the other back panel piece, (14" x 19") press under ¼" on one long edge and fold over another ½" hem. Top stitch close to the folded edges. To form envelope back, overlap back panels, right side facing up, to form a 19" x 19" square, the same size as the front.

The hemmed panel piece should be on the bottom with the feature strip on the top. Baste to keep in place as shown in the diagram.



Sew the cushion front and the back together with a ½" seam, right sides together. You will need to attach your zipper foot to sew as close as possible to the piping cord.

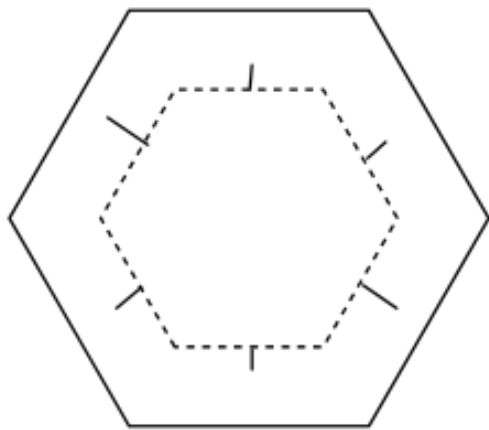
Trim and finish seams as required. Turn right side out. Press and place cushion pad in.

Sit back and enjoy your cushion!

TEMPLATES

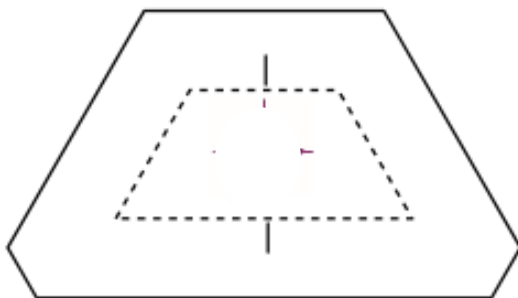
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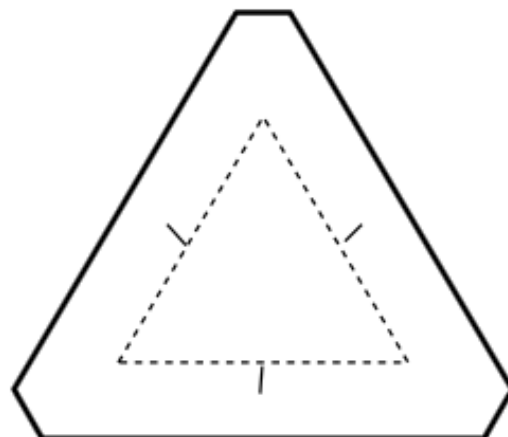


$\frac{3}{4}$ " Hexagon

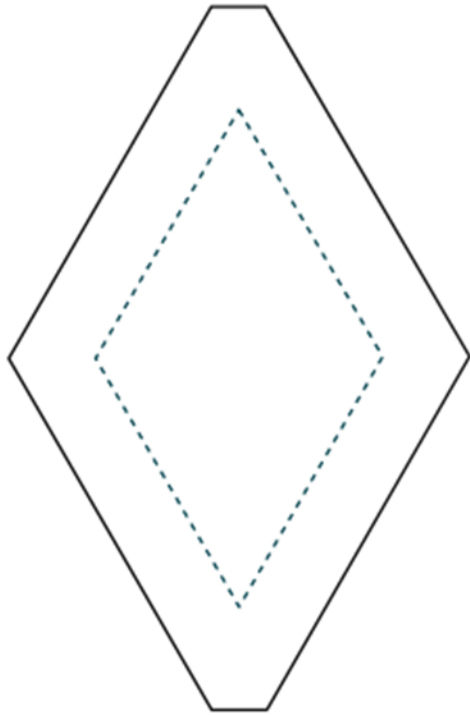
1" Test Box



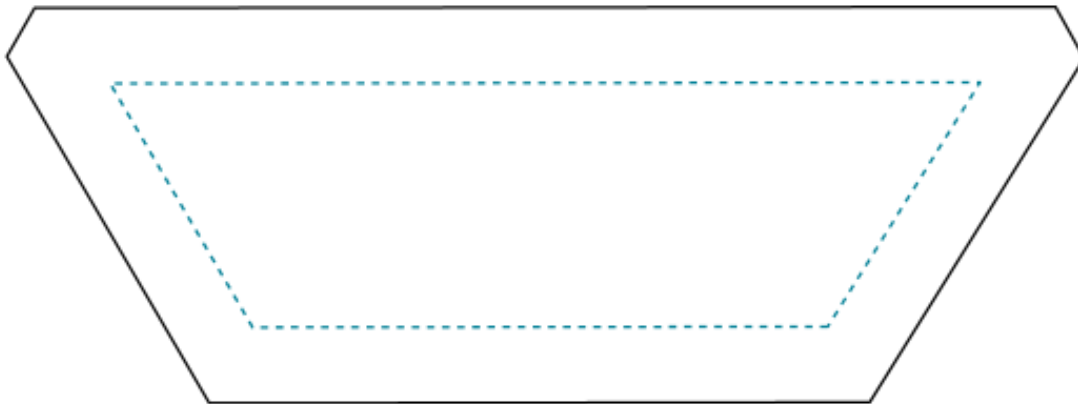
$\frac{3}{4}$ " Half Hexagon



$1\frac{1}{2}$ " Triangle - 60°



1½" Diamond - 60°



3" x 4 ½" x 1½" Diamond - 60°



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