



## **Mini Hexagon Apex**

Design by Norman Steel

Pre-Master stone for 2004 USFG competition

I cut this stone in lab. Spinel 11 MM. This is a stone you can make a template for the girdle facets to get them all perfect and it will work for you, I used a piece of beer can to cut one out of. Also after you think you have the size perfect a double check with the three measurements should give you back up proof that they are all equal. Other than spending time on centered culet and equal girdle facets the pavilion is fairly easy.

After transfer and cutting up to the apex I thought the stone was to easy for a pre masters stone. Then I cut the apex in and almost discarded it as being to easy until I tried to polish the apex in. No way on a batt so I got out the ceramic and had great difficulty keeping the left lines straight. This is really a good challenge for pre masters. You may try using a super light touch and reversing the lap. Good luck!

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