

Simply Amazing Baravelle Spirals

A Spiral Quilt workshop with RaNae Merrill

In this workshop, you will learn how to draw, color and sew a Baravelle spiral block, based on the techniques in RaNae's book *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts*. (Books will be available for purchase at the workshop, but are not required. To purchase a book in advance, go to www.ranaemerrillquilts.com and click on "STORE".) We will sew one block in class and you will receive a pattern to finish blocks into hot pads. Of course, you're welcome to keep making more to create a whole quilt!

Materials Fee: There is a \$20 materials fee which includes a fabric kit for two spirals, preprinted foundations for the spiral blocks, printed paper templates, sewing instructions and a pattern. If you are taking this class at a show or guild, they might collect this with your registration. Otherwise, it is payable in class, cash preferred.

Tools:

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| _____ Sewing machine (Set-up instructions below) | _____ Dry-erase markers or crayons in several colors |
| _____ Basic sewing tools: pins, scissors, etc. | _____ Scotch tape |
| _____ Scissors for paper | _____ A full, new roll of double-sided scotch tape |
| _____ Light or neutral colored thread for sewing | (permanent, <i>not</i> removable. Scotch Brand |
| _____ 45mm rotary cutter with ruler and mat | in the yellow/red box is best. Buy a fresh roll |
| (preferably one that closes automatically) | at an office supply store. Old tape breaks and |
| _____ Fine-point permanent black pen | cheap brands don't stick well on fabric.) |
| _____ Pencil and a <i>fresh</i> eraser | _____ Masking or painter's tape |
| _____ Several sheets of white paper 8-1/2" x 11" | _____ Add-a-Quarter tool with a card |
| _____ Two highlighter pens in different colors | (available for purchase in class) |
| (orange, pink or yellow) | _____ Seam roller (optional, but really helpful; |
| _____ 4 plastic page protectors | available for purchase in class) |
| | _____ A gallon-size ziploc bag |

Sewing Machine Set-up:

If you are attending this class at a show, machines may be provided for you. If you are not sure, please check with the show. If you bring your own machine it should be ready to sew with a new 75/11 or 80/12 needle. Use a foot that allows you to clearly see lines on the foundation, such as an open-toe foot, 1/4" foot, or a clear foot with a center-line mark. Please check your machine to make sure it is working properly before you bring it to class. Don't set up the machine at the beginning of class -- you'll need the table space for designing, then set up when you're ready to sew.

About Translucent Foundation Material:

Spirals are sewn using paper piecing, so they require a foundation material to which you sew the fabric. I insist on foundation material that is *translucent*, which means you can see through it. Since you can see through it, you put fabric on the *front* and sew from the *back*. This means that you don't have to think in mirror-image like you have to do on an opaque foundation. (Traditional paper-piecers take note!) One brand is Fun-Dation.

For this workshop, foundations will be provided for you, preprinted on translucent foundation Sheets. If you wish to purchase additional printed sheets or packages of blank sheets, they will be available in class. Most quilt shops also have some version of it and you can purchase it through my online store at www.ranaemerrillquilts.com.