

The Case of the Diamond *necklace*

COTDN



Welcome back, detectives!

In Clue # 7, you are the designer! Your assignment this time is to make one pieced hexagon for the center of your wall hanging.

It is your decision how much printing and stitching to do this time.

There are at least 40 designs you could make by printing the shapes in the **Inklingo 60° Diamond 1.75 inch Shape Collection** because the shapes are so versatile. Forty designs could give you hundreds of different looks depending on color placement.

When I designed the mystery quilt, there were several ideas I wanted to teach. This clue is one of the most important. When you solve the mystery, I want you to be confident creating your own designs, including recording the info on a Cheat Sheet and deciding when to print and when to use freezer paper templates.

- Choose the design for the center of your wall hanging.
- Print on tiny scraps, smaller than the freezer paper (optional).
- Use freezer paper templates, if appropriate for the design.
- Practice "circling the intersection" (optional).

When you finish this clue, you will not need any more of the focus fabric, the white setting fabric, or the gold setting fabric, unless you use them for binding or a label on the back of the wall hanging.

Clue #1



VIDEO - PIECED HEXAGONS FROM DIAMONDS

Any one of the designs in the video can be made with the 4 shapes in the **Inklingo 60° Diamond 1.75 inch Shape Collection**.

Sewing one hexagon can be as simple or as complex as you like.

I chose a complex design for my quilt to give you a good example but you could even use a freezer paper template to cut and sew a plain, un-pieced hexagon this time!



Another video to consider is **Small Time Crooks** (2000). There are no hexagons but it might give you motivation to keep up with the clues, so you can finish your wall hanging. Woody Allen breaks into a residential wall safe which was not adequately camouflaged with a quilt and almost steals a diamond necklace. (Written and directed by Woody Allen, so it all goes wrong, of course.)

Clue # 7

This example shows the hexagon for the center of my COTDN mystery quilt.



I used the "cheat sheet" below with the **Inklingo 60° Diamond 1.75 inch Shape Collection**.

Print page 12 of the shape collection to prepare your own.

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Fabric/Shape	Number Required	Suggested FP Size	Other FP Sizes?	Notes
<u>Focus fabric</u>				
half dia	3	4.5 x 5 L	p 25	Layout 2 for straight grain
half tri B	3	3.5* x 5 L	p 37	Layout 3 for B
<u>Jewel Accent (Red)</u>				MONKEY'S TIP Always use pencil when you prepare a cheat sheet! *fabric can be 2.5 x 4.75 **fabric can be cut 2.5 x 6.75 See notes on next page.
Same as focus fabric.				
<u>Gold setting</u>				
half tri A	6	3.5** x 6.75 L	p 39	Layout 4 for A
<u>White setting</u>				
tri	6	4.75 x 6 L	p 31	
half dia	6	4.75 x 7 P	p 25	Layout 2 for straight grain

Labeling the freezer paper makes it much easier and faster to stay organized, especially when there are several small sheets to print.



PRINTING ON SMALL SCRAPS

When you are only making one pieced hexagon of a particular design, you will probably need to print on very small pieces of fabric.

There is a minimum size you can print. Many printers allow 3 x 5. The minimum for my Canon is 3.5 x 5 but the fabric can be cut smaller than the FP, as noted on the Cheat Sheet (previous page). You may need to print on scrap paper first to see where to position the fabric on the freezer paper.

My Canon printer has two paper trays, lower and upper. The upper tray is the one required for very small page sizes like 3.5 x 5.

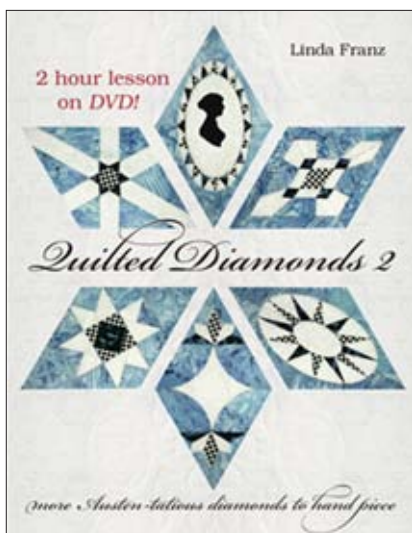
WHEN TO USE TEMPLATES

Depending on the design, you might want to draw or print your hexagon design on freezer paper and use templates instead of printing anything at all!

There is a [new article on the All About Inkingo blog](#) showing how to fussy cut with templates when No Waste Fussy Cutting is not an option. The template tips in that article apply whether you are fussy cutting or not.

