

Cottage Garden Storage Box

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Follow my tutorial, on how to make your very own 'Cottage Garden Storage Boxes' These stunning fabrics are designed by Debbie Shore and available from ['Craft Cotton'](#).

I chose four of my favourite prints from the collection, to make 3 different sized storage boxes, and teamed them up with some Gutermann threads



Please read through all the instructions before starting your project

Finished sizes: Box 1 is 4" Box 2 is 6" x 10" and Box 3 is 4" x 11"

Materials to make all three boxes

- 4 FQ from the Cottage garden collection by Debbie Shore available at Craft Cotton
- 8 strips from a jelly roll
- FQ white solid fabric
- 2 x FQs of H250 fusible interfacing by vlieseline
- 80" of bias binding
- Gutermann thread, colours 4103, 1292,1031 and 38

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- Iron-away marker pen
- Quilters ruler, rotary cutter/scissors
- Iron
- Cutting mat
- Basic sewing supplies
- 1" hexi papers (box 3)



Making Box 3

Step 1: Cutting

- One 11 ½" x 4 ¼" 'blue and pink flowers' fabric (base)
- One 11 ½" x 4 ¼" 'flowers on grey' fabric (base)
- Four 4 ¼" x 4 ½" ***fussy cut*** 'cottage' fabric (sides)
- Two 11 ½" x 4 ½" 'flowers on grey' fabric (sides)
- Cut matching pieces from the interfacing, including two extra pieces for the hexi panels

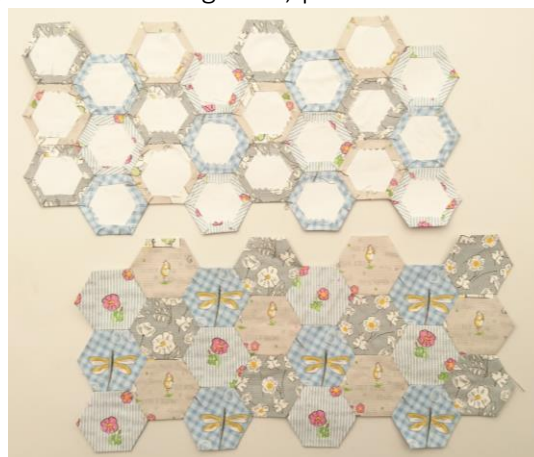
To make the other two outer edges, you need to make 48 1" hexies, I cut these from the jelly roll strips, 12 from each of the four designs, I fussy cut all my hexies, see photo below



Join your hexies, see photo for placement, this is enough to create two side panels



Once they are all sewn together, press and remove the papers



Draw a rectangle inside the panel, measuring 11 ½" x 4 ½", sew 1/8" outside this box, and trim ¼" from the draw line



Take all the lining pieces, and one set of interfacing pieces, and 1/8" off, so the lining box will fit comfortably inside the outer box, Fuse all pieces to their partnered interfacing

Assembling Box 1

Sew the pieces together, (see photo for placement), RST, press seams open



Take the base piece (flowers on grey fabric with interlining) and join RST, leaving the first and last ¼" unsewn, as shown in Box 1 tutorial

Repeat this process until the box has come together - (turning the material with the needle in place) Turn right side out, push the corners out, and finger pinch along each seam, repeat this process to make the lining (note the lining is slightly smaller)



Take your bias binding, and add to the top of the lining box, insert the lining, pin at the seam, fold over the binding, and hand sew in place, binding clips are great for holding it in place, while you sew



All your storage boxes are complete, what will you use yours for?



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