

Lone Star Variations Supply List 109/209

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Experience Level

Confident Beginner

Sewing Machine Required

Yes



Course Overview

The iconic Lone Star is the most recognized design using the diamond shape in classic and modern quilts. But the Lone Star is not the only design that is the diamond's best friend. There are other diamond quilt design variations. These quilts look complicated, but they don't have to be. This class will offer instruction on strip piecing diamonds with strategies for matching diamond seams, maintaining uniform shape and angles and finishing with a flat, even quilt top. Learn to create bold, graphic quilts with 2 1/2 inch strips or strips in the size of your choosing. We will cover a number of design variations for the Lone Star, including changing up the angle of the diamonds and inverting the orientation of the star blades. Includes a table calculating quilt size by strip width and number of diamonds so you can design the diamond quilt that is right for you.

Fabric Selection

Many of the designs are created to use jellyrolls. A jellyroll has enough strips to make a fair sized quilt and enough variety to make a visually interesting design. But you can use fabric strips of any size. Bring as much as you are able or inclined to bring. A couple of jelly rolls and 1 to 2 yards of at least two background fabrics will get you started and maybe even finished.

Required Supplies

Sewing Machine in good working order

Rotary cutter, cutting mat and 24 inch ruler

Basic Sewing Supplies (Thread, scissors, extra machine needles, seam ripper)

** Pen or pencil and paper or notebook for taking notes

** **Supplies not carried by The Stitchin' Post**

Optional Supplies

45 degree triangle ruler. I will bring some, but if you have one or are inclined to purchase one, bring it along.

Required Book or Pattern

I will provide instructions

Class Prep

If you are using a jelly roll, there is no need to cut prior to the class. If you want to use yardage or a size different from the 2 1/2 inch strip, you can cut your strips ahead of time. 40 to 80 – 2 1/2 inch strips will give you plenty to work with.



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Lone Star Variations (3)

Come join us for a quilt workshop to expand the boundaries of your skills and creativity. Learn to turn out a variety of dazzling Lone Stars that match at the corners and lay flat!



The Lone Star is one of the visually simplest and yet most stunning of traditional quilt patterns. The 8-pointed star is made up of smaller diamonds and creates a visual effect of color and pattern radiating from the center of the star out to its points. The diamond blades, once mastered, can be combined in a number of innovative designs, including an inverted design or a lateral spread of the blades across the width of the quilt.

This is a class for intermediate quilters or advanced beginner quilters with a love of

precision and craftsmanship. **This class is not appropriate for beginning quilters unless they are experienced with other sewing arts.** The class will start with a small lone star so that students can work through the basic construction techniques. We will then move on to planning and executing a larger version or other variations as desired. This is a workshop-style class where the technique will be taught in class and then there will be time for quilters to work with their own machines and materials during class.



Materials List:

- ◆ Students should bring a rotary cutter, mat and 24-inch ruler, and a sewing machine in good working order with thread and threaded bobbin.
- ◆ Students should bring 1/4 yard to 1/2 yard selvedge-to-selvedge cuts of 4 fabrics they feel would combine well in their first lone star. There should be good contrast between the fabrics to show off the design. Also needed is a yard of fabric for the background of the initial star
- ◆ After the initial star, students can work with one or two rolls of 2 1/2 inch strips with two yards of background fabric. Alternatively, students may bring a variety of fabrics to use as they desire once the technique becomes clear.