Helpful links:

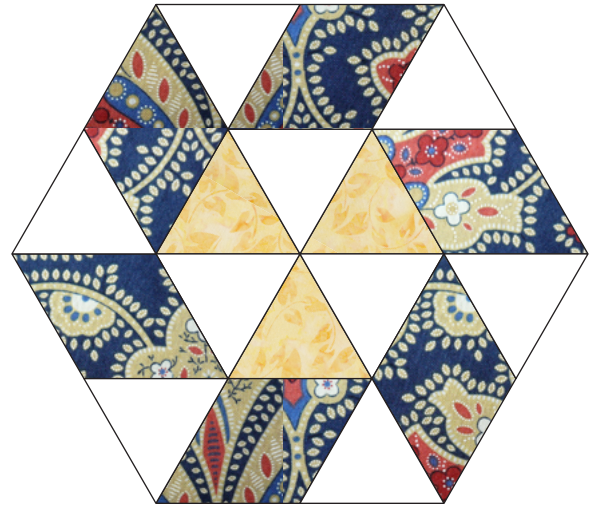
- [Template Tips](#) on the All About Inkingo blog
- [VIDEO](#) Circling the Intersection Video (Clue # 2)
- [VIDEO](#) How to Sew Hexagons by Hand
- [VIDEO](#) How to Sew Hexagon by Machine



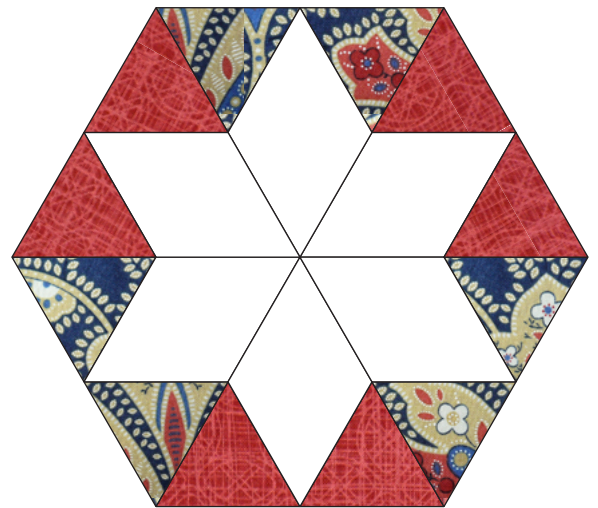
You can use the freezer paper method taught in Quilted Diamonds and Quilted Diamonds 2 for any hexagon design. (SHOP)

TIP

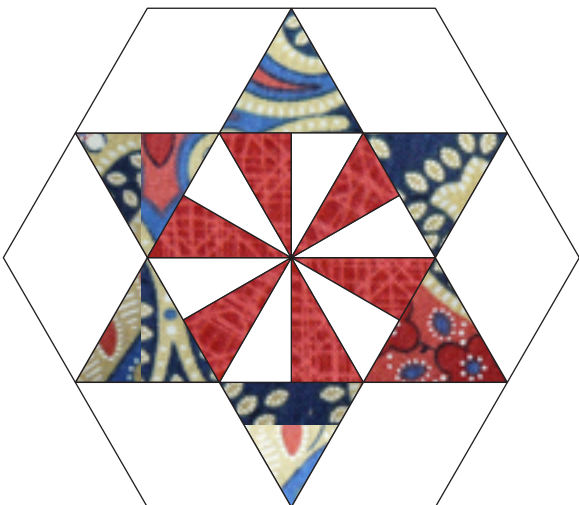
You can use shapes you printed with Inkingo with shapes you prepared with freezer paper templates too! It is not all or nothing.

