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Tiny Tips

Do you like intricate quilts with small pieces? Learn the techniques of perfect piecing used by some of the best quilt makers and designers. Get tips for making perfect 1/4" seams and choosing the right thread and tools. Practice three techniques for making small half square triangles and the pros and cons of each. We will talk about when to press seams to one side and when to press them open. Learn cutting and pressing tips for perfection. Master how to put it all together by making a 14½ inch square pillow top, wall quilt or table topper.

You can purchase a kit or bring some fabric and just practice the techniques to use in your own projects. See examples of these techniques in a variety of finished quilts. Come have fun sewing together and perfecting your piecing. Go home with some great memories and a goody bag of surprises.

Skill level: Confident Beginner

Supply list:

Sewing machine

Basic Sewing kit including extra needles

¼" foot

Neutral colored thread

Rotary cutter with a new blade

Cutting mat about 12"x18" (optional)

Rulers approximately 3-4" square, and 4"x14" or larger

Spray starch such as Best Press (optional)

Small ironing surface (optional)

Personal iron (optional)

Farmstead Star pattern

Fabric scraps or project kit

The kit for "Farmstead Star" is available in two different fabric options (Esther's Heirlooms by Kim Diehl, or Granny Chic by Lori Holt). The price for the kit is \$25.00 which includes the pattern and all of the fabric (including backing). It is available at www.QuiltingWithMarianne.com. Many other supplies are also available on our website. If you are registered for the class, use coupon code "tinytips" to receive 15% off of everything on the website when you order your kit.