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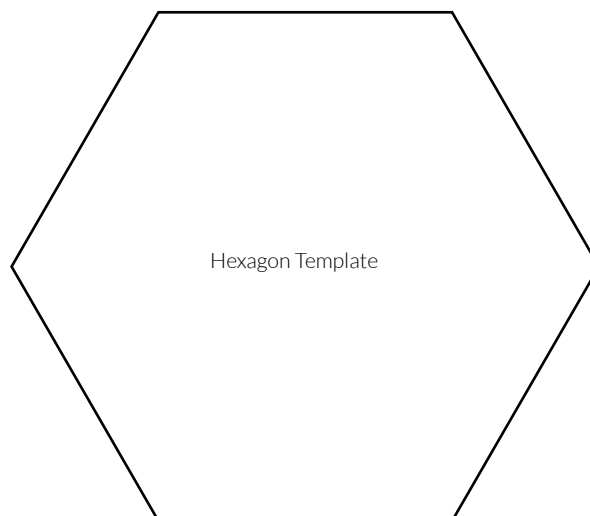
Meadowside Draught Excluder



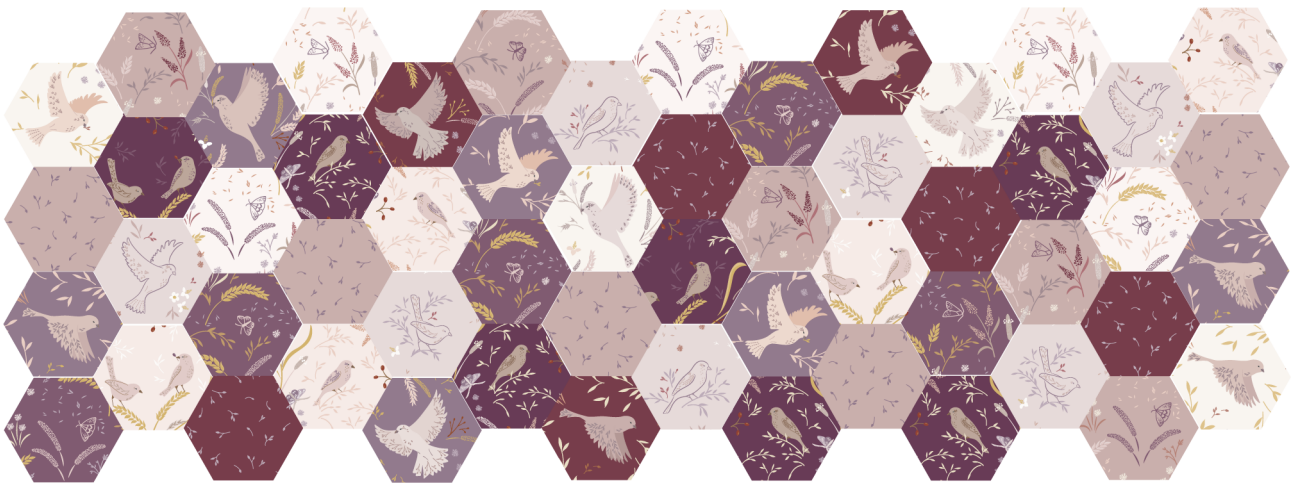
Main diagram-top view

This draught excluder is perfect for any patchwork beginner and fantastic to use up any scraps you have lying around. It is comprised of a total of 56, 3 inch wide hexagons. The overall finished size is approx 33 inches x 3.5 inches (the size of a standard width door, with a little overhanging at the edges. If you wanted to increase or decrease this you can do so simply by adding or subtracting a row of hexagons.) For this design I used fussy cut pieces from my 'Meadowside' collection for Lewis and Irene.

To begin, using the 3 inch hexagon template below I fussy cut 56 different hexagons leaving a 1.5 cm fabric seam allowance around the paper hexagon. I then wrapped the fabric around the paper hexagon securing it in place with tacking stitches, but you can use a gluing method if you prefer.



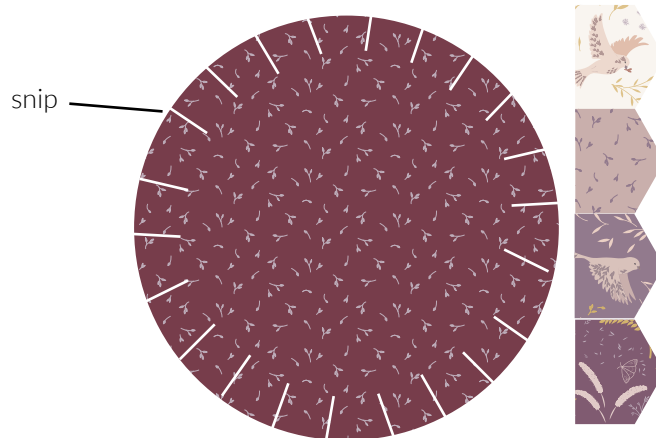
Once I'd completed all of my fabric hexagons, I pressed them to help with lining up the seams and then had a play with the placement until I was happy. If you'd like to copy my design, you can see my layout below.



After finding a composition I was happy with, I stitched the hexagons together using an invisible stitch. When they were all secured together I fitted the top together with the bottom to create a continuous tube and again stitched these together using an invisible stitch. When the tube was complete I removed all the paper pieces and tacking on the hexagons. I then tacked each end to create a straight line as shown below to which I would later stitch my end fabrics.



To complete I cut two circles of fabric 9cm in diameter. To each of these I snipped 0.5cm cuts around the outside to help the fabric shape better to the draught excluder. If you cut too deep into the circle this will leave gaps when sewing, so be careful. Turning the tube inside out I tacked my circle end to the straight edge of hexagons which we created earlier with the right sides facing each other. I then machine sewed this on. I repeated this on the last end leaving a gap big enough to turn it the right side out. Once turned to the correct orientation I then stuffed the draught excluder and invisible stitched the hole shut. Finally I removed all tacking threads.



I really hope you had as much fun making this as I did. I'd love to see your creations! Please tag me on Instagram or Facebook using #CassandraConnolly
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