

Show & Tell

Join us in creating the whimsical and modern “Show & Tell” quilt designed by Elizabeth Hartman. This pattern features charming forest friends — foxes, bunnies, deer, and bears — each holding up a mini-quilt of their own. It’s a happy design that allows for creative color play, while honing your rotary cutting and piecing skills.

Pattern Details

Quilt finishes at approx. 75” x 85” (twelve blocks)

- Technique: 100% rotary-cut patchwork (no templates or foundation/paper piecing).
- Skill Level: Rated 5 of 5 in Elizabeth’s scale — there are many pieces, some are small, and accuracy is important.

What You’ll Learn

- Precision cutting of squares and rectangles using a rotary cutter
- Accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance maintenance and point matching
- Building blocks from smaller units (sub-units → units → blocks)
- Color placement and fabric selection for a cohesive look
- Tips on pressing and block layout to manage many pieces
- Planning quilting and finishing (top, batting, backing, binding)

This class is ideal for quilters who have some experience with conventional piecing and are ready to move into more detailed blocks. If you’ve done a lap or twin-sized quilt and are comfortable with accurate seams and working with many pieces, this is a great next project. Beginners might find the complexity a bit challenging — but if you’re motivated and organized, give it a try!

What to Bring to class

- “Show & Tell” pattern
- Sewing machine in good working order, $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot (or seam guide), thread to match your background fabric

- Rotary cutter, mat, rulers (at least 24" x 6" and 6½" x 24" or similar)
- Fabric - kits are available for purchase at the store or you can choose your own fabrics. Fabric requirements are on the back of the pattern.
 - *To maximize our class time together, I would highly recommend precutting your fabric according to the block we will be working on in class.*
- Basic notions (scissors/snips, seam ripper, pins/clips, marking tool, etc)
- We do have ironing stations at the store, however they can get a little busy. If you have a small iron and wool mat feel free to bring it.

Tips for Success

- Keep your seam allowance consistent — slight variations will compound across many pieces.
- Press carefully at each step (alternating directions when appropriate) to keep everything flat and square.
- Don't rush the cutting or sub-unit steps — accurate foundation helps the entire project go smoothly.
- Choose fabrics you love — the fun of this pattern is the playful characters and their mini quilts, so enjoy the palette!
- Stay organized — keeping your fabric labeled and organized will be an enormous help.