



Twisted Foursome

Tools needed to do this project:

Flower head pins, Marking pen, soap slivers, or chalk

1 square ruler, 1 rectangular ruler

(I LOVE Quilter's Select rulers, no slippage!)

Rotary Cutter

Cutting mat

Do not pre-wash fabric

Purchase fabric or shop your stash BEFORE you come to class.

How to select a fabric for any successful Kaleidoscope type block.

Choosing the appropriate fabric for a Kaleidoscope block is a completely different process than when selecting for nearly any other project. As with all quilting rules, the rules are made to be broken, so please consider this a list of very loose guidelines:

- Look for medium to large prints with a design repeat between 12" - 24". The larger the repeat, the less the blocks will look like the original fabric.
- Look for fabrics with at least 20% - 30% background. Any less background and you'll lose the design within the block. Any more and the design will be difficult to create.
- Choose fabric you love because it will make the process even more fun.

- Don't rule out the "weird" or "odd" prints on the bolt closeout table. These are fabrics that are often difficult to use in a traditional quilt but make beautiful Kaleidoscope type blocks.
- Be sure to buy the extra for borders and/or backing. There is nothing quite so fun as to show off your finished quilt with wide borders of the original print; or to flip it to the backing to show your viewers the original fabric.
- Avoid stripes or strong grids, no batiks (no repeat pattern)
- Bold designs usually make bold Kaleidoscopes.
- Large florals work well, as do big or bold graphics.

Here we go! This is an easy pattern to make, and more fun than a lot of quilts you might have made in the past! Please read through ALL of these directions.....FIRST!

Fabric Requirements

These instructions will yield you at least 36, 4-Patch blocks to set any way you like. If you are using a fabric with a 12" or 12 1/2" repeat. Keep in mind if you are using your own fabric, the yardage requirement may vary greatly, so measure carefully. When purchasing your fabric, request at least 4 -8 repeats to make the Twisted Foursome quilt, plus 1 yard extra for borders and binding. A smaller repeat will yield less blocks, a larger repeat will yield more.

Kaleidoscope Blocks

- Ask for 8 repeats of your focal fabric, assuming a 12 or 12-1/2" repeat, it would measure approximately 2 - 3/4 yards, plus 1 yard, totalling 3- 3/4 yards.
- 4 repeats of focal fabric with 24" or 24-1/2" repeat measures about 2-3/4 yards plus 1 yard, bringing the total to 3-3/4 yards.

Sashing

- For your sashing you will want a fabric that plays nicely with the main focal fabric. Pick something out of that wild or floral print you've chosen. (Pictured mint green in sample)
- Purchase 1 yard for your sashing.

Setting Stones

- If using setting stones (pictured coral in sample)
- Purchase 1/2 of a yard.

Batting & Backing

- Batting and backing should be considered after finishing and measuring quilt top.