

Linear Blocks—Line into Shape

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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 <<http://www.buyolfa.com/olfa-rty-3-g-model-9653-rotary-cutter-60mmhtml>>
- Rotary rulers—bring your basic longish ruler, my favorite is the Omnigrid 4" x 14" <<https://www.amazon.com/Omnigrid-4-Inch-14-Inch-Quilters-Ruler/dp/B0011QH3H8>> Creative Grid also makes this size ruler <<https://www.creativegridsusa.com/products/CGRBR4>>
- If you really want to go crazy you could also bring some triangle rulers. My favorites are the Tri-Rec Ruler <<https://www.amazon.com/Wrights-1-Inch-6-Inch-Tri-Recs-Tools/dp/B000AXVP4M>> and the Companion Angle Ruler <<https://www.amazon.com/Wrights-1-Inch-10-Inch-Companion-Angle/dp/B000CF93JM>>
- Rotary Mat
- Basic quilting supplies including straight pins, seam ripper, neutral thread, awl, scissors and/or snips for cutting threads, measuring tape, small sticky note pad, calculator
- Paper and/or notebook and/or draft paper for making notes, sketches, and drawings about your quilt.
- Design wall (a large piece of flannel or batting works fine)
- Digital camera or cell phone with the ability to take pictures
- Small bag for trash/fabric scraps
- Painters tape

Fabric

The No-Brainer Option:

There is no need to purchase fabric for this class unless you need an excuse to buy fabric. Bring a large box or small suitcase of fabric that you own.

The Detailed Option:

Please bring a selection of fabric that represents the color wheel—purple, blue, turquoise, green, yellow, orange, red and pink as well as several neutrals—brown, grey, black, and white. The most important thing is to bring fabrics that contrast with each other. Do not bring seven shades of the same blue. Fat quarters, scraps, and yardage are all acceptable. Prints are fine—small geometric prints work best.

How Much fabric?

Bring what you can comfortably carry—a box or small suitcase— and we will see what happens.

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.