Repeat Revolution Week 1: Preparation

In addition to the items on the supply list, you will also need flat or flower head pins and spray starch or sizing.

Cutting Your Stack Panels:

1. Do not cut anything yet! The Supply List called for six linear repeats 15" in length of fabric minimum. Ensure that you have six repeats by identifying a point in your fabric's design (it could be a flower center or a leaf point or anything else easily recognizable) near the top edge of your fabric. Mark with a pin at that point. Do not cut anything yet!

Move directly down the fabric to find that point again. Mark with another pin. Do not cut anything yet! That is one repeat.

Continue on, always marking that identifiable point with a pin, til you are certain you have six complete repeats (that is seven pins!) You may have excess, (I only had about 3" left over.) That is okay but make sure you have enough fabric before moving to step two. Do not cut anything yet!

2. Measure the width of your fabric. We are going to cut or tear it lengthwise. Not Yet! For your Stack Panels you need a 22 inch minimum width. But 25" will give you more choices. The other part of the length will be for your borders. Each border will be one quarter of the width of that length less one half inch seam allowance.

So think about how wide your borders will be:

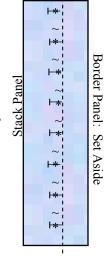
If your fabric is 42" (without Selvedges) and you cut at 25" for your Stack Panel, you will have 17" left for your borders. One quarter of that is 4 1/4" meaning your borders will be 3 3/4" finished.

If you cut your Stack Panel 22" you would have 20" for your border. One quarter of 20 is 5" less seam allowance makes your border 4 1/2" finished. So decide about your borders and choose your stack width then make a snip to the top of your fabric either 22" or 25" excluding selvedge in and either give it a lengthwise tear or cut along the length. It would be nice if all your pins marking the repeats stayed on repeat side. Set aside the Border Panel.

Do not cut the Border Panel.

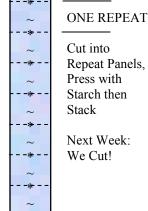
- 3. From the Stack Panel only, we are going to cut the repeat panels. If you have a short repeat you are going to have two repeats to a panel. The repeat needs to be at least 15". So using your longest ruler and your best judgment, get ready to cut the repeat. It doesn't have to be completely exact, but get it as best as you can. Cut six repeats so you cut in the same place in the design each time. That means if your repeat is 20" you are making 20" panels. Cut 6 Repeat Panels.
- 4. Starch and press each panel. This is vital because we are eventually going to cut triangles with exposed bias. The starch will help to stabilize the fabric.

Length Of Fabric Must Have At Least Six Linear Repeats



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Stack Panel side needs to be 22" to 25". Remainder of fabric will be for your borders. Cut, following info at left, then set aside Border Panel.



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Next Week: We'll cut and stitch these wonderful hexes... All from just ONE fabric!

