

English Paper Piecing

Over the last month I've had lots of travel time happening. We were to Rochester, MN twice, Forest City, Iowa to a picnic, to Clear Lake to the antique show and several times out for doctor appointments. Every time I head out I always grab something to do in the car. Lately it's been this.



I started this a long time ago. I had seen it on a blog...like when I first realized there were blogs. It was on a blog called Simply Libby. I read it all the time and loved it. The writer has since quit updating her blog..sad for me, I really enjoyed it. She originally blogged regularly, then less and less. Eventually I quit checking. Anyway she was working on a English Paper Pieced Hexagon quilt. I loved it and decided to jump into paper piecing. I didn't know anything about it just knew I could do it in the car or

watching television. I was in. I found someplace on the internet that I could print hexagons from and I was on my way.

The blogger didn't even have her quilt finished and I loved it enough to jump in. As I said, I had no idea what I was doing!!

Read more about the blog that inspired me here.
<http://simplylibby.blogspot.com/search?updated-min=2012-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&updated-max=2013-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&max-results=50>



What is not to love about this....Can you see how I was tempted to jump in.

Remember I said I knew nothing about English Paper piecing. That's the truth. I just started not even thinking about size of hexagons of anything else. And here's where that plan took me... Years later, I have a stack of diamonds and a stack of stars. I was going to snap a picture of the stars and diamonds but alas they are upstairs and this foot isn't taking me there soon....anyway, I have about 25 stars in various

states and about 75 diamonds completely done. I don't work on it much except when I'm in the car..but I still consider that I'm actively working on it.

Then awhile back when I was internet surfing I saw a picture of someone's hexie project. It was held up next to their hand. It was tiny. A light came on in my brain. Oh my. I bet my hexies are a different size than the ones in the original blog post I saw about the quilt. I measured my star across. Oh my. It was large...about 25". OH NO!! My hexies are WAY to big.

Okay...DEEP BREATH. I can't have done all of this paper piecing for nothing. It was time to change the plan. I was not going to finish the stars that I had in various states of progress. I was going to start assembling the diamonds and stars..and that's what I've done. I want to see what I have and what I need. Yes, I know I could graft it all out and see but I'm not going to. I'm just going to start stitching them together.

I've figured out that mine will likely only be four stars across...not five like shown. That's all A-Okay. As long as my project isn't trashed in the process, I don't mind a bit. I would have HATED for all the work to have been for nothing.

I thought that it would come together quickly being that I have stars and diamonds done...wrong. The black outlines are taking forever!! Don't look for this to be finished any time soon. Although if I keep having medical issues it might be sooner than I thought.