



Introduction to Foundation Paper Piecing

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Class Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

The technique of foundation paper piecing (FPP) allows a quilter to create precise points and shapes in designs that range from simple to complex. This is done by sewing fabrics onto a printed paper pattern. In this class, you will construct an economy block (square in a square in a square) using the It's Sew Emma 6" Economy Quilt Block Foundation Papers. In addition, we will discuss how to organize your workspace for foundation paper piecing.

Class Supplies

- It's Sew Emma 6" Economy Quilt Block Foundation Paper Pad, contains 42 sheets to make 42 blocks. My quilt has 117 blocks.
- Ultimate Paper Piecing Reference Guide by Carolina Moore (optional but highly recommended)
- Add-a-Quarter ruler 12 inch
- Pressor foot that allows you to see the printed lines on the paper (i.e. an open toe foot)
- Washable glue stick
- Pressing tool (I prefer a finger presser like the Clover 495 Finger Presser but a roll and press tool will work)
- 45mm rotary cutter with a sharp blade and a small cutting mat
- Straight ruler (should be at least 12 inches long)
- Small light or light table (optional)
- Normal sewing supplies which include your sewing machine, foot pedal, electrical cord, machine manual, 80/12 machine needles (universal or sharps), cotton thread in a neutral color, scissors, pins, seam ripper, iron and small ironing surface like a wool mat

Fabric Selection

This is a technique class, so I suggest using scraps from your stash. Three different fabrics are required for each block. If you don't have scraps, I suggest bringing several fat quarters or quarter yards for pieces that you can switch out. Large scale prints do not work well for the economy block but small scale prints work well. You can bring a diagonal fabric to try if you want. You want contrast between the rounds and that can be achieved using different colors or values. For the center piece, you can use a fabric that has a small design that can be fussy cut. Note: There is no purchased pattern for the class although the instructions show a simple layout for the blocks.

Preparation Prior to class

Bring enough cut fabric pieces as follows to make 4 to 5 complete blocks.

To make (1) 6" finished block, you will need the following fabrics:



- Center- (1) 4 ½" square
- Placement 2-5 for the second round - (2) 4 "squares of the same fabric
- Placement 6-9 for the third round – (2) 5" squares of the same fabric but different from second round fabric.

Note: The sizes I am asking you to cut are slightly larger than the pattern calls for. I will explain why in class.

I am happy to answer any questions about class and fabric choices with you. For this and any other questions you have, please contact me at 704-516-6887 or email me at 2boyzmom.leblanc@gmail.com.

Housekeeping Notes: Quilt Patch Fabrics offers a 15% discount on class supplies. Additionally, you get a 15% discount on your purchases on the day of the class (some exclusions apply). You are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Drinks should be in spill-proof containers. Please do not put water in the classroom irons. Please do not wear perfumes or scented lotions the day of class as many people are sensitive to strong scents. Thank you!