

How to make an English paper pieced butterfly using jewel and diamond shapes



1. Print out the template and cut the shapes out carefully. To make one butterfly you need four $3/4$ inch jewel shapes and one, 1 inch diamond.
2. Place the templates onto the wrong side of your fabric and cut around the shapes, leaving a quarter inch seam allowance.
3. Baste the fabric around the shapes by using a fabric glue pen or tacking stitches.
4. To make each pair of wings, place two jewel shapes together with the right sides of the fabric facing each other, and stitch together using a whip stitch along the longest side.
5. Open each pair of wings out and press with the iron. Remove the papers, press again and position onto your backing fabric, lining up the

seam lines. You might want to use your glue pen again to hold it in place.

6. Stitch to your backing fabric with an applique stitch.
7. Press your diamond shape with the iron and remove the paper. Press again.
8. Position the diamond on top of the wings, tuck the tails under and applique in place.
9. Add some hand quilted details for the antenna and sew a running stitch around the outline for definition.
10. Your butterfly is complete! I hope you enjoyed this little tutorial. For a more detailed explanation see the video tutorial on my website, www.vintagesewingbox.co.uk