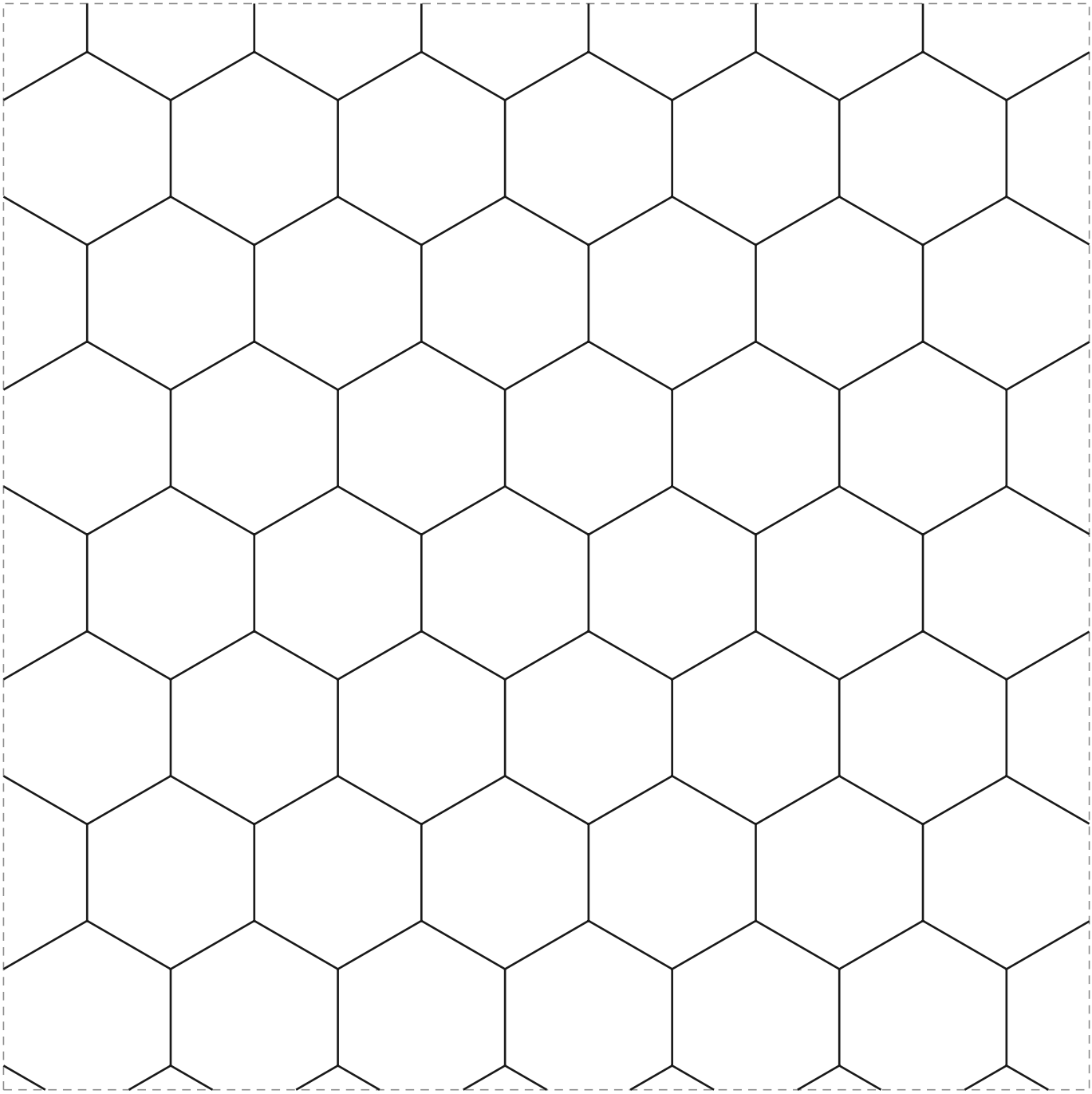
Kikko (Tortoiseshell) - Sashiko Template

Beginner - hexagon side 16 mm - panel 18 x 18 cm - A4





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Stitches about 3 mm with 1.5 mm gaps; leave every crossing point open.

About 437 stitches; thread about 3 m (estimate, front + back + 15%).

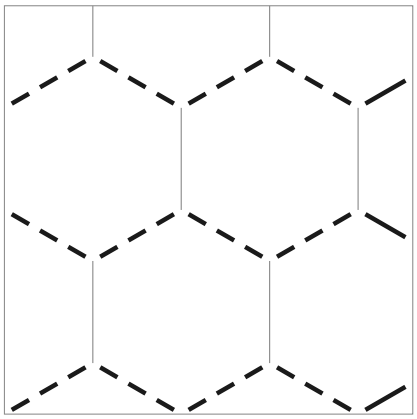
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Kikko (Tortoiseshell) - How to Stitch

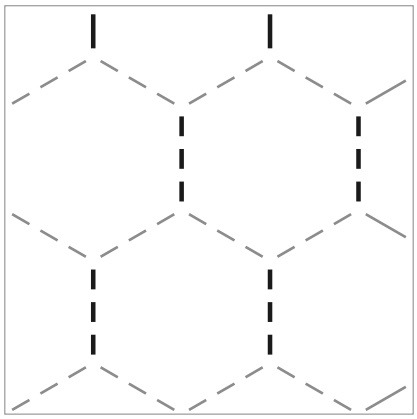
Stitching order (diagrams not to scale: trace from page 1) - 16 mm template - A4

Stitching order

1. Trace the template onto the fabric with a light box or a sunny window. On dark fabric such as indigo, use white dressmaker's carbon paper instead.



2. Stitch each zigzag row across the piece (the top and bottom edges of the hexagons).



3. Stitch the short vertical sides, column by column.

Black: the stitches for this step. Grey: stitches already done. Thin grey: lines still to stitch.
4. Keep every crossing point open: stop short of where lines meet and start again just past it.

What you need

- Fabric: a 25 cm (10 in) square of medium-weight cotton or linen with a soft, even weave. That is the 18 cm panel plus room to hold it.
- Thread: about 3 m of sashiko thread for this template, used as a single strand (check the length on your skein). Perle cotton no. 8 works too.
- Needle: a sashiko needle (long, with a large eye), or a long darning needle.
- Marker: a water-soluble fabric pen or a chalk pencil for tracing. Test it on a scrap first.
- Optional: a thimble. Sashiko is usually stitched in the hand, without a hoop, so the needle can take several stitches at once.

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Time: about 0.5-1.5 hours for this template (our estimate at 5-10 stitches a minute).

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