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Katja Marek : The New Hexagon: 52 Blocks to English Paper Piece before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Hexagon: 52 Blocks to English Paper Piece:

86 of 91 people found the following review helpful. The other side of the story...By Karen StenbackI bought the paper edition of this book and immediately joined the Facebook group to be able to interact with others using the book. It turned out that the hexagon patterns in the book were not those being used in the Facebook group. The author mixed them up, using part of one hexagon, part of another hexagon, etc., to make a larger one, and recommended purchasing the paper templates from a company she is closely associated with (!). I ended up trying and not liking the Millefiori pattern she was presenting. Then she had a new Facebook group, Blocks on the Go, which was going to use the hexagons in her book. However, she changed the size, enlarging them, so, again, one could not just use the hexagons as presented in her book, but this time there was an acrylic ruler available, again from the company she is closely associated with, that one could use, and also paper pieces available from this same company for each hexagon, or, of

course, draft one's own card stock templates. One of the FB members calculated that she would spend \$300 total throughout the year, were she to purchase the paper templates for this project. The author on the Facebook site has also refused to let anyone post any other places where English Paper Piecing templates are available for purchase, saying that the company she promotes is the only one allowed to be mentioned on the site. So here we have an author who has parlayed this book into quite a lucrative business for enthusiastic quilters wanting to make her pretty patterns, and I, for one, feel manipulated. If one just sticks to making the patterns as presented in the book, this could be an inexpensive project. 48 of 50 people found the following review helpful. La Passacaglia Quiltalong By Shasta I got the Kindle copy of this book so that I could join the La Passacaglia quilt-along that Katja is hosting on Facebook. This book is a wonderful collection of different hexagon designs. It is made for English Paper Piecing, but I am using the designs to sew by machine. I find it much faster that way. Some people also hand piece. I thought I would need to buy acrylic templates to make the cutting easier, but since this book uses so many different shapes, it is much easier to glue the pattern on cardboard and use them for templates. The Kindle version comes with a link that has pdf templates for all of the blocks. So basically, this book is all that is needed to make this quilt, besides the fabric, thread and needle of course. A mirror helps to decide which fabric to buy and which part of the fabric to use. The book also has some quilts you can make with these hexagons. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book! Now to find time to make all ...By Paula H. Great book! Now to find time to make all those hexies.

Learn the glue-basting method of English Paper Piecing! Choose from 52 patterns for 6" blocks, plus seven fun projects: a mug rug, candle mat, table topper, table runner, bed-sized quilt, and more.

About the Author Katja Marek was born in Moers, Germany. At the age of eight, she immigrated with her family to Canada. Her mother was a tailor by trade and took in alterations as a way to stay home with her children. Katja grew up under her mother's sewing machine, and spent many childhood hours crafting, sewing, crocheting, and cross-stitching. Unlike most teenage girls, Katja spent her money not on makeup and music, but on fabric. When she was 14, the family moved to a camp/resort, where many of the cabin beds featured handmade quilts. Katja fell in love with an old version of a Grandmother's Fan design. Without any knowledge of quilting, but with a vast knowledge of sewing, she proceeded to make templates and cut pieces from old clothing--and thus her quilting journey began. Winning the award for art achievement in high school convinced her that she wanted to pursue a career with a creative outlet. In 1999, with years of banking behind her and her children in their teens, the time had come for Katja to realize that dream. She fulfilled her vision by opening her own quilt shop in Kamloops, British Columbia. The shop was featured in the Fall 2008 issue of Quilt Sampler magazine.