

Auto Pilot Paper Piecing

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Auto Pilot Paper Piecing: What is it?

Does paper piecing frustrate you because you just don't get it?

Follow these few simple rules to take the mental gymnastics out of paper piecing and ensure perfect results.

Paper piecing is exceedingly precise and requires no pre-cutting so it is fast. But some sewers find it difficult to grasp because it is so outside the norm—backwards—to the way we are accustomed to sewing.

I have taught these simple steps to many who have not “got” paper piecing before and they have thanked me for giving them the skill to be successful with this handy technique. Truly these are simple ways to help you automatically remember how to place fabric so your results are perfect every time. Auto Pilot paper Piecing takes the thinking out of paper piecing!

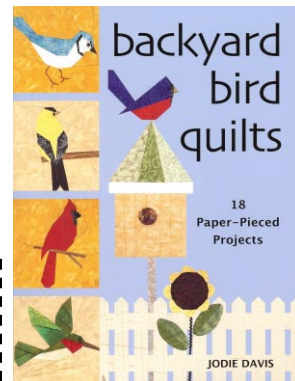
Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule

#1: The unprinted side of the paper is the right side of the finished block.

Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule #2:

*“Cut large/Cut frustration” or “Waste fabric not time!”
Don't fuss over cutting!! Cut fabric large! Jodie's Philosophy: Time is precious. I'd rather waste fabric than rip. Besides, my duty as a quilter is to buy lots of fabric so the fabric companies make MORE!*

Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule #3: Just like in regular piecing, fabrics are sewn right sides together. Nothing is different other than a piece of paper on top of the fabrics.



This is the no-brainer way of always getting the fabric placed correctly—NO SEAM RIPPERS!

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Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule #4: Place the fabric for the next patch right side up on the bed of the sewing machine

Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule #5: Place the paper/block printed side up over the fabric you just laid down. Have the patch with the low number, the one you just sewed, pointing to your left. And the extra fabric to the left. Don't think about this—just do it!

Auto Pilot Paper Piecing Rule #6: No one is going to see your seam allowances, so who cares if they are perfect? I find that some students like the precise method of using the 1/4" ruler, but many get all confused with the folding and flipping. It is much easier to learn with this no fuss method.

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