



**Class Name:** Beginning Paper Piecing – Crackers **Instructor:** Sandy Lieske, Certified Quiltworx Instructor

### Supplies Required:

- Sewing machine with ¼" foot and other accessories (cord, foot pedal, extension table, and knee lift)
- Size 70/10 Microtex Sharp sewing needles
- Crackers pattern including the instructions and foundation papers
- Fabric, one set of at least 40 10" squares (a layer cake works well)
- Thread to blend with your fabrics along with pre-wound bobbins (one neutral thread is fine)
- Iron and pressing mat if you want to press at your sewing station
- Rotary cutters with new blades (it is helpful to have 3 sizes available)
  - 60 mm for cutting fabric
  - 45 mm for cutting templates
  - 28 mm for trimming
- Medium sized cutting mat if you want to do your trimming at your sewing station
- A piece of template plastic (3"x12" works well)
- Ruler for cutting fabric and templates (24"x6" or 6 1/2" works well)
- 12" Add-A-Quarter ruler
- Craft glue stick
- Purple Thang
- Thread scissors
- Black Sharpie
- Seam ripper
- Gallon size zip lock type bags
- Jumbo paper clips

### Pre-Class Instructions:

Please read the instructions completely through at least one time before class. This will help to ensure you understand the cutting information noted below. It is strongly encouraged that you have the papers, templates, and fabrics for the entire project cut out, placed in bags, and ready to use in class.

Check the Quiltworx website for pattern corrections before you begin the project. Corrections can be found at this link: <http://www.quiltworx.com/corrections/>

**Quiltworx YouTube Videos:** Judy Niemeyer has many videos on YouTube that cover a variety of topics. If you are a very visual person these can be an invaluable resource to give you some additional background or refresh your memory after class on a topic. A few videos you may find useful include:

- The Basics of Foundation Papers o Tools for Paper Pieced Quilting with Judy Niemeyer
- Paperwork First: Prepare for Cutting a Quiltworx Project

**Fabric Selection:** The easiest way to complete this project is to use a layer cake (a package of 40 10" squares). The pattern allows you to make (40) 6" blocks. If you use all blocks in a single project, your finished size will be 30" x 48". I have used just half of the blocks to make a smaller project and then added a border. You could even make placements or table runners. There are lots of options!

Check out Pinterest or [www.quiltworx.com](http://www.quiltworx.com) for many photos of finished projects.

**Foundation Papers:** The cutting instructions for the Foundation Papers and Template Layout Sheets are shown on page 2 of the pattern. As you cut these out the pieces will be organized into bags.

**Fabric Cutting Instructions:** The cutting instructions for the flying geese units are shown on page 3. Before cutting your papers or fabrics, decide which layout you want for your final project. These are described in the pattern and include either "Follow the Leader" or "Scattered Geese". The layout you choose dictates how many of the right or left units you will cut out. Sort your layer cake into 20 pairs of fabrics. These will then be separated into groups of lights and darks to be using the Template Layout Sheets. You will shuffle your fabrics before beginning to sew. I will take the first 30 minutes of class to help people with cutting if needed but it will be helpful to have your fabrics sorted into 20 pairs of fabrics.

If you have any questions regarding the class preparation, please contact me directly at: 208-5703290.

We appreciate it when you buy your class supplies from us - these purchases enable us to offer a robust class schedule and keep your dollars local.

**Cancellation Policy:** We must commit to our teachers and to other students one week before the class begins so we can't give refunds or transfers after that time (unless we can fill your spot from the waiting list). You are welcome to send someone in your place if you are unable to come. If enrollment has not met the minimum required for the class, we will cancel it one week before the first session. We love your kids, but your fellow students left theirs at home and hope you will too.

Date: Feb. 19, 2020

Times: 5-9 p.m.