

Shimmering Triangles: This gorgeous quilt gives the effect of water rippling in a stream and is the perfect pattern to showcase beautiful fabric, especially large scale prints.

Supply List: please contact me with any questions about fabric options

Fabrics:

How much shimmer effect happens depends on strong VALUE and color contrast. Value refers to how light or dark the fabric is. Multi-color fabrics tend to read as medium, so you need to have some darks and lights as well for good contrast. Color contrast needs to include warm (red, orange, yellow) vs cool (green, blue, purple) colors. Monochromatic will work, but only if you have a range of lights, mediums and darks. Stripes or obvious directional patterns detract from the shimmer effect, so I recommend you NOT use them. Bring extra fabrics in order to have plenty of design options.

Check out Shimmering Triangles on Pinterest, the Shimmering Quilts Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/344166742432047/> or google Images for Shimmering Triangle Quilts to see examples of different fabrics and their effect on shimmering.

Fabric Requirements

Size (BEFORE borders)	Medium 48" x 64" (3x4) (class sample)	Small 48" x 48" (3x3)	Large 80" x 80" (5x5)
# Fabrics - FQ or 9"xWOF	32	25	61
Separate opt. 2" border	5/8 yard	½ yard	¾ yard
Separate Binding	5/8 yard	½ yard	¾ yard

In the sample, there are several more solid looking blocks. These are actually made of two similar but different tone on tone fabrics in a four patch configuration. If you want to make any of these kinds of blocks, you will need TWO similar fabrics, but they will count as one of the # of fabrics needed.

You can also use large scraps, but you will need pieces big enough to make an 8 1/2" square and four 6" squares. These measurements for scraps do not include any extra fabric for mistakes in cutting, borders or binding.

I've included optional yardage for a separate fabric for optional 2" borders and binding. You can make these scrappy from the leftover fabric from the blocks, or a single piece of fabric. I recommend you wait to decide on border and binding fabrics until you finish the top. Backing and batting requirements will depend on width of any borders added. The pattern will include these requirements.

Supplies:

Sewing Machine with regular feet, plus quarter inch foot if you have one
Rotary cutter and mat, longer ruler (recommend 24")
Square ruler—6" or 6 ½" small square ruler with a diagonal line from point to point

Optional half square triangle ruler if this is your preferred method

Optional—large square ruler—9” or larger

Mechanical pencil

Thread—neutral color such as beige or grey

Basic sewing supplies—straight pins, seam ripper, thread snips, etc.

Optional small iron and ironing pad

Optional Design wall:

It’s easier to take home your pieces if you have one of the following:

Flannel backed table cloth (the type used for picnic tables)

A piece of flannel or batting at least 40” X 40” or leave the batting whole and use it folded.

I recommend holding off on cutting out fabrics until class, as where the fabric is placed impacts how many squares are needed and how large they need to be. If you don’t mind cutting more than you will actually need, cut an 8 ½” square and four 6” squares from EACH fabric. This will give you maximum flexibility to place a fabric anywhere on the quilt.

If you want to get a head start on your design layout, lay out your fabrics as I have in this sample photo for the Medium size. The fabrics in the center portion represent the 8 ½” squares. The fabrics along the edge are smaller – 4 ½” x 8 ½” along the sides, and 4 ½” square in the corners. Note that there is an empty space between the fabrics. DO NOT PLACE FABRIC IN THE EMPTY AREAS. These areas will be filled with half square triangles made from the 6” squares. The 6” squares will be paired up from the fabrics that touch on the corners. Fabrics in the center touch 4 other fabrics, so need four 6” squares. Fabrics along the edge touch 2 other fabrics, so need two 6” squares. Fabrics in the corner touch one other fabric so need one 6” square. Each fabric that touches a corner to another fabric should have some contrast for maximum shimmer.

