

Beginning Piecing Class with Letitia Mattu

This class is for the newbie quilter or for someone self-taught who'd like to learn some tips and tricks. We will be making 6 traditional blocks: Churn Dash, Split Rail, Friendship Star, 9-Patch, Flying Geese, and machine appliqué hearts. The final quilt measures just over 61" square – the perfect snuggle quilt!

- You need to know how to use your sewing machine.
- There is homework to complete *before* the first class and more to complete between the classes.
- Do not hesitate to come into the shop or email me if you have any questions!
- Note: You receive a 10% discount on class supplies at SWD!!!

Supply List:

Class 1:

- You do **NOT** need your sewing machine for Class #1.
- Fabrics: Please purchase 100% good quality, quilting cottons.
 - **NOTE:** *Please look at Page 3 for guidance on choosing fabrics.*
 - Focus Fabric – 1-3/8 yards (large border)
 - Fabric #1 – 2 yards (pink in my quilt)
 - Fabric #2 – 1 yard (green in my quilt)
 - Fabric #3 and #4 – 3/4 yard each (yellow and gray in my quilt)
 - Background Fabric – 1 1/4 yards
 - Backing fabric 4 yards (not required for class)
- Rotary cutter with a new blade
- 24" ruler for rotary cutting
- Pen/pencil
- Colored pencils in the colors of your fabric
- Scissors
- Self-healing cutting mat (If you have a full-sized mat (24"+), bring it to the first class. All of the fabrics will be cut in the first class. You may want a smaller mat for the rest of the classes.)
- Blue painters tape
- Permanent marker (Sharpie)
- Zip close quart-sized bags with a label area

Classes 2-5:

- Supplies from Class 1 (You can bring a smaller mat.)
- Sewing machine to include all gear needed to sew (needles, bobbins, bobbin case, feet, power cord, and manual)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " Foot or a machine that allows you to change seam allowances
- Pins (glass head or flower head pins are the best)
- Thread to coordinate (grey works great – Aurifil is my favorite!)
- Seam ripper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard Paper-backed fusible web - light weight – (You will need enough to fuse four $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " shapes) – I like Heat and Bond Lite – (Needed in Class #4)

Optional, but Recommended Supplies:

- Bloc Loc Trimming ruler $4\frac{1}{2}$ " or larger (Needed in Class #3)
- Plastic 12" x 12" tote

Pre-Class Homework Assignment: (Due at Class #1)

- Please cut 3 pieces of scrap fabric $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew them together so that you have a $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Bring to Class 1.
- Please arrive at the shop early for each class session.
- After arrival, please set up your sewing/working station.
- Be prepared to begin on time.

Please contact me if you have ANY questions:

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Choosing Fabric:

1-3/8 yards FOCUS FABRIC (Large Border): Start by finding a print that you really like. Look for something with lots of color. You will choose your other fabrics to go with the focus fabric.

After finding the perfect focus fabric for your large border, look for 4 “blender” fabrics that will work well with it. These four fabrics should “read” as solid (they have subtle prints, but look solid from a distance). The “color wall” is a great place to choose these fabrics.

2 yards Fabric #1: Choose your heart fabric next (pink in my quilt). Your heart fabric will be one of the fabrics that will stand out in your quilt. I used this fabric often, because I love it. Besides being used in some of your blocks, it will also be your skinny borders and your binding.

- Make sure you like the way this fabric looks on either side of your focus fabric.
- Your hearts may be any color, not necessarily pink or red.

1 yard Fabric #2: Choose a second fabric (green in my quilt) that you really like, because this fabric will also be used often in your quilt.

3/4 yard each Fabric #3 and Fabric #4: Pick out two other fabrics to complete your quilt (yellow and gray in my quilt).

1 1/4 yards Background Fabric: Choose something white or cream. You want this one to read solid, but it doesn't have to BE solid. Something with a subtle print looks nice.