

Linear Blocks -Line into Shape Supply List

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Experience Level

Confident Beginner

Sewing Machine Required

Yes

Course Overview

Students will use the traditional log cabin quilt block as well as other linear quilt block shapes as the starting point for creative and original compositions. Improvisational piecing, contemporary quilt design, and using lines to make shapes are all discussed in this class.

Fabric Selection

A NOTE about Solids Fabrics—If you don't have solids you can choose to do one of three things—buy solid fabrics, use fabrics that read like solids, or just bring what you've got. I suggest using solids fabrics because solid fabrics create the cleanest, boldest, most graphic compositions. But if you want to work with what you've got, I totally support that.



A NOTE about Yardage—You may bring fat quarters if that is what you have in your stash and/or you are traveling and it really just makes sense to bring less. This will limit your options while in class, but you will still get the general idea of how to make Linear Blocks.

Option #1 (Do this option if you are primarily interested in learning the techniques discussed in the workshop or if you are traveling and don't want to lug a bunch of fabric around. This is the simplest option.)

8-12 Half-Yard Cuts in solid fabric colors you love

Plus Half-Yard Cuts of a white, a brown, a grey, and a black

Option #2 (This is a more advanced option for those who want to do some color exploration and practice selecting a beautiful palette.)

Bring a tub measuring approximately 16" x 10" x 10" of your solid fabrics and/or fabrics that read like solids. Try and bring a wide range of values and colors.

Option # 3 (This is for the wild ones.)

Bring whatever you have got that you like in the largest box or suitcase you can find, and we will see what happens.

Required Book

Improv Patchwork: Dynamic Quilts Made with Line and Shape by Maria Shell

Required Supplies

This is a recommended supply list, if you don't have the EXACT ruler or supplies please don't stress about it. We will make it work! What is important is not the supplies, it is showing up and being willing to experiment with patchwork.

Sewing machine with a straight stitch and a quarter-inch foot and/or the ability to create a quarter inch seam. (It is preferred that your quarter-inch foot DOES NOT have a guide/flange attached. It is more difficult to sew curves and improvisation-ally cut fabric with a guide attached.)

Rotary cutter with a sharp new blade (60mm if you have one). I prefer this particular rotary cutter because it gives me good visibility and control when cutting improvisation-ally.

Rotary rulers—bring your basic longish ruler, my favorite is the Omnigrid 4" x 14" Ruler (Creative Grid also makes this size ruler).

If you really want to go crazy you could also bring some triangle rulers. My favorites are the Tri-Rec Ruler and the Companion Angle Ruler

Rotary Mat

Basic quilting supplies including straight pins, seam ripper, neutral thread, scissors and/or snips for cutting threads

Measuring tape

** Small sticky note pad

** Paper and/or notebook and/or draft paper for making notes, sketches, and drawings about your quilt.

** Calculator

Design wall (a large piece of flannel or batting works fine)

** Digital camera or cell phone with the ability to take pictures

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

Notes on Linear Blocks

In this class, we will be exploring a variety of ways to use line (strips of fabric) to create shape (quilt blocks). We will experiment with cutting without a ruler as well as explore ways to use your ruler that give the illusion of free form cut fabric. We will discuss how to take these linear blocks and build final compositions. I will begin the workshop with a lecture that includes samples of my work and student work as well the techniques needed to create linear blocks.



A Starter Pack will be available for this class in March

Here's the link: <https://stitchinpost.com/quilters-affair/starter-packs>