



Chuck Nohara Workshop Requirements List

Students need their own copy of the Chuck Nohara book

I will be teaching using a variety of techniques to help you tackle most of the blocks.

Whilst most blocks will be made by hand there is an opportunity to use a sewing machine.

Hand sewing supplies

Fabric- A variety of fabrics to go with your chosen colour scheme. Remember neutrals for backgrounds, small scale prints and prints that read as solids. Large scale prints can be challenging to work with. Add texture by including stripes, spots and other geometrics.

Needles - Straws/ Milliners are good as they are longer, finer and easier to push through fabric for everything from hand piecing, applique and EPP. Size 10 straws are a good place to start if you haven't used them before. Sizes differ between brands.

Thread - I use very fine Bottom Line by Superior Threads. Neutrals work for most things as the thread is so fine. Fine cotton thread such as Aurifil is also a great option. The finer the cotton the more accurate and invisible your piecing.

Thread conditioner - eg Thread Magic, Thread Heaven help prevent thread tangling and shredding (optional)

Needle threader (if required)

Bias Bars for stem work (optional)- Metal are the best option, the KKB plastic ones are not great. They are tapered and ridged which means they snag on fabrics. We will be working at a small scale think ½" width and smaller.

Karen Kay Buckley's Perfect Circles - Small set

Small Acrylic ruler with 1/4" marks

Rotary cutter - 28mm or 45mm

Small cutting mat (optional)

Freezer Paper - precut your freezer paper into A4 sheets that will fit in the printer, 8 pages should be plenty for two days

Fabric scissors – small with sharp tips for fine work

Paper scissors

Fine glass head patchwork pins

Glue stick eg Sewline

Pencil, pens and your favourite fabric marking tool

Machine Piecing Supplies

If sewing by machine, make sure it is in good working order, bring your regular foot and 1/4" seam foot

Machine needles – fine, sharp, new needle

Thread - Fine cotton thread for machine piecing eg. Aurifil 50wt in a neutral colour. Beige, light grey or a greyish sage seem to disappear into most colours.

Add-a-Quarter ruler for Foundation Paper Piecing (optional)

Printer

We will be enlarging the drawings in the book using a printer. I have an inexpensive Canon Pixma MG5765 printer that does this very well. The models are constantly changing but check your printer has an enlarge / reduce image function. Only use an ink jet printer with freezer paper!

And don't forget to bring...

A big smile, we are going to work hard but have lots of fun learning new techniques!