

**Class Name:** Irish Thistle

**Instructor:** Sandy Lieske, Certified Quiltworx Instructor



**Supplies Needed for all Judy Niemeyer classes:**

- Sewing machine with ¼" foot and other accessories (cord, foot pedal, extension table, and knee lift)
- Size 70/10 Microtex Sharp sewing needles
- Irish Thistle pattern including the instructions and foundation papers
- Kit or your own fabric
- 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
- Washout fabric glue stick (SewLine is a good one to use)
- Craft glue stick
- .55mm Flower Head or .5mm 1 7/8" Glass head pins (long shanks)
- Purple Thang
- Thread scissors
- Black Sharpie
- Seam ripper
- Gallon size zip lock type bags
- Jumbo paper clips
- If you choose to do machine applique you will need the digital designs, your embroidery module, hoop, and stabilizer. I will talk more about this in the first session.

**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.

**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
- Tools for Paper Pieced Quilting with Judy Niemeyer
- Paperwork First: Prepare for Cutting a Quiltworx Project

**Fabric Selection:** The Quilt Crossing will have a kit available for this project or you can pick out your own fabrics. Yardage required is noted on the back of the pattern. It is helpful to fill out the swatch tables throughout the pattern to act as a reference while you are cutting your fabrics.

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

**Foundation Papers:** This pattern is organized into 2 sections: Flowering Cactus (Group A) and Rose Garden (Group B). The cutting instructions for the Foundation Papers, Template Layout Sheets, and Templates are shown in each of the 2 sections of the pattern. As you cut these out the pieces will be organized into bags as noted.

**Fabric Cutting Instructions:** Prior to the first class it will be helpful to have the fabrics cut for Units B2L/R, B1L/R which are in Group 1. Also cut the fabric for Units B1/B2 in Group 2. The cutting instructions in each section walk through first cutting strips, then cutting templates for the fabrics needed for these units. The pieces for each fabric are placed into one of your bags as noted in the pattern. If you are unsure about positioning the Template Layout Sheets onto the fabric strips, then just go ahead and cut the indicated number of strips for each fabric. We can finish the cutting in class.

If you have any questions regarding the class preparation, please contact me directly at: 208-570-3290.