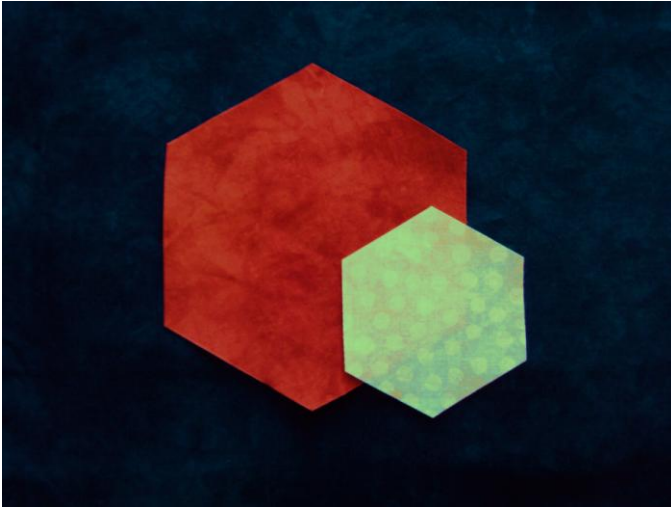


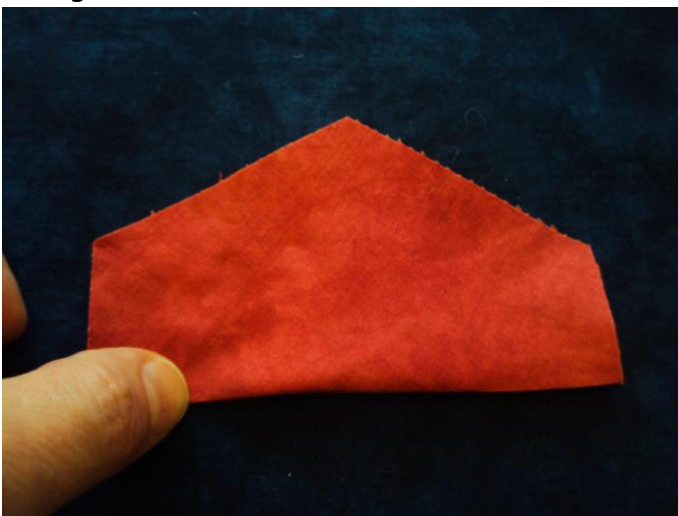
Hexagon 3-D Chopkey

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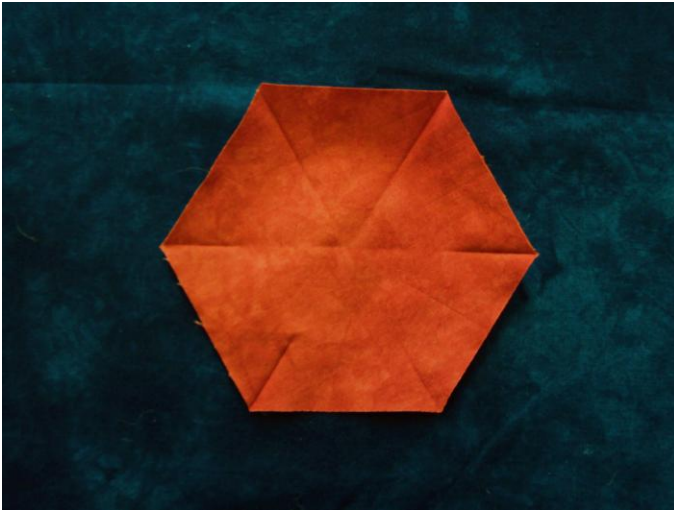
Chopkey is not just about the finished piece. Rather, one enjoys the entire process, from formulating the design to selecting the materials, to displaying the finished creation. Like the best things of this world, Chopkey forces us to enjoy not just our successes, but also the vivacity of living. Chopkey is an excellent mental exercise. It enhances our creativity and cultivates our artistic impulses. It enhances hand-eye coordination and develops fine motor skills.



