

Tamarinis Workshops

I am thrilled to offer a variety of workshops to guilds and shops over a variety of topics and techniques. I've listed some of the more popular patterns and techniques below, but feel free to ask if you don't see your favorite here!

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Pick Your Technique – Pick Your Pattern

GUIDED IMPROV

Try my newest technique – guided improv – and learn to create lovely, long, sharp points with NO paper piecing, templates or special rulers! Yes, it can be done! Get the LOOK of improv piecing in a “guided” format that allows you to recreate the blocks over and over!

Suggested Patterns:

Pointed Comments – a table runner and placemat set that works great as an introduction to the guided improv technique. Bonus: you'll get MOST (about 1/3 to 2/3) of the table runner done in a full day workshop!



Compass Points – love the Mariner's Compass block, but not a fan of paper piecing or templates? This is for you! Using my guided improv technique, make lovely (but imperfect!) simple and complex Mariner's Compass blocks. In a FULL DAY workshop, most participants can complete a simple star and part of a complex star.

MINI WORKSHOP OPTION: Compass Star

Looking for a great half-day option? The Compass Star table runner (one block shown) is a terrific mini workshop!



PAPER PIECING

I have a number of paper piecing patterns of various sizes and experience levels. Looking for an introduction to paper piecing, or something to challenge your group? Great – I've got projects for all levels!

Christmas Cactus - Inspired by my Mother's Christmas Cactus, this quilt mimics those flat stems and spiky blooms with delicate points, easy piecing and a unique angled border. Paper piecing makes all those points very "quilter friendly". Easy enough for a beginner, beautiful enough to showcase those special fabrics, and just the right size to top a table or grace a wall. Want something a little smaller? The "bonus project" included in the pattern makes a terrific workshop option!



Bombshell Baby – Looking for that next level project? Love the midcentury modern vibe? Bombshell Baby might just be the project! This lap quilt offers a fun block AND a paper pieced sashing. While you probably won't finish (or even come close, let's just be honest!) the project in the workshop, you WILL walk away with samples of each block so you can complete on your own! And since it is a table runner, it won't take long to finish it up!

Big Version: Atomic Bombshell

Celebration Slices – A terrific introduction to paper piecing, super easy and super fun, Celebration Slices gives participants their choice of topic – birthday, Halloween or Christmas in an easy to piece project that is embellished with fusible applique!

Other paper piecing patterns include: Americana Flag, Elementz, Tropical Punch, Solstice.



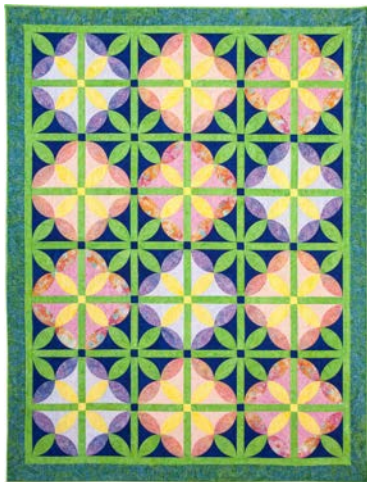
FAUX CURVED PIECING

Love the look of curved piecing, but want something a little easier? Faux Curved Piecing is for you!



After the Rain – This project combines two of my favorite techniques – faux curved piecing AND partial seams! PLUS (bonus!) it offers a great opportunity to do some fun embellishment stitching!

Want a Mini Workshop (half-day workshop)? Pansy Pincushion is a terrific option, using the same faux curved piecing technique!



Melon Blossom – A vintage inspired quilt, this one takes the traditional pumpkin seed quilt pattern and gives it a new twist. And yes, there are NO curved seams! Another simple fusing project, you'll love how your quilt blossoms! Warning: this is a HUGE quilt, so you will NOT finish it in class, but you WILL come away with an understanding of the technique and how to finish it at home!

Garden Stroll or Petite Blossom – Love the look of Melon Blossom but want a smaller project? Garden Stroll (table runner – pictured below) or Petite Blossom (pillow cover – pictured to the right) make great Mini-Workshop (half-day) options!



Other faux curved patterns include: Dutch Windmills

PRECUT FRIENDLY PATTERNS

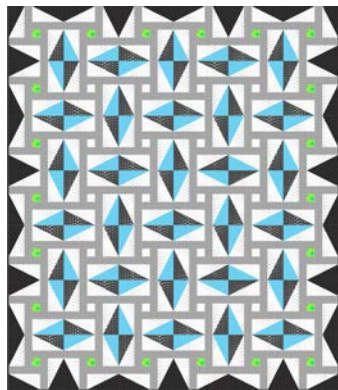
Ins and Outs - Love 2 1/2" strips? One jelly roll, plus backing fabric and batting, combine in a quilt as you go project that will create one table runner, two place mats and four coordinating mug rugs - all with fun dimensional woven detail!



Juxtaposition – Looking for a fun, easy strip pieced AND precut friendly project? Juxtaposition is it! Using one 10" square stack and two background, create a dynamic quilt! While you won't finish the entire project in a single workshop, you will get a LOT of it done and be able to quickly finish at home!

Other precut options: Dripp, Catch A Falling Star, Jester

STUDIO 180 FRIENDLY PATTERNS



Spark – Spark uses the super fun Split Rects tool to create long split rectangles (cousin to the humble HST) to make this graphically appealing lap quilt or table runner! Psst...the table runner makes a great workshop option!

North Star – Using the wonderful Wedge Star tool and just a few fabrics, stitch up interlocking blocks that create dynamic stars!



Jester – Use the Wedge Star tool to easily cut your shapes from strip pieced units using two different precuts – 2 1/2" strips AND 10" squares. Full quilt option or table runner/placemat option are in the pattern, so you can choose either for a full day or half day workshop!

Other Studio 180 Friendly patterns: Catch A Falling Star, Dripp, Reflections, Whirlygigs.

Other Fun Techniques

Thread Play Workshop – Scrapbuster Bracelets makes a fun workshop. Strip piece, quilt as you go, and then play around with different thread colors, weights and stitch styles to make fun quilted bracelets. Makes a terrific companion class to the Aurifilosophy lecture too!



Boho Bracelets – These fun bangles are made using Bosal's Moldable Fusible, felted wool (or fabric) and optional stitching for embellishment. This is a fun, creative and easy workshop!

TV Time Wool Pincushion – These retro inspired pincushions stitch up quick and easy, and make terrific gifts or sewing room décor (and yes, you can use them!). Get your retro vibe going with this adorable pincushion project!



Your Love Gives Me Wings – Pincushion or Ornament – This project combines so many fun elements – fusible applique, surface embellishment, decorative stitching and the option to make either a pincushion or an ornament (or both!). Use wool or fabric to make the project!

Other Suggested Projects: Good Fortune, Lotta Love