

Beginning Quiltmaking© By Liz Buchanan- Supply List- Sandy Allyson

You will be making a 4-block sampler quilted wallhanging, learn about fabric, color and quilting equipment; rotary cutting; strip piecing; half-square and quarter-square triangle units; inset piecing; sashing; completing the quilt top; putting the layers together; and quilting. The blocks we will be doing are:

Churn Dash, Ohio Star, Spools and Card Trick

You can use any color scheme that you like. Some ideas are: seasonal (Christmas, 4th of July, Halloween), baby or novelty prints, colors in your home, or your favorite colors. If you have some fabrics that you would like to use (100% cotton, please), bring them along to the first class. Other than that, you only need to bring a pencil or pen (and your checkbook!!!) We would be delighted to help you chose your fabrics.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Borders: $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 yard of medium to large scale "focus" print for the large outer border
 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of one of your "accent" fabrics for the first border

Blocks: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard each of 6-8 different fabrics. These need to include a variety of medium-light-to-medium-to-dark; and a variety of print scales. A good place to start is with a print that you really like, and then find fabrics to coordinate with it.

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard of neutral (light or dark near-solid or solid) for backgrounds and maybe first border.

Sashing: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of medium-dark or dark (you would need a med or med-light if your background fabric is dark) near-solid or solid

Backing: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards

Batting: Approximately 48" by 48", 100% polyester is easier to hand quilt.

(A queen-size batt will make four wallhangings.)

OTHER SUPPLIES:

NOTE: You will have ample opportunity to try different equipment during the course of the class.

*You may want to experiment with some of the more expensive pieces, but you will be required to have the starred (**) items listed below:*

- Rotary Cutter: There are two predominant brands, Olfa and Fiskars. Try both, and decide which one you prefer. It is easier and faster to cut straight lines with a larger blade. Conversely, it is easier to cut curves with a smaller one.
- Rotary Cutting Mat: We recommend a 24" by 36", but you can go with the next size smaller. The larger the mat, the easier to use, but you must have flat storage space.
- Gridded Ruler for Rotary Cutting: We recommend at least a 6" by 24", but you may be happier with a 12" length.

**Scissors: Fabric and Paper

- Straight or Quilting Pins: You only need a handful, but the extra long, fine, with a large head are recommended.
 - Fabric Markers/Pencils: These are for marking your quilt for quilting. Some people use the blue washout markers-remember to test all markers before using.
- **Thread:** Cotton, if possible. You will need a neutral to do your piecing (medium gray for cool-colored fabrics or medium beige for warm-colored fabrics).
- You will need some hand quilting thread. We will discuss color choices in class.
- **Template Plastic**
- **Sharpie:** extra-fine permanent marker
- **Hand Quilting Needles:** A sampler package with different sizes is a good first choice.
- **Safety Pins, Size 1:** We will use these to "baste" the quilt together. Recommend brass-they are easier to use and are rust-resistant.
- **Thimble:** There are many different types-you may need to try several before you decide which one you prefer.
- Needle threader
 - 1/4 inch masking tape: To mark quilting lines.
 - Quilting Hoop: 12", 14", and 16" are the easiest to work with. You must have a hoop that is about 1" wide, not an embroidery hoop. They are more expensive, but well worth it.
- **Seam Ripper:** For Good Luck!