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SCRAPPY HERB LABELS

Loved the pinny in issue 11? Why not give your garden a taste of patchwork style with these super-simple labels by Laura Potts.

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YOU WILL NEED

- Fabric scraps
- Brown luggage tags
- Scissors or rotary cutter with a pinking blade

FINISHED SIZE

- Dependent on luggage tag, approx 10cm x 6cm

CUTTING OUT

1 Cut out your Paper Hexagon template, see page 3. Pin onto the wrong side of a fabric scrap and cut an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ in around the outside of your template (Fig a). We chose to fussy cut around a flower feature in the fabric design.

2 Fold over the first side of your hexagon and then the second, holding them in place with your thumb and finger. Stitch these two sides

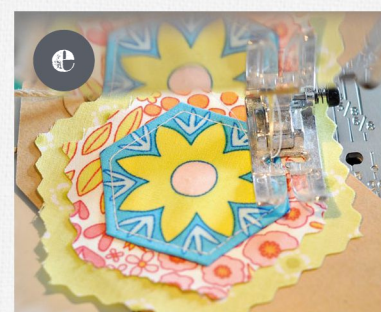
together with a couple of stitches at the corner (Fig b). Continue all the way around the hexagon until you have fully wrapped the paper template. Secure your thread by knotting the end. Press with an iron.

3 Place your hexagon on top of a contrasting fabric scrap and cut $\frac{1}{4}$ in larger around the edge with a pinking blade (Fig c).

4 Place this second hexagon on a third contrasting fabric scrap and again, cut $\frac{1}{4}$ in around the edge with your pinking blade (Fig d).

5 Centre the three hexagons on top of one another to create a rosette shape and line up on your luggage tag leaving space at the bottom to write or stamp the herb name. You can use a small dab of fabric glue in the centre of each layer to keep everything in place. Stitch around the edge of the smallest hexagon to secure onto the label (Fig e).

Assembling the hexies...



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Scrappy Herb Labels
Paper Hexagon

TEMPLATE – ACTUAL SIZE



STRIPS AND STRIPES

Here's another quick and easy fabric update for your home courtesy of Laura Potts.

YOU WILL NEED

- Fabric scraps
- Brown luggage tags
- Scissors or rotary cutter with a pinking blade
- Hand needle and thread

FINISHED SIZE

- Dependent on luggage tag, approx 10cm x 6cm

CUTTING OUT

1 Cut four (4) strips of fabric scraps $\frac{3}{4}$ in wide by at least 4in long. We used two different print for each tag (Fig a).

2 Sew strips together along the long-edges with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam. Press seams open.

3 Trim the long edges with a pinking blade and trim the short edges at a 45-degree angle to create a rhombus shape that looks a little like a leaf (Fig b).

4 Line up one corner with the hole on your luggage tag and sew a few stitches to secure in place (Fig c). Alternatively, you can make a hole in the corner and string it on to the luggage tag string.

PIECING IN MINIATURE

■ Piecing in miniature can be fiddly. Take your time to avoid the sewing machine feed dogs chewing up your fabric, and be sure not to stretch the pieces when guiding the fabric through the machine. Press with a dry iron to avoid distortion.

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