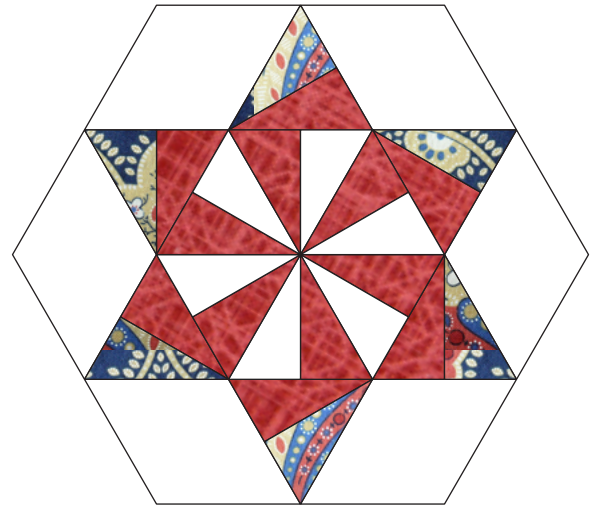
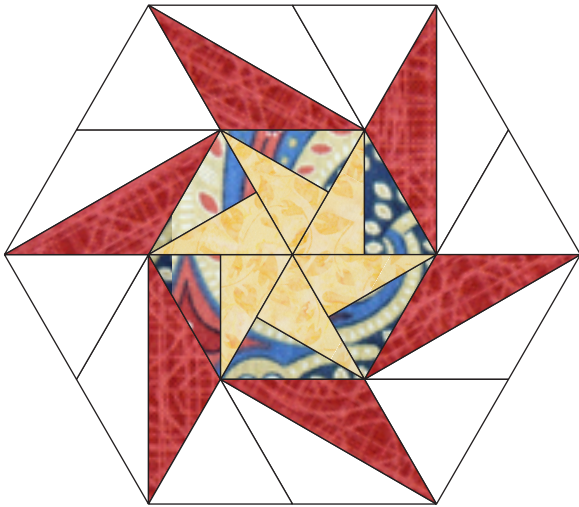


Choose any design from the video and prepare your own Cheat Sheet.

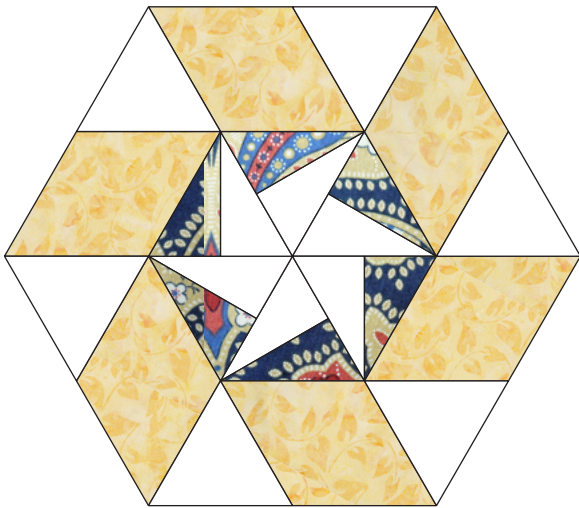


All of the shapes in these designs can be printed with the **Inklingo 60° Diamond 1.75 inch Shape Collection**.

