

Intro To Paper Piecing: Scrappy Triangles

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This scrap busting class will be a fun introduction to paper piecing. We will use Leila Gardunia's 6" Scrappy Triangle Foundation pads to do one easy block together. Then you can take off from there making any the designs in either the 6" Scrappy Triangles foundation pad that look fun to you or you can pick things from her scrappy diamonds pad. This is a great scrap buster project and it is a very forgiving way to get started with paper piecing.... Since all the designs are unique, no-one will know if you get a line or two in the wrong place!

Required Materials:

- Sewing machine in good working order (remember your foot pedal and power cord!)
- Quarter inch foot
- Rotary cutter and your favorite ruler(s)
- Pins and seam ripper
- Thread (extra bobbin is a good idea)
- Leila Gardunia Foundation Pad for 50 6" Scrappy Triangles
Also called 50 Scrap Busting Paper Foundations By Leila Gardunia
- Optional: Add A Quarter Ruler
- Optional: A glue stick or pen

Fabric:

This is a great scrap buster so you can use lots of small bits of fabric. I used scraps for everything in the class sample except the corner triangles and the sashing. For the new paper piecer, I would suggest nothing smaller than a 5" square, but once you get the hang of things, you can raid your scrap box as needed! We will cover how you can determine the minimum size for any shape in the pad. To make all the triangle blocks in the foundation paper pad, it is suggested that you have two yards of scraps.

The one thing you need yardage for is the "solid" half triangles which are cut from $7\frac{1}{4}$ " squares. If you were going to make all 50 triangles and make a lap quilt, you would need about 2 yards of the color you use for the half triangles.

For the scrappy part of things, we will talk in class about how you pick scraps for a project like this. For class, I'd suggest you bring a few $\frac{1}{4}$ yard cuts and fat quarters and some beloved scraps from previous projects. You will definitely make a dent in your scrap bucket once you get going on these but it takes a little while to get the hang of paper piecing so you only need a little for class.

Note: If you want to make a large quilt, you will need more than one foundation pad and more background fabric as well.