

JOSEPH'S COAT SCRAP QUILT

Skill level: Confident beginner to experienced

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Joseph's Coat Scrap Quilt is a template-free exercise in color value (light, medium, and dark), resulting in a wonderful scrap quilt featuring a 16" block comprised of 77 pieces set with sashing units of 20 pieces. Although it appears complicated, the process is broken down into do-able steps in which you will give minimal thought to matching fabrics.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

For this class you will need a sewing machine in good working order and the usual sewing supplies including rotary cutting equipment with fresh, sharp blades, and lots of fabrics.

Thread in a neutral color (ecru, gray, etc.)

A Value Finder tool is very helpful for sorting your fabrics into light, medium and dark values.

Acrylic Rulers: I tend to use several sizes when rotary cutting; a 6" sq., a 6x12, and/or a 6x24, and a 12 or 15" sq. (Actually, all my rulers have the extra half inch added). Bring the rulers you are most familiar with.

Iron and Ironing surface

Also helpful will be a portable surface on which to arrange your fabric pieces. A flannel or batting covered cardboard about 20" sq. will suffice.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Fabric requirements are for a twelve-block quilt that will measure approximately 72 x 92 inches, depending on the width you choose for your border. The more the better, so pull out everything you think you might like to sew into your scrappy quilt and come prepared to share fabrics with one another in order for each class member to achieve lots of variety in her quilt. I will be bringing my own scraps to share with the class.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Lights, assorted Mediums, assorted Darks, assorted

3-3.5 yards 1.25 yards

3/4-1 yard

** Star Centers and outer border

** Star Points and narrow inner border

2.5 yards 1.5 yards

** The star center square and the outer border are effective in a dark print, preferably one that is rather dense. You will be cutting a square for each star center, so another option is to fussy cut that square from a fabric you love. The star points need to be a dark fabric that work with that square. I like to use a reads-as-solid print for the star points but the choice is yours so long as the star point fabric is dark. You can also make your stars different colors throughout the quilt; again, so long as they are a dark value to get the full effect of the design.

BEFORE CLASS:

Sort fabrics into lights, mediums and darks. For efficiency in class, I suggest bringing no more than ten different fabrics in each value. We will also use some class time to talk about and demonstrate value.

Keep separate the border and star fabrics

If you have an Accuquilt die cutting machine and the Go! Cube set for the eight inch blocks, dies for all of the shapes needed for the Joseph's Coat Scrap Quilt are included in that set of dies. Please email or call me at the number listed above and I will give you cutting instructions.

If you will be rotary cutting your fabrics bring to class the following: From the LIGHT value fabrics:

cut four strips 5-1/4" wide then subcut into 5-1/4" squares. cut four strips 2-1/2" wide then subcut into 2-1/2" squares.

From the MEDIUM and DARK value fabrics:

cut four strips 3" wide then subcut into 3" squares

Do not cut any of your chosen star center/border fabric. Instructions will be given in class regarding cutting.

Note: accurate cutting is the first step to a correctly sized shape/unit/block.

Any questions? Do not hesitate to call me and I will do whatever I can to help you!