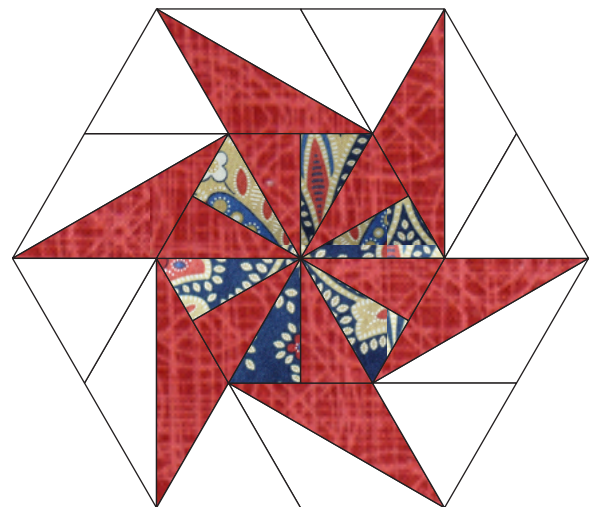




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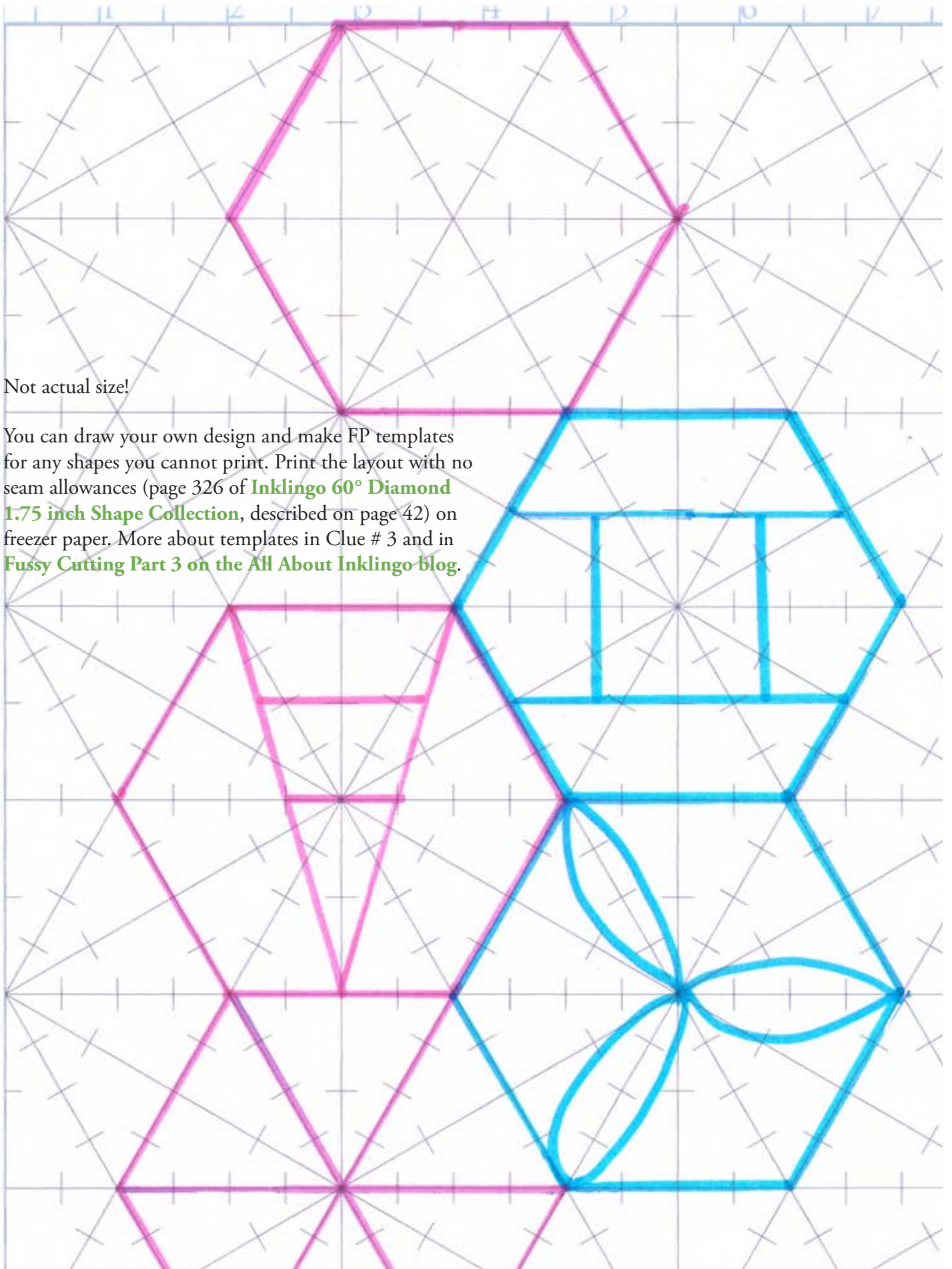




If you have the **300 Pieced Hexagons PDF**, you can choose any hexagon design for Clue # 7. Use freezer paper templates (see Clue # 3) for any shape you cannot print.

