

Decorative & Dimensional Elements

These instructions were originally published with our "Fit to a T" Jacket pattern, but they can be used in other projects where you want to have dimensional decorations and elements.

Prairie points

These instructions will help you create a strip of prairie points, like the ones shown in Diagram 1. (Note: I embellished the prairie points by sewing crystals to the points.)

Making prairie points

Determine how long you want the prairie point strip to be. Divide that number by 2-1/2. This is the number of prairie point background rectangles and "points" you will need.

Cutting instructions -- Take your prairie point background fabric, and cut it into 4" x 2-1/2" prairie point background rectangles.

Take your "point" fabric, and cut it into 3" squares. -- you will need 12 to 16 squares.



Diagram 1

Making the points -- Fold a 3" square in half so it forms a rectangle. Take the two corners from the folded side, and fold them to the middle of the unfolded side. You should have a triangle now. Press.

Making the prairie point strip -- Next, take one of the 4" x 2-1/2" strips, and baste the raw edge of the triangle to the top (4" wide) edge of the strip. It is your choice as to whether you want the folded opening facing up or underneath the prairie point. Place another 4" x 2-1/2" strip on top of the prairie point, right sides together, and attach with a 1/4 inch seam. Press the top strip up.

Repeat to make a long strip with many prairie points.

Positioning prairie points on a T-Jacket

Lay the strip of prairie points on the flannel part of the foundation rectangle to see if it will be long enough.

Align the top of the prairie points strip with line "A" to the right of the neckline (See Diagram 2). If the strip does not reach to the bottom of the foundation rectangle, add more prairie points and strips.

Now in order to use the quilt as you go method of quilting, the prairie point strip will need to have a strip of material attached to the upper edge so it extends to the top of the foundation rectangle. Since the prairie point strip is 4" wide, the strip attached to the top must also be 4" wide. I choose to have two different fabrics in the strip I used. You can have one 4" wide strip or you can join two shorter strips together so that you have two fabrics also. Sew them to the top of the prairie point strip so that they reach from line "A" to the top of the foundation rectangle.

Position the prairie points and your other fabric strips, and use the instructions in the pattern to complete the foundation rectangle.

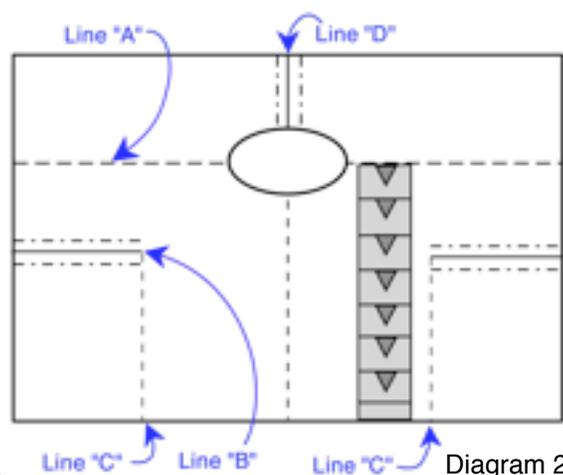


Diagram 2

Puffy biscuit

These instructions will help you create a dimensional element like the one shown in Diagram 3. (Note: I embellished the puffy biscuit by sewing a button to the center.)

Making the puffy biscuit

To make the puffy biscuit, you will take two squares of different sizes, sew them together, and then press to make folds. I like to embellish the center of this with a cute button.

Cut a 5" square and a 4" square. Cut the 5" from a fabric that will look good on your project. The 4" square will not show, so you can use muslin.

Place the 5" square right side up, on top of the 4" square, so that one corner and two of the edges are aligned. Sew the squares together, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. As you sew the squares together, gather each edge of the 5" square slightly, so that the corners meet.



Diagram 3

Twist and finger press the excess fabric to form a square on an angle within the outline of the 4" square. Press to get a nice fold. Sew a button in the middle.

Positioning the puffy biscuit on a T-Jacket

If you are making the Fit-to-a-T Jacket, the puffy biscuit will be placed on the front of the jacket, once you've cut and folded the jacket panels.

Place the biscuit to the left of the neckline, somewhere below line "B" and to the left of line "C." See Diagram 4.

Since the biscuit is 4" wide, you need to attach 4" wide strips to the top and bottom of the puffy biscuit, to form a strip that extends the length of the foundation rectangle—much like we did with the prairie points. So, choose fabrics that you would like in this strip, cut 4" wide strips and/or squares, and sew them together and to the biscuit to form a strip.

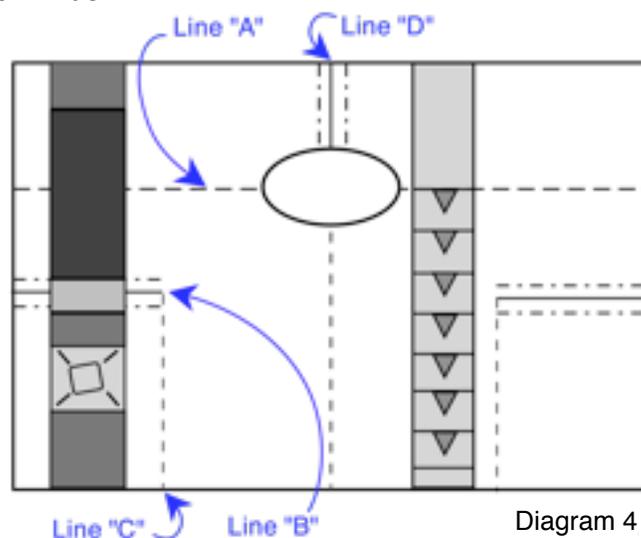


Diagram 4

That's it!