



Quilt Making Basics

In this class you will learn the basic piecing techniques as you construct blocks using squares and triangles. These blocks can then be made into a wall hanging or lap quilt. In the first class we will talk about the supplies and discuss the fabric requirements and assist you in the selection of fabrics and supplies. You will not need your sewing machine for the first class.

Our first class will be an orientation class. We will talk about color theory and pattern and translate this to fabric selection. Other topics covered will be fabric preparation, supplies that are needed including those that are nice to have or those to put on your wish list; your sewing machine mechanics and presser feet. We will explore fabric options and select fabrics during the first class. If the bolts of fabric on the shelves are calling your name, you may purchase your fabric before class. Please ensure there are enough participants in class prior to purchasing materials. If you do not have these supplies, you will be able to purchase them at your first class.

These supplies will be helpful for the first class

- 3 ring binder for all class notes
- Pencil/pen for taking notes

For week two you will need

- Small Desk Ruler 6" to 12"
- Pencil Crayons
- Graph Paper
- Sewing Machine in good working condition.

Please ensure that you bring all of your presser feet, attachments, foot controller, cord and manual.

Fabric and Notions

The amount listed above will be enough for 12 - 12" blocks and a little extra for the "oops". This will make a lap sized quilt about 56 x 68. During class you will be taught the concepts to make 6 blocks in class and encouraged to use the concepts to create a second block as homework for each class. Several options will be discussed.

- 1.6 m - focal fabric – fabric that you love with various colors and/or patterns to use as highlights
- 1.3 m fabric – background - a fabric that contrasts your focal so your piecing floats
- 0.6 m light or small pattern
- 0.6 m medium light or medium pattern
- 0.6 m medium or medium pattern

0.6 m dark or larger pattern

We will pick sashing, border and posts after a few blocks are made (Class 4 or 5)

- Rotary Cutter - 45 mm (if you already have a rotary cutter, ensure you have a new blade for class #2).
- Quilting Ruler - 8 1/2" x 24" (There are other similar sizes that will also work.)
Other optional rulers will be discussed as we progress through class – nice to have not a need to have (12 1/2" square ruler, 6 1/2" square ruler)
- Rotary Cutting Mat (self healing) – 18" x 24" or larger
- Sewing Machine Needles - Microtex (Sharp) 80/12 or Quilting 75/11
- 1/4" presser foot - For Janome machines or if you need to use a generic foot, Janome Clear Foot and Guide Seams set is the preferred foot for class. If you are unsure, I will help you find a presser foot that works at our first/second class
- Cotton Thread in a neutral color – gray or beige - recommend Aurifil 50 weight
- Seam Ripper
- Fabric Pencil – light colored for dark fabrics and dark colored for light fabrics. There are many options available
- Pins – Fine Glass Head (Clover Silk Pins, Clover Patchwork Pins, Dritz extra fine glass head pins)
- Small scissors or thread snips
- Portable design wall or flannel back table cloth (52" x 72") (Class 4)
- Mary Ellens Best Press or Flatter – unscented please
- OPTIONAL and Total Luxury – Wool Pressing Mat