

MATZAH COVERS 2006

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DRAFTING DIAMONDS AND TRIANGLES.

You need 2 sheets of A4 paper

1 cardboard cereal box or other template material.

Paper scissors, Glue stick

Sharp pencil

Stiletto or sharp object for making holes.

Quilters ruler 3 – 12"

1. On a sheet of paper draw a line along both long edges $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
2. Fold paper in half long edges together and again with the short edges together to make fold lines.
3. Align the 60o line of the ruler with one of the drawn lines and the edge of the ruler starting at the fold, draw a line outwards. Turn the ruler so the other 60o line is along the drawn line and starting at the fold draw a line on the opposite direction to make an inverted V shape on the paper.
4. Turn the page around and repeat this process to make another inverted V crossing over the first.
5. This makes one Diamond shape in the middle with 4 triangles on the sides.
6. Make another copy of this either photo copy or repeat the drawing.
7. On one page draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the outside 2 sides of one of the triangles, the bottom line is already drawn.
8. Draw a $\frac{1}{4}$ " line around all sides of the Diamond on the other copy.
9. Cut out roughly beyond the outlined shape from each piece of paper so you have 1 diamond and 1 triangle shape.
10. Glue the back of these shapes especially around the back of the lines and stick to the inside of a cardboard cereal box. With an old blade in your rotary cutter cut out the triangle shape and also the diamond shape extending the lines beyond the points to complete the whole shape.
11. With a sharp pointed object make holes on the crosshair lines on all corners so a pencil can easily make a nice dot on the fabrics through this hole.

Making the Cover

Fabric for making the star

Fabric for 4 linings

Fabric for the back of the cover.

Different Ways to Make the Stars

1. To use the diamond for paper foundation piecing, draw desired lines within the diamond and make 6 copies of each either on paper or foundation piecing sheets. Make up according to you favored foundation piecing technique.
2. Draw a line down the middle of the length of the diamond, measure the width from the center outward and add $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut from salvage to salvage 1 strip of one color and 1 strips of another e.g. 1 light and 1 dark of one shade of blue. Stitch strips together along length of fabric on both sides to make a tube. Place the diamond template with the drawn line matched along the seam line of one side and cut around this shape. Move the template to the other side of the strip and repeat, this will help save fabric.
3. Cut 2 strips the same measurement as from the tip to base of the triangle, sew 2 colored strips together along both lengths. Place the template with the base on one long edge and cut the shapes flipping the template over for the next cut. Open out the triangle at the point with the few stitches and press with seams open for less bulk, cut 6 and place 3 with colors reversed for the center diamonds. Cut 6 more diamonds for the outer edges to make a complete hexagon.

Finishing the Cover

Embellish the pieced top as you like.

Place the completed cover on top of 4 layers of lining fabric and one of the back fabrics. Pin well, using your ruler and rotary cutter, cut along the outer edges carefully.

1. Place one lining fabrics on top of the right side of pieced top, pin all around and stitch with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance leaving an opening to turn right sides out. Turn and press and stitch opening closed.
2. Repeat with one lining and one back fabric.
3. Mark, pin and press $\frac{1}{4}$ " or slightly larger seam along all the outer edges of the remaining 2 lining fabrics and stitch, you can use different thread, or decorative stitch, as you like.
4. Layer all 4 layers together and you can use a variety of ways to hold them together, e.g. ribbons attached on the corners, buttons, a fancy stitch, but only on 4 or 5 of the corners in order to be able to open one side to put the round matzos inside.
5. Make a simpler, smaller hexagon with just diamond or triangles. 1 back fabric and 2 lining fabrics to make an Afikoman bag to match the cover if you like.

Chag Sameach, bring along completed cover to the Quinglish for show and tell.

Enjoy

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Templates for Diamond & Triangle Matzoh Cover 2006

