

Opal Essence – Lorena Uriarte

Class requirements

Fabric:

Large quilt – 83” x 84” (68 blocks)

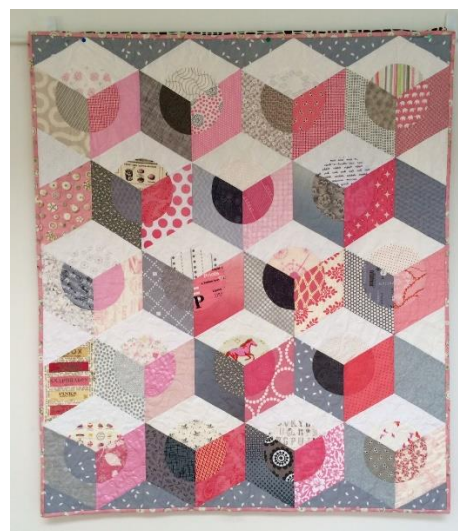
Opal Essence: The three sizes of circles on this were needle turn appliqued.

- Tumbling blocks: 2 ½ yards (2.2m) each of light, medium and dark fabrics
- Setting and corner triangles: 1/3 yard (30 cm) of medium and 5/8 yard (55cm) of dark fabric
- Small Circle: 57 – 3” x 3” squares of assorted fabrics.
- Medium Circle: 66 – 4” x 4” squares of assorted fabrics.
- Large Circle: 81 – 5” x 5” squares of assorted fabrics.
- Binding: ¾ yard (60 cm)
- Backing: 5 yards (4.5 m)
- Batting: 90” x 90” (2.3 m x 2.3 m)

Cot Quilt – 41” x 48” (18 blocks)

Pink Champagne: Uses only the large circles and they are machine pieced

- Tumbling blocks: 24” (60cm) each of assorted light, medium and dark fabrics
- Setting and corner triangles: 6” (20cm) of medium and 8” (20cm) of dark fabrics
- Large Circle: 54 – 5” x 5” squares of assorted fabrics.
- Binding: 3/8 yard (35 cm)
- Backing: 1 ½ yard (1.4m)
- Batting: 44” x 52” (1.2 m x 1.4 m)



Equipment:

- Glue Pen ie Sewline
- Freezer Paper for applique technique, but you may prefer your own method
- Pencil / Chalk Pen for marking
- Fine piecing cotton in a neutral colour
- A selection of applique thread to blend in with your fabrics (if required)
- General sewing supplies (needles, pins, small rotary cutter, ¼” ruler, scissors etc)
- Sewing machine in good working order

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Class preparation

Design

The tumbling block design relies on the value differences of your fabrics. The more contrast there is between your light, medium and darks the better the optical illusion will be. These differences can be in values of the same tone or different colours.

The circles follow the same value as the diamond it is placed on. So a light diamond has a light coloured circle. Play around with the colouring to create interest and movement.

You may find the attached colouring sheet useful for planning.

Pre-cutting

Because the diamond template is cut on its side, it is difficult to cut this width of fabric accurately using the measurements on an acrylic ruler alone. The width is c. 5 11/16" but we will be using the diamond template and a long acrylic ruler to cut in class. We can stack these lengths and the cutting then goes quickly.

What will we finish in a one day workshop?

We will cut and prepare enough to make three blocks, more if you are quick.

The class will teach you how to:

- use acrylic templates for cutting straight and curved shapes
- how to design and plan your quilt
- use the freezer paper to needle turn applique and/or machine piece your curves
- how to put your blocks together using y-seam construction
- how to sew your rows together and add your setting triangles

I look forward to our workshop.

If you have any questions please contact me lorena@lorenauriate.com

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