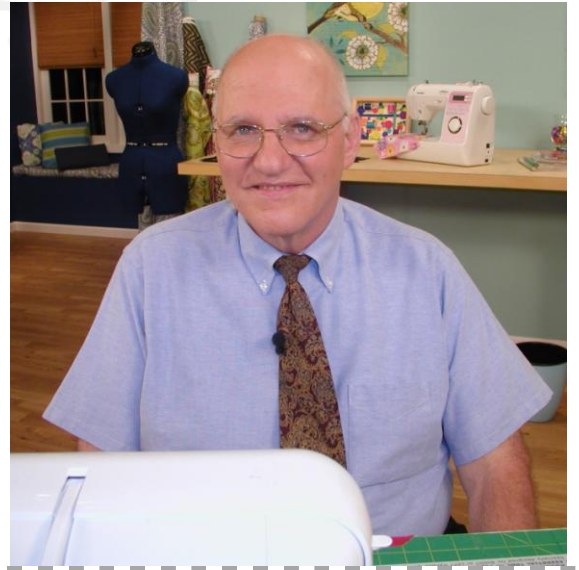


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George Siciliano demonstrates a foundation piecing technique in miniature.





Paper and Foundation piecing involves the same technique. Most quilters interchange the names, when in fact you must remove the paper in paper piecing however you can leave the foundation material in as part of the quilt in foundation piecing. I always use foundation piecing. The following technique works well with ALL paper and Foundation patterns. Just a quick note, I'm using my "Triple Duty Seam Allowance Guide". There is nothing like it on the market. Keep in mind that as you begin the construction process, you will be creating the seam allowance for the NEXT piece you will be stitching not the one you just completed. Unscrew the white screw post and place it in the right hole if you are left handed. Turn the ruler around so the bottom edge is on top for the 1/8th inch allowance.

1. Getting Started. (For the first piece only), cut a piece of fabric at least 1/2" larger than the area it will be covering (the first patch). Pin this fabric to the underside of the foundation making sure the pin will not interfere with the sewing of the first line. Remove this pin after sewing this patch.
2. Place the foundation on your cutting mat SEW SIDE UP, with the first line to be stitched facing you. Rotate your seam allowance guide to the open position.
3. Line up the seam guide edge (that's the white section of your guide) with the NEXT line to be stitched, and fold the foundation towards you.
4. Rotate the cutting guide (ruler part) back to the closed position. Notice there are notches on both sides of the cutting guide. When you bring the guide to the "closed position", be sure to line up the edge of this notch with the seam guide. This will ensure a nice straight cut of either the 1/8" or 1/4".
5. Holding everything down firmly, cut along the "cutting guide".(ruler)
NEVER CUT ALONG THE SEAM GUIDE (the white part)
6. Remove the entire guide, turn the foundation over and place the next piece of fabric even with the line you have just created. Slide the foundation under your presser foot and stitch along the sew line.
7. After stitching remove the block from under the presser foot, cut off all of the loose threads and finger press the patch up to the stitches you've just sewn. Remember, once you press the patch into position you're done with that patch. Turn the foundation so the next line to be sewn is facing you.
8. Now go back and follow instructions #2 through #7 for each of the rest of the patches for this block.

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