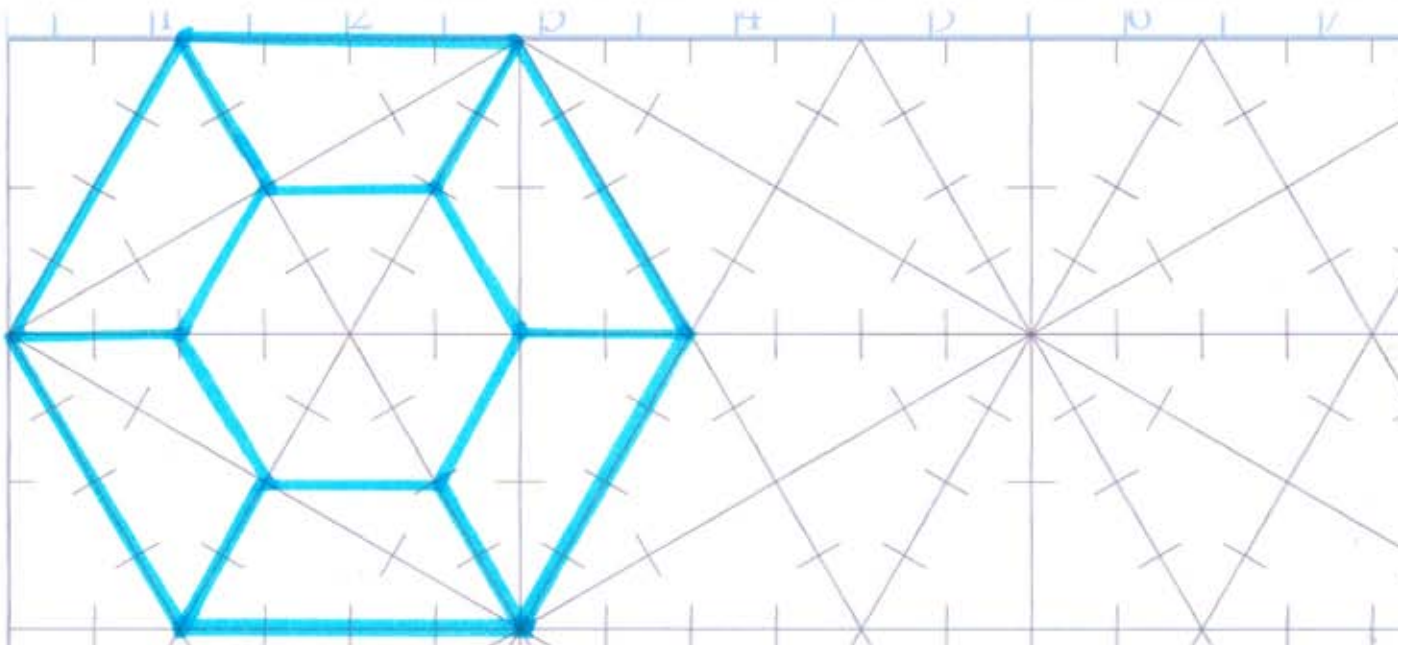
You might even decide to fussy cut some of the shapes. This is not a situation for No Waste Fussy Cutting, so use freezer paper templates, as described in **Fussy Cutting Part 3 on the All About Inkingo blog**.





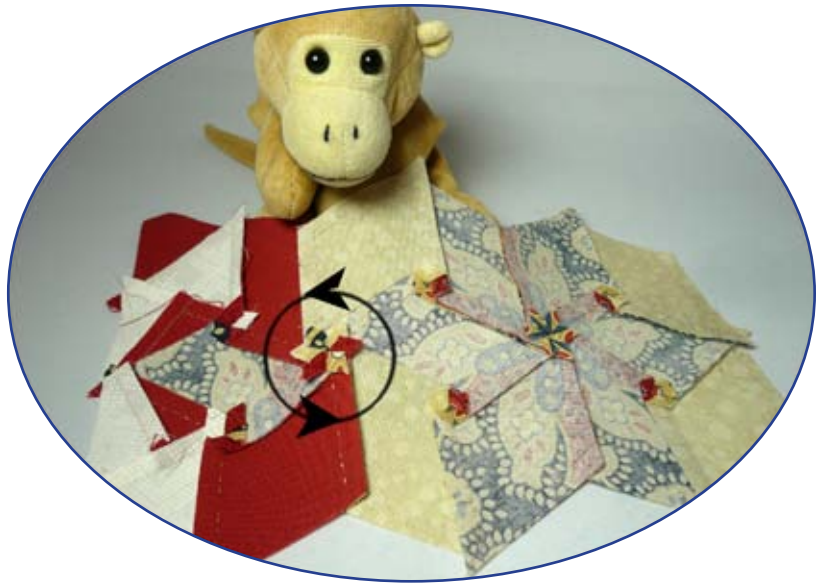
Not actual size!

You can draw your own design and make FP templates for any shapes you cannot print. Print the layout with no seam allowances (page 326 of [Inklingo 60° Diamond 1.75 inch Shape Collection](#), described on page 42) on freezer paper. More about templates in Clue # 3 and in [Fussy Cutting Part 3 on the All About Inklingo blog](#).



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OPTIONAL

We are nearing the end of the COTDN mystery now. If you want a head start on Clue # 8, you can sew these units together.



This is a perfect time to practice circling the intersection (See Clue # 2.)



If you followed the pressing instructions in previous clues, the new intersection will press perfectly to form a star on the back.



Since everyone is designing their own Pieced Hexagon for the Case of the Diamond Necklace, you know that every quilt will be different and every quilt will be a gem!

I hope you like your Clue # 7 hexagon as much as I like mine and that you can store it away in the vault until Clue # 8, safe from Small Time Crooks!

