

## QGSA CASA FELIX MYSTERY QUILT 2020

### Let's talk Foundaton Paper Piecing

FPP isn't a challenging skill to learn. It's the process that can become challenging – it's repetitious and just a tad boring. It's a good time to download an audiobook or listen to lots of podcasts.

So why FPP? Because it gives the most amazingly accurate results when making a block that is a little tricky to rotary cut or to sew. The little block that we are going to do is the former – tricky to rotary cut. There are specialty rulers on the market that will do so, but they would be owned by the minority of us. So EPPing is the way to go.....

**It's easy once you get the hang of the process, but also easy to make a mistake. I suggest that you watch this video and read these notes thoroughly in order to get an idea of where we're heading.**

### FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING RESOURCE:

Angela Walters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkBcjlicMuo>



1. Download the paper piecing template for 4 of our triangle sets. **We will need 72 of them.**
2. When printing it out, make sure that your printer is set for **Actual Size**. For those outside of Australia using imperial measurements, please set your paper size to A4.
3. Print one copy and check the measurement guide on the diagram for accuracy. Checked for accuracy? There's a lot of new stitching if it isn't!!
4. You will need decide on how you'd like to create 18 copies of the template. Your options include:
  - 4.1 Printing 18 copies – this will give you a firm foundation to work on.
  - 4.2 Print 3 copies of the template then staple 5 sheets of A4ish sized baking paper/parchment paper to each. Unthread your sewing machine and stitch along the marked lines to perforate the paper. The advantages of this approach – the lightweight paper is easy to see though. It is a lot easier to fold along the perforations than on a printed sheet and it is easier to tear away at the end. However, the process is somewhat tedious to stitch out.
  - 4.3 Freezer paper method. I have not used this method, but it is environmentally friendly (uses less paper) and useful for those who may not have access to a printer. The downloadable diagram includes measurements and it would be quick to draw up your own diagrams on the back of freezer paper. Candy Walker has prepared a worksheet on this method if you'd like to try it. We'll upload it soon.

### STEP THREE/PART ONE:

I'm going to spread Step Three out, initially a day or two apart to allow you time to work through the processes and to get them all done

1. Cut each page in quarters – leaving at least an inch around each of your pairs of triangles. You will need to have 72 pairs:  $4 \times 18 = 72$
2. Find a good movie or TV show to watch. Gather a firm wooden chopping board, your 72 little templates and a 6ish" square of firm/glossy paper. I used the cover on the latest Woolies Taste magazine – worked a treat! Make yourself comfortable. Wine/chocolate/favourite treat handy?
3. Place your firm paper along each of the diagonal lines and fold creases in your template. Lastly, crease the centre horizontal line the same way.

