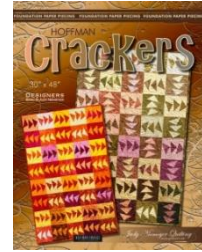


Class Name: Beginning Paper Piecing (Crackers)

Instructor: Sandy Lieske, Certified Quiltworx Instructor

Supplies and Pre-Class Instructions:



- 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)
- Aurifil 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)
- Quilter's Select or Creative Grid ruler for cutting fabric and templates (24"x6" or 6 1/2" works well)
- 12" Add-A-Quarter ruler
- UHU craft glue stick
- Purple Thang
- Thread scissors (Havel's or Kai work well)
- Black Sharpie
- Seam ripper
- Gallon size zip lock type bags
- Jumbo paper clips

To eliminate waiting for an iron in the classroom, we suggest that students bring a travel iron and a wool pressing mat (at least 17" x 17"). We recommend the Mighty Steam Iron by Dritz, Steamfast Travel Steam Iron, or the Oliso Mini Project Iron. All of these in stock at The Quilt Crossing.

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 particular topic. A few videos you may find useful include:

- The Basics of Foundation Papers
- 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 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. 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: 208-570-3290.