

# Beginning Paper Piecing

With Helen Coleman

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Welcome to Beginning Paper Piecing. Have you always wished that you could make those beautiful eight point stars? Or even 16 point stars??? Paper piecing is the answer! You'll get beautiful points every time. All you need to know beforehand is how to stitch a straight line. You will learn how to make the star patterns shown above. And before you leave, I'll give you tips on how to create your own designs.

Although I will have finished pieces on the board for ideas, **you will only make one 16 point star in class.** The stars can be duplicated to make a table runner or quilt. (Keep that in mind as you plan for enough fabric to finish it later.)

**I will have a kit for each of you with the preprinted patterns for the 16 point star to be used in class.**

## Supplies:

Add-a-Quarter 6 inch Ruler by CM Designs ✓

Add-a-Quarter 12 inch Ruler by CM Designs (optional) (DSC has the two rulers in a combo pack) ✓

Carol Doak's Foundation Paper-100 sheets 8 ½ x 11 (I will give you 4 sheets with the patterns for class) ✓

Rotary Cutter ✓

Ruler or 12- inch square for rotary cutting ✓

Travel mat with one side for cutting and one side for pressing (opt.) ✓

Travel iron (dry only. Steam will shrink the paper.) ✓

Scissors or snips with sharp tip for cutting threads ✓

Clover pins (lay flat on the fabric) ✓

Bind-it Flags (Staples #34003) - optional

Neutral thread (beige or grey) and bobbins ✓

Scraps of fabric cut to the sizes in the directions

Extra fabric for borders and backing if you have time for the finishing of the projects. I like to use a 2 ½ inch border around each square (finished size 2 inches)



✓ Denotes items available for purchase at Dublin Sewing Center. These items should always be purchased at Dublin Sewing Center to ensure that you have the correct product and to ensure that we can continue to teach these Classes at a low price. Please remember, though, that we only carry a few of each item at a time so it is best to purchase your items prior to the class (in person or by phone).

**Fabric:** Measurements are given **in inches**.

(Please try to pre-cut your fabric. It will allow you more time to actually sew!)

I will give you the 4 preprinted patterns on Carol Doak's Foundation Paper to make the 16 point star in class. I will include a pattern of the 8 point star and the 16 point star for you to use at home later.

### 16 Point Star (Cut 4 of everything)

- Part 1: 1: 4 x 3 (black)  
2: 4 ½ x 2 (dark red)  
3: 4 ½ x 2 (pale red)  
4: 4 x 3 ½ (black)  
5: 8 x 2 ½ (pale orange)  
6: 7 ¼ x 2 ¼ (pale yellow)

#### Part 2 (Reversed)

- 1: 4 x 3 (black)  
2: 4 ½ x 2 (pale red)  
3: 4 ½ x 2 (dark red)  
4: 4 x 3 ½ (black)  
5: 8 x 2 ½ (dark orange)  
6: 7 ¼ x 2 ¼ (dark yellow)



### Eight Point Star (Cut 4 of everything)

- Part 1: 1: 7 x 4 (black on sample)  
2: 8 x 2 (pale orange)  
3: 7 ¼ x 2 ¼ (pale yellow)

#### Part 2: (Reversed)

- 1: 7 x 4 (black)  
2: 8 x 2 ½ (red-orange)  
3: 7 ¼ x 2 ¼ (darker yellow)



Try to arrive by 9:45 to set up your sewing machines. Class will start promptly at 10:00, as we have a lot of sewing to do!

See you soon,  
Helen Coleman

