

**Level:** Beginner (ages 14 and up)

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## Intro to Quilting: Sampler Quilt Top

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### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

**PREREQUISITE:** You must already know how to use your sewing machine and be confident in basic sewing and math skills. ***PLEASE ensure your machine is in good working order PRIOR to the first day of class.*** Bring your machine in to the store for a tune up if you are not sure how long it has been since it was used. Allow 1-2 weeks for servicing (times may vary).

This class meets once a week for 5 weeks, 3 hours per session, and there is required homework, so please review the dates prior to signing up as missing a class will impact your ability to finish the project.

In this course, participants will learn new techniques to build upon their basic sewing knowledge and create a sampler quilt top. Topics will cover selection of fabric and quilting tools (and why quality matters); quilting math and terminology; how to use a rotary cutter and measure with rulers; sewing an accurate quarter-inch seam; piecing; block assembly, pressing, layout, and design options. Finishing the quilt top (basting, quilting, and binding) is a separate class that is offered throughout the year. Each class will upon build skills over the prior week, and participants will leave each class with an assignment to complete at home.

Please do not buy generic items without first understanding the purpose of their use. Poor quality supplies and tools will be frustrating to work with, and you will get discouraged from quilting. Good quality supplies and tools will make your learning experience easy, productive, and FUN!

All required supplies can be purchased at Berger's.

- ✓ Fabrics:
  - 1/4 yard cuts (or fat quarters) of 5 different coordinating Quilting Cotton fabrics – 3 medium colored, 2 darker colored
  - 1/2 yard light colored background fabric (negative areas of blocks)
  - 1/4 yard sashing fabric (goes between the blocks)
  - 1/2 yard border fabric (one of your medium or dark colors)
- ✓ A **sewing machine** that is clean and in good working condition, which includes a power cord, foot pedal, several bobbins and bobbin case (These are all ***specific*** to your make/model of machine).
  - Machine tool kit – small screwdrivers, cleaning brush, bobbins
  - 1/4" Foot (generally, this is not included with your basic sewing machines)
  - Schmetz machine sewing needles – Universal size 80/12

- ✓ **Basic Sewing Kit** which includes the following notions:
  - Small sharp 3”-5” scissors, glass head straight pins (required!)
  - Fabric marking pencils, tape measure, sewing gauge, seam ripper
  - Matching Mettler Metrosene Thread, 100% Polyester
  
- ✓ **Quilting Tools**, to include:
  - 45mm Rotary Cutter, 18”x24” Rotary Cutting Mat (or larger) and 6”x24” Rotary Cutting Ruler (you will need the mat at home, we have mats in the classroom)
  - Small notebook & pencil for taking notes
  
- ✓ **Optional Supplies:**
  - Post It Notes or painter’s tape to label small pieces in progress
  - That Purple Thang – sewing aid tool
  - Large Ziploc type bags to organize cut pieces in progress
  - Clean project tote box to store and transport work in progress
  - Straight Stitch throat plate for your sewing machine
  - Best Press Ironing Spray (for home use)
  
- ✓ An **iron and ironing board** for home use