



One Block Wonder

Date(s): Thursdays, August 2nd, and 23rd, 2018

Time: 10am – 12:30 or 6pm – 8:30

Teacher: Gerry Terninko

Fee: \$50

Brief Class Description:

Learn how to make a one-of-a-kind quilt with one fabric and just one shape. You will love this method of designing and creating your own unique quilt. Instead of starting with a pattern and then trying to find the fabric, you will start with the fabric. The fabric design is the key element when making the kaleidoscope blocks.

A few notes about fabric choices:

- Choose a fabric with a large design and a large repeat. This will give you more varied blocks. A 24” repeat is best, but you can use a fabric with a smaller repeat.

Here is how to measure the repeat of the fabric: Measure along the selvage from the start of a design element to the point where the design appears again. This is the size of the repeat.

If the distance between the repeats is short (6” to 8”), the fabric will produce a very small project. For short repeats, you can opt to buy twelve repeats instead of six. Buying twice as many repeats means that two or more kaleidoscope designs may be identical. There are ways to avoid this which we will discuss in class.

Larger prints usually feature a repeat about every 24”. Four to five yards makes a very comfortable lap quilt, and depending on the borders you use, the quilt can grow to almost any size.

- Choose a fabric that does not have too many colors in the design. Choose colors you love, the design will eventually disappear in the blocks.
- Choose a design that has curves instead of straight lines. Striped fabrics do not work very well.
- Choose a design with either a small amount of background or a background that has some movement. Solid backgrounds will work, but will give you a very different look.
- DO NOT PRE-WASH YOUR FABRIC

Fabric:

- You will need 6 repeats of your fabric design. For example:
 - If your fabric has a 24-inch repeat, you will need 24" x 6 = 144 inches or 4 yards.
 - If your fabric has a 12-inch repeat, you will need 12" x 6 = 72 inches or 2 yards. With the smaller repeat, you not be able to make as many blocks. If you want to make a larger quilt, you might want to purchase 12 repeats in this case.
- It is always nice to put a piece of uncut fabric on the back of the quilt, so you can see what the fabric looked like when you started. If you wish to do this, you would want to purchase an extra ½ yard of fabric.

Supplies:

- Book: One-Block Wonders or One Block Wonders Encore or One Block Wonders of the World, all by Maxine Rosenthal. Any one will work for this class.
- A 60° degree ruler is very useful to have. Creative Grids 8" Finished Size (CTH # 560136) works well and facilitates the cutting. But you can also use any ruler that has 60-degree markings on it.
- Flower pins work best as they lie flat and do not shift when you are cutting. Annie's Choice IBC Flat Flower Pins (CTH # 200663) work well.

Pre-Class Work:

DO NOT PRE-WASH FABRIC, but please iron it before coming to class. Iron it the way it comes off the bolt, folded in half making sure the selvage edges are aligned.

Also, bring the following:

Rotary cutter, 45 mm (CTH # 8921115)
Cutting mat: Size is your preference
Scissors

(Second Class Only)

Sewing machine in top running condition*
Presser Feet: ¼" foot for piecing
Seam Ripper
Thread for piecing
Design Wall – This can be made from a flannel backed vinyl table cloth.

Thank you for coming to class prepared

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