

Instructor

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Experience Level

Confident Beginner

Sewing Machine Required

Yes



Course Overview

Flying Geese are a classic design element used extensively in traditional and modern quilts. This class is designed to provide you with patterns and techniques that you can use to design your own quilt. The design elements will be presented in two forms. We will make circular flying geese using a basic paper piecing method. I will provide you with patterns for various types of circular flying geese with clockwise and counterclockwise orientations. We will also do some straight geese with a quick piecing, no-waste technique that you can use in various ways. Then we will look at ways to combine your straight flying geese with your circular flying geese to achieve any number of possible variations. There is a lot of design potential once you have mastered these two elements. Great for charm squares (for the curved geese), fat quarters and yardage.

Fabric Selection

Fabric options are wide open for this class. Solids, batiks, stripes, whatever you feel like working with. This class is great for fat quarters. Smaller pre-cuts can be problematic. Jelly Rolls are generally too small. You can bring a yard of fabric for background, **but chances are you won't get that far during class time.**

Required Supplies

Sewing Machine in good working order

Rotary cutter, cutting mat and 24 inch ruler

Basic sewing supplies (thread, fabric scissors, paper scissors, extra machine needles, seam ripper)

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

** Supplies not carried by The Stitchin' Post

Required Book or Pattern

I will provide patterns and instructions

Class Prep

We do pre-cut our pieces for paper piecing, but it is quick and best done in class.

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Release the Geese!

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This class is not a “*make this quilt*” class, although it is perfectly reasonable to make one of the samples and I will give you directions to make them as displayed. This class is really designed to provide you with patterns and techniques that you can use to design your own quilt.

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Then we will look at ways to *combine your straight flying geese with your circular flying geese* to achieve any number of possible variations.

Skill Level. This class is suitable for confident quilters from advanced beginner to experienced. Some experience with paper piecing will be helpful, but is not essential. All the techniques used will be reviewed and one-on-one assistance will be available.

What to Bring. Because this is a workshop/design class, I can't tell you exactly how much yardage you will need. But if you are going for a scrappy look, fat quarters are great. If you have a particular line of fabrics you want to use, bring them all along and make your choices as you design. Be sure to bring one or more fabrics to serve as the background for your geese.