

## Elephant Abstractions. A Violet Craft Quilt

Instructor: Sandy Lueth, a paper piecing enthusiast

Violet Craft is another designer that designs paper-pieced patterns. It feels totally different from Judy Niemeyer because there are no templates. But it's so fun to make. The Elephant is the one I chose for this class. Have fun with it!



- Choose your fabrics according to the directions on the pattern. Colors, yes. Yardage, sort of. I did round up a bit especially on the 4 background fabrics (or maybe you want just one). Maybe ¼ yard extra of those. Maybe 1/8 yard extra on the Elephant fabrics. The Black Fabric is OK at 1/8 yard only.
- You might notice that Violet Craft uses flat Kona cottons for her quilts. I love when there is some texture and interest in the fabrics. Each Elephant will be unique! Any color you want.
- Press all of your fabric at home while you have a large ironing board available.
- STOP with the fabric.
- NOW ON TO THE PATTERN.
- The papers included with the Elephant pattern are on 11 X17 paper. They are printed on the front and back. **YOU MUST TAKE THE PATTERN TO YOUR LOCAL COPY STORE AND HAVE COPIES MADE SO THEY ARE ON ONE SIDE.** Then put the originals back in the pattern so you can make it again.
- **SERIOUSLY, YOU MUST ALLOW TIME FOR THIS STEP!** You now need to cut out each piece just outside the dotted line. You can't just do some because they are not on the papers in any particular order.
- What I did when cutting was to stack them in piles by 0's through 90's. Then I clipped them in those piles so that they were all in order from 1 to 100. You will have some little tiny pieces and also some very big pieces.
- **It would take a LOT of class time cutting out our Elephant pieces to please have that part finished.**

### Day One – The Beginning!

- First, we will look at everyone's fabric choices and might make some minor corrections. We'll learn about color and value. I really want everyone's Elephant to be successful.
- We will start by getting organized with our paper pieces and fabric.
- Now we will learn to paper piece.

### Day Two – Keep paper piecing

### Day three – Sewing sections together

- I don't expect that our Elephant's will be completed in class but you will go home with all the skills to finish.

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**Supply list specific for paper piecing:** Add-a-quarter ruler. 12 and 6 inch would be best. – Scotch tape – Washout fabric glue pen (Sewline or Fons and Porter brand work best) – bring a refill for the above glue pen – Gallon size zip lock bags (12) and a marker for writing on the bag – a Purple Thang (any quilt shop will now what you are talking about) – clips or large paper clips – neutral thread

**General Supply list:** Pencil and notebook – Medium size cutting board – 24 inch ruler and also a shorter ruler – rotary cutter – seam ripper – Sewing machine – scissors and whatever else is in your sewing box for classes

**My name is Sandy Lueth.** For about 10 years I was a certified instructor for Judy Niemeyer. But mostly, I am a paper piecing enthusiast. I love teaching and sharing my love of quilting.