

Triangle Medley

Ready for something a little different? This project will give you a chance to build skills in accurate piecing and perfect points. Who doesn't want perfect points, flat blocks and straight borders?

This quilt is another good stash buster so start going through your fabrics again choosing two colors you like together and that have good contrast. This design uses 2 1/2" strips for the pieced blocks.

Each strip set consists of 1 strip 2 1/2" x 45" + 1 strip 2 1/2" x 22 1/2". From each strip set you should get 4 blocks. The 45" strip you choose will be the 6 darker triangles around the outside. The 22 1/2" strip will be the 3 interior triangles. Contrast is important within each block. Make sure you also have contrast between the pieced triangles and the alternate triangles too. I know everybody loves precuts but if you cut your own strips your piecing accuracy will be greatly improved. Pinked edges keep pre-cut strips from raveling, make them look neat in the store, but they also make it very hard to precisely match edges when making strip sets which impacts accuracy when cutting units for this quilt. Please consider cutting your strips from your stash!

We will be using the **Creative Grids 60 Degree Triangle 8-1/2in Quilt Ruler # CGRT60 \$18.95.**

You will not need to use this ruler before class but if you want me to bring a ruler to class for you (and it'll save postage if I bring it to you), please let me know by January 2, 2018 so I can order enough rulers to bring to MBQP. We have shows every weekend in January and will not be coming home to pick up rulers/anything between shows---if you need one, let me know asap.

The class handout (\$4.00) will have info on 4 sizes (all sizes are without borders):

Crib---36" x 42"

Lap---50" x 66"

Full---71" x 84"

Queen---85" x 90"

If you need something larger let me know.

CUTTING INFO

Here's basic cutting info. All you need to cut for class are 2 1/2" strips (whole strips and half strips, as listed),

You won't need all the strips cut (especially for the larger sizes) even though the piecing goes pretty fast.

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Background/ alternate blocks:

You will cut these after you've made a few blocks so you can adjust the size of the plain triangle to match the size of the pieced block.

Fat quarters will work, you'll need to remember to cut 2 pieces to equal a whole strip. You can choose different color combinations to use both parts of the short strips.

We'll discuss borders in class but if you need to get fabric before then, email me and I'll figure out what you will need.

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Small

36" X 42"

Main Color 10 whole strips-2 1/2" X width of fabric (45")

Accent Color 10 half strips-2 1/2" X 22 1/2"

Alternate plain blocks- 1 yard

Add border to increase size. Border fabrics can be chosen after your blocks are made.

Lap

50" X 66"

Main Color 21 whole strips-2 1/2" X width of fabric (45")
Accent Color 21 half strips-2 1/2" X 22 1/2"
Alternate plain blocks- 2 1/2 yards
Add border to increase size. Border fabrics can be chosen after your blocks are made.

Double

71" X 84"
Main Color 34 whole strips-2 1/2" X width of fabric (45")
Accent Color 34 half strips-2 1/2" X 22 1/2"
Alternate plain blocks- 3 1/2 yards
Add border to increase size. Border fabrics can be chosen after your blocks are made.

Large/Queen

86" X 90"
Main Color 48 whole strips-2 1/2" X width of fabric (45")
Accent Color 48 half strips-2 1/2" X 22 1/2"
Alternate plain blocks- 4 1/2 yards
Add border to increase size. Border fabrics can be chosen after your blocks are made.

Remember: you will add borders to these sizes.

While I have tried to check all my numbers and proof this info several times, if you see something that looks wrong or if you have a question you can email me at quiltersgallery@gmail.com—don't hesitate to contact me.

Basic sewing supplies:

Sewing machine in good working order

1/4" presser foot WITHOUT A BLADE ON THE SIDE.

With what we are doing, the blade drags and distorts. Bring a 1/4" foot—not a foot that is about 1/4" foot, not one you can "eyeball" and get close enough. This is precision piecing and if you don't have an accurate presser foot you will lose points and make the whole process of construction harder than it needs to be. Make your quilting life easier with an accurate 1/4" foot without a blade/guide/training wheels on the side. Please!!!

Neutral thread

fine line marking device—pencil, chalk, pen—whatever you prefer

fine pins

thread nippers

rotary cutter

small cutting mat (12" x 18" is large enough—but bring whatever size you have.)

basic sewing supplies—that means anything you think I have forgotten to list.

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