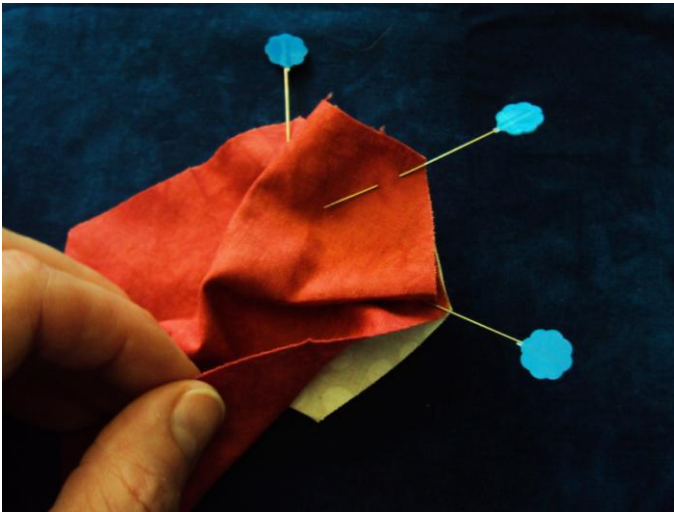
1. Cut one large and one small hexagon. For this demonstration you will be using a 4 ½" and a 2 ½" hexagon. The ratio of large hexagon to small is 2-1. I recommend using a tone-on-tone or solid fabric to better showcase the folds. Use a fashion fabric for the large hexagon and muslin for the small hexagon.



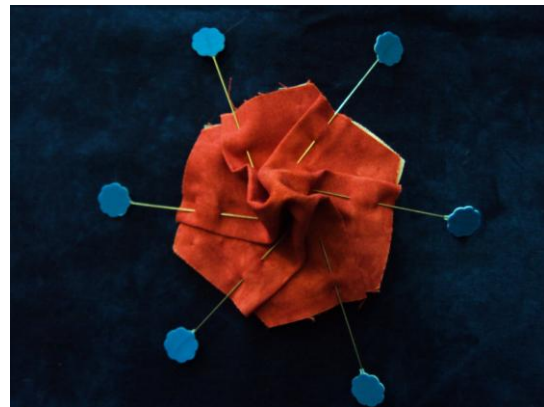
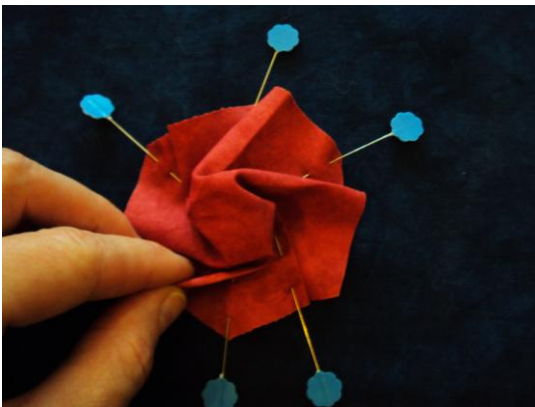
2. Fold the large hexagon in half wrong sides together and points matching. Pinch both edges along the fold to make ½" long creases.



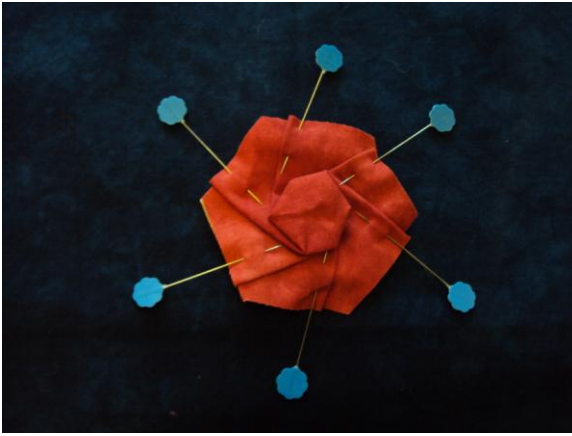
3. Repeat two additional times so that each point has been paired. You will now have six creases.



4. Place the large hexagon on top of the small hexagon, wrong sides together. Pin each corner of the large hexagon to its corresponding corner of the small hexagon. The large hexagon will puff up.



5. Pinch between your thumb and forefinger at the created mark (step 2). Fold the little pleat to the right of the pinch, and pin tuck in place. Pinch and pleat all six sides.



6. To form the hexagon in the middle, rotate and pat down the center at the same time.



7. You now have a completed 3-D hexagon Chopkey.

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