

Beginning Machine Piecing

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This class is an introduction to machine piecing that will teach you the basic building blocks from cutting to borders.

We will begin with lectures and demonstrations covering quilting tools and supplies, fabric selection, pre-wash or not, threads, rotary cutting, etc. We will also have a demonstration on routine cleaning of your machine. During the following weeks, we will work on the basic building blocks and techniques for piecing blocks including four patch, nine patch, half square triangles, quarter square triangles, flying geese, curves, and square in a square. Emphasis will be placed on 1/4" seam allowance, matching corners and triangle points. The end result will be enough blocks to make a 9-block sampler quilt from all the building blocks that are covered in class.

Fabric:

Main or Focal	Used for Blocks:	1 Fat Quarter
Background or Light	Used for Blocks & Sashing:	2 Fat Quarters or 1/2 yard
Accent or Medium	Used for Blocks:	1 Fat Quarter
Border:		1/2 yard

Book:

Start Quilting with Alex Anderson, 3rd Edition

Sewing Supplies:

Sewing Machine and accessories, including your instruction book

(You must be able to operate your machine including threading and winding bobbins. If your sewing machine has not been serviced recently (within the last year), I highly recommend having it serviced before class.)

1/4" presser foot for your machine (I do not recommend a guided foot)

Extra sewing machine needles, I use Schmetz 90/14 or 75/11

Extra bobbin for your machine

Thread, medium gray, 100% cotton or other neutral color (I use Aurifil 50 wt)

Fabric scissors

Straight Pins

Seam Ripper

Suggested Rulers 1" X 6" (for measuring seams and points)

4-1/2" X 4-1/2" square

6" X 12" or 3-1/2" X 12-1/2" or similar size ruler

Rotary Mat (not required if your local quilt shop has mats for your use)

Rotary Cutter with new blade; 45 mm or 60 mm size

Fabric marking pencil

Fabric glue pen such as Sewline, Fons & Porter

The "Lesson" Plan

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| Week 1 | Lecture and demonstration on fabric selection, tools, supplies, and machine cleaning demonstration; Rail Fence Block |
| Week 2 | Four Patch Block, Nine Patch Block and Windmill Block |
| Week 3 | Friendship Star, Sawtooth Star and Ohio Star |
| Week 4 | Drunkard's Path Block and Colorado Block |
| Week 5 | Assemble blocks and add sashing and borders |

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail.

Thanks...See you in class!!!

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