

Class Name: Quiltworx Wedding Ring Quilt

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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
- Quiltworx wedding ring 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

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:

The wedding ring quilt is one of Judy Niemeyer's beloved designs. She has many different patterns that use the wedding ring design. They differ by how many rings there are and by whether they include the star accent. Both the Bali Bed Runner and the Wedding Star Table Topper have the star accent. There are also designs such as Flowers for My Wedding which do not include the star accent. The Wedding Star Table Topper is the smallest project at just 2 rings by 2 rings. The technique used to create the rings is consistent though. You will use groups of (8) 2.5" strips that are organized from light to dark to create the arcs. For my Wedding Star Table Topper, I picked 8 colors from my stash and need 2 strips of each color. For the Bali Bed Runner, I used one Quiltworx strip set. These sets are pre-organized for you into 6 groups of 8 strips ranging from light to dark. When you open your

strip set just leave it in order and separate out the sets of 8 fabrics. The larger projects use 2 strip sets.

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 does have a kit for at least one of the patterns or can help you pick out your own fabrics. Yardage required is noted on the back of the pattern. It is helpful to fill out the swatch table in the pattern as a reference while you are cutting your fabrics. For the wedding ring projects you will need a strip set (or individual strips if doing the table topper), background fabrics, and the accent fabrics for the corner pieces and star points (if needed). Often the pattern will use different backgrounds, giving you a scrappier look. Using a single background fabric works well too. Your pattern will provide the yardage you need for each of the elements in the quilt.

Check out Pinterest or www.quiltworx.com for many photos of finished projects.

Foundation Papers: For the first class, cut out the foundation papers for strip piecing your arcs. There will be two different arcs (one for each side) and are likely labeled Unit A and Unit B or Group A and Group B. The pattern will indicate how many of each arc is needed for your pattern. As you cut these out, place them into bags labeled as directed in your pattern. If you feel comfortable, cut your corner squares, centers, and melons. Otherwise we will review this in class.

Fabric Cutting Instructions: To prepare for strip piecing the arcs, the strips need to be organized into groups. If you are using a strip set, clip the groups of 8 fabrics together when you open the package. For class we can start with one set of 8 fabrics which will be used for one set of arcs. Group A and B (or Unit A and B) constitutes each side of the ring and will have the fabrics ordered differently. I found it easiest to work with one color group at a time. For example, with the Bali Wedding Runner I used one Quiltworx strip set which had 6 groups of fabrics. For each group I prepared the strips for Unit A and Unit B and sewed those arcs first before going onto the next color group of fabrics. This sounds confusing but once you go through this process it will become clear and you will see how easy it is to create an amazing wedding ring project.

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