

Demystifying Design for Foundation Paper Piecing Class Description and Supply List

Class Description

Extreme angles, sharp points, precision piecing, easy patch cutting, one-of-a-kind images and more are all possible with foundation paper piecing. In this design class, you'll learn how to create foundations for everything from traditional blocks to pictorial quilts. We'll start with foundation design for simple blocks — log cabin and flying geese — to more complex blocks — butterflies, flowers, animals and more. In the process, you'll discover when paper piecing is the best piecing process for you, and you'll design a block.

In the second half of the class, you'll design a small pictorial quilt working from a photo or drawing you bring to class. Skills taught in the class will include:

- Determining the number of foundations needed.
- Numbering foundations for piecing order.
- Labeling foundations and marking them for joining to other foundations.
- Making templates for cutting patches for on-grain piecing and efficient use of fabric.

This is a technique class but you will take home foundation designs for your block and pictorial designs that you can piece at home.

Supply Kit: \$10

You will purchase a \$10 supply kit from the instructor. It will include:

- 12" x 1" clear plastic graph ruler with 1/8" grid
- Four sheets of 8.5" x 11" vellum paper with 8 squares/inch grid
- 2 sheets drawing paper
- 2 sheets tracing paper
- Eraser that's good on vellum
- 1 sheet of gridded template plastic
- Permanent marker for use on the template plastic (better than a Sharpie and special ordered from the UK)
- Use of instructor's supplies such as colored pencils, larger vellum grid paper, and larger and smaller graph rulers.

Additional Supplies to Bring

- Mechanical pencil with HB or B leads. Pentel GraphGear pencils are good but expensive so only purchase one if you will use it a lot. Any mechanical pencil will be fine for class.
- Fine-tip permanent marker for use on paper: Sharpie or Micron are fine.
- Color pencils if you have them.
- Paper scissors.