OH-SO SIMPLE SNOWFLAKE

This EPP Christmas motif by Fiona Leontis is the perfect addition to any festive make.
Add a subtle hint of sparkle with silver embroidery thread and a scattering of beads.

PIEcing THE HEXAGONS

1 Using the tutorial detailed in issue 14 of Love Patchwork & Quilting (Let It Snow page 79) prepare twelve (12) 1in hexagons from white fabric, basting the fabric over paper templates. You will also need to prepare one (1) ¾in hexagon, also in white fabric, for the centre of the snowflake.

ASSEMBLE THE SNOWFLAKE

2 Take the twelve larger hexagons and arrange into pairs. Sew each pair together along one edge (Fig 1).

3 Arrange into a flower shape (with a gap in the centre) as pictured and sew the central ring of hexagons together (Fig 2).

YOU WILL NEED

For cushion front only:
■ White fabric, 10in square approx, for hexagons
■ 11½in square background fabric
■ Silver embroidery thread
■ Seven (7) silver beads

FINISHED SIZE
■ 11½in square

Assembling the snowflake motif…

A simple whipstitch in white thread is the easiest way to attach your hexies.
Give your snowflake a quick press before removing any basting stitches, if necessary. Carefully pull out the paper templates, making sure to keep the outer edges of fabric folded under.

Position the hexagon snowflake in the middle of the background fabric. Use a little basting glue to hold in place and sew in place using whipstitch or ladder stitch.

Press your small hexagon and carefully remove the paper template. Place in the centre of the snowflake shape and sew in place in the same way (Fig 3).

**BEADING AND FINISHING**

Use a couple of strands of embroidery thread to secure the seven beads in place in the middle of the small hexagon, adding a long stitch between each bead to make a mini snowflake (Fig 4).

To finish, quilt as desired. We stitched around the outline of the snowflake shape, using a ¼in seam allowance.

Assembling the snowflake motif...

We turned our panel into a little cushion – all it needed was some backing fabric!

**WHAT NEXT?**

Add an envelope back to make a quick cushion, or create a quilt sandwich and bind to make a mini quilt.

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Hexagon templates

ACTUAL SIZE

| ½in hexagon template (for papers) |
| 1in hexagon template (for fabric) |

| 1½in hexagon template (for fabric) |