Dark Honeycomb

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Medium: Sewing

Artist Statement

My submission is a quilt top composed of 144 1.5 inch hexagons in a random pattern with 11 different darkly patterned fabrics, all hand stitched together with the English Paper Piecing method. During the process I had created my own stencil and cut out my own paper pieces. I started this project just before Thanksgiving and finished on January 25 2022. In the beginning I had to remake my stencil about 3 times to get the angles right, after I got all the pieces of fabric onto their paper pieces I began the tedious process of hand sewing them together. I got the first row connected and started on the second, placing each hexagon individually but as soon as I was done with that I realized that I had placed it higher than I realized but it was too late to turn back and I had to adjust as I went. This one mistake led to pieces of the same fabric to touch which was not what I had planned; thus, causing me to almost give up on the project all together. But after speaking with my art teacher and several family members who have a passion for crafts and quilting like me, they convinced me that it looked much more interesting and complex so I rolled with it and continued on. As I got into the flow of things it became better and looked amazing. I had sewn it in two halves and needed to put them together but as I did so I placed them together wrong about five times and struggled to keep going but I knew I had to do it. So I continued on, making the same mistake over and over again, until after about 10 times sewing it wrong I finally got it right. This quilt top had caused me much stress and unhappiness but its what I like to do and I'm glad I did it.

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