

BEGINNING QUILTING SUPPLIES

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Let the adventure begin..... So happy to see that you signed up for Beginning Quilting. This is a four week class and each session is four hours. In this class you as a first time quilter will learn everything you need to succeed in making your first quilt. You will learn a lot of techniques and tips that will give you a great start and hopefully motivate you to want to create more. You'll meet new friends and have a lot of fun!!

Please feel free to shop for your fabrics prior to the first session. The girls in the store are happy to help you **Or** if you don't have time or feel confident before the first session I can help you in class. Once you read all of the Supply list you will have a better idea how you wish to proceed.

The STORE has the SUPPLIES you will need for the class and you receive a 15% discount for purchasing your fabrics and rulers, books, patterns, etc.

For your first quilt project we will be using **"Start Quilting with Alex Anderson (3rd Edition) by C & T Publishing**. This is a valuable book and has lots of informative photos and information to take us step by step in creating your quilt. We will be making seven different blocks, piecing the blocks together to create your own quilt top, borders, and making the quilt sandwich with batting and backing. We will be preparing the top for machine quilting on your home machine or learn to prepare for long-arm quilting. And last but not least learning how to use continuous binding to finish your quilt. And...we will learn how to make a hanging sleeve and a personalized label.

I encourage you to read through the Start Quilting book. It will give you a really good idea of what we will be learning as we progress from week to week.

Following are the fabric requirements you will need for the quilt. There are two different fabric requirement suggestions- One for a "Scrappy Sampler" (picture found near the back of the book). The second fabric requirement is based on using three to five fabrics. For your first quilt many like to use three to five fabrics rather than the nine to twelve fabrics used in the sample quilt. You get to choose.

The finished project in the book from the finished "Scrappy Sampler" is 40" X 40". If you wish to enlarge your project you will need to increase the fabric requirements accordingly and we can talk about that in class.

BOOK:

Start Quilting with Alex Anderson, (3rd Edition) by C & T Publishing

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: Based on 3 to 5 Fabrics

Focus Fabric: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards (used for piecing blocks and your border
Note: if using directional print you will need 2 yards.
Second Color: 1 yard (used for piecing and inner border)
Third Color: 1 yard (used for piecing)
Fourth Color: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard (used for piecing)
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Binding: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard (mine was same as the focus fabric)
Backing: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards to 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards (2 $\frac{5}{8}$ yd if using Long-arm)
Batting : 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

NOTE: We will be talking about batting and backing in class. We will not be using them until the final session. We will talk about Long-arm quilting and the batting and backing requirements also.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: Based on Scrappy Sampler in Alex's Book

Focus Fabric: 1 yard (used for piecing blocks and your border)
First Color: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard **Each** of 3 or 4 different fabrics (range from light to dark)
Second Color: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard **Each** of 3 to 4 different fabrics (range from light to dark)
Third Color: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard **Each** of 3 to 4 different fabrics (range from light to dark) Note: this third color is often a neutral.
Inner Border: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard (may want to purchase this later as your quilt top comes together
Binding : $\frac{1}{2}$ yard (could be focus fabric or may want to wait till top is complete to choose a binding.
Backing: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards to 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards (2 $\frac{5}{8}$ yd if using Long-arm)
Batting: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards

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GENERAL SUPPLIES:

We will talk about supplies and what you will need in our first class.

SEWING FOOT: ¼ inch sewing foot (this is a must have for accurate seams) You may need to purchase a ¼" foot before class. Not all machines come with a ¼" foot.

Rotary Cutter 45mm - recommended

Cutting Mat (recommend medium to large)

Ruler 6" x 24" and/or 6" x 12" (If you are buying one, I suggest 6"x 12")

Ruler 6 ½" square (optional)

Cotton thread in neutral shade - Aurefil, Mettler, Guttermann to name a few.

Machine Needles: (I recommend 80/12)

Straight Pins - Really a personal preference. I like Clover products, will talk about in class

Seam Ripper - I recommend clover

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SEWING MACHINE in Good working order, bobbins, ¼" seam allowance foot, power cord, foot pedal.

BEFORE CLASS: Please take the time to sit down and know how to thread your machine and put in your bobbin. Have a new needle in place and take some scrap fabric or paper towel and sew with your machine making sure that it is stitching properly and in good operating condition, BE SURE TO BRING YOUR MANUAL TO CLASS IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE HELP.

So I hope you feel excited and ready to get started with creating your first masterpiece. I am here for you so.....

Please feel free to give me a call or send me a text if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

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