FRIENDSHIP BRAID TABLE RUNNER

Using Jenny Doan's Technique and the MSQC Small 5" Half-Hexagon Template (both from Missouri Star Quilt Company)

NOTE: This pattern can also be made using 10" squares and the MSQC Large 10" Half-Hexagon Template.



Start with a Charm Pack (usually 40 to 42 squares) **AND**



MSQC Half-Hexi Template



Cut Charm Pack with long side of template down the center; cut center line first.



Continue cutting entire Charm Pack into two sets of half-hexis to make two long braids...



OR further divide each set into two smaller sets to make 4 short braids.



To start braid, pull out two halfhexis. Mark ¼" seam intersection in one corner of each half-hexi.



Match intersections with pin. *This* is <u>only</u> seam intersection which will be marked & pinned to align marks.



Sew along short side using ¼" seam allowance.



Press seam allowance up (toward first half-hexi). This is <u>only</u> seam which will be pressed up.

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To add next half-hexi...



Place right sides together and align raw edges. Center half-hexi over longest side of braid. Pin in place to ensure pieces do not shift.



Sew together using ¼" seam allowance; press seam allowance down (toward half-hexi just added). All remaining seams will be pressed down.



Keep adding half-hexis until braid is complete. As a note, the long sides of braid are cut on the bias; handle braid carefully to avoid stretching before borders are sewn on.



Make 3 additional braids for table runner with 4 short braids <u>OR</u> make 1 additional braid for table runner with 2 long braids.



To trim, line up long edges of 2 braids along a line on cutting mat. Always cut 2 braids together to ensure both are the same length after trimming.



Place ruler over braids and line up ruler markings with markings on cutting mat.



Trim one end of 2 braids...



Move to opposite end, again lining up ruler markings to markings on cutting mat across 2 braids...

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And trim... Braids are now ready to finish into a table runner.



Make 4 short friendship braids and add sashing and borders for table runner shown above.



Make 2 long friendship braids and add sashing and borders for table runner shown above.

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Link to tutorial on Friendship Braid: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Dn 4vTxwfk&feature=youtu.be

Link to purchase small 5" Half-Hexagon Ruler: https://www.missouriquiltco.com/products/missouri-star-small-half-hexagon-template-for-5-charm-packs-25-jelly-rolls

Link to purchase large 10" Half-Hexagon Ruler: https://www.missouriquiltco.com/products/missouri-star-large-half-hexagon-template-for-10-squares

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