

# Desert Sky Workshop

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- I. As one of our most popular patterns offered by Quiltworx for beginners, Desert Sky is a wonderful to learn the basics of an American Beauty block. You will learn foundation paper piecing, traditional piecing and curved piecing.
- II. Pattern Size: 48" x 54" (Lap size); win Size Quilt, you will need 1 extra foundation package; Queen Size Quilt, you will need 2 extra foundation packages; King Size Quilt, you will need 2 or 3 extra foundation packages
- III. Check for corrections on Quiltworx website... <https://www.quiltworx.com/patterns/desert-sky/>
- IV. Please read through the pattern a time or two before class.
- V. Follow the instructions below to prepare for class. Instruction booklet page numbers have been noted for reference.
- VI. Techniques used: Curved Piecing, Floating Points, Cutting and preparing foundation papers; paper piecing tutorial; tools for paper pieced quilting;
- VII. **Optional: Prepare Pattern Instructions**
  - a. Cut pages apart to fit in sheet protectors
  - b. Place in ½" to 1" binder with sheet protectors
  - c. This makes it easier to flip through and/or take notes

## **Class Instructions:**

- VIII. Mark your (3) large Ziploc bags as follows (see page 2)
  - a. #1
  - b. #2
  - c. #3
- IX. Cutting & Organizing Newsprint Papers
  - a. (2) NP-366 & (2) NP-367
  - b. Cut UNIT S approximately 1/8" outside of the outer solid black line
    - i. Place (18) Unit S in Bag #1 & (18) Unit S in Bag #2 (see page 2)
    - ii. You will have (4) extra Unit S – place in Bag #3
  - c. Cut Unit S Background Template Layout Sheet on the OUTER SOLID BLACK LINE
    - i. Do NOT sub-cut it apart at this time – this will be done in class

- ii. Place (1) Template Layout Sheet in Bag #1 & (1) in Bag #2 (see page 2)

**X. Preparing Fabric for Class; (12) Light FQ's & (12) Dark FQ's**

- a. Press FQ's (if needed)
- b. Choose **6 FQ for background squares & borders** – (see page 7 for Layout Graphics)
  - i. (3) light/med and (3) med/dark (see cover quilts for ideas)
  - ii. Label these fabrics – BB1, BB2, BB3, BB4, BB5 & BB6
  - iii. Glue small swatch on the Swatch Chart (see page 7)
  - iv. Place in bag #3
- c. Choose 18 FQ's for the American Beauty Blocks
  - i. (9) Lighter FQ's & (9) Darker FQ's
  - ii. Pair (1) Lighter with (1) Darker FQ
  - iii. Label your FQ's as follows...
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Darker FQ with D1 & 1<sup>st</sup> Lighter FQ with L1 (equals CG1 on Swatch Chart – see page 7)
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Darker FQ with D2 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lighter FQ with L2 (equals CG2 on Swatch Chart – see page 7)
    - 3. Continue doing the same with 3<sup>rd</sup> Darker & 3<sup>rd</sup> Lighter for ALL (9) FQ pairs
    - 4. Do NOT mix up the order
    - 5. Glue swatch to Swatch Chart on page 7 for CG1-CG9
  - iv. Place Darker FQ stack in Bag #1
  - v. Place Lighter FQ stack in Bag #2

XI. Be sure to bring ALL BAGS to class

XII. Be sure to bring your INSTRUCTIONS to class

XIII. Please email any questions to: [georgiaquilter18@gmail.com](mailto:georgiaquilter18@gmail.com)