

Outside the Box
64" x 64" with no borders

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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ...Pattern- Outside the Box by A Quilter's Dream (*)
- ...Sewing Machine, which you are familiar with, in good working order
- ... Rotary cutter, mat and ruler (**)
- ...Basic sewing supplies (seam ripper, extra needles, pins, etc.)
- ...Neutral colored thread that will blend with fabrics

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

- ...8 fat quarters for the background
- ...6 fat quarters for the frames
- ...4 fat quarters for the solid squares
- ...Binding 2/3 yard (if desired, you can get your binding strips from the trimmed long sides of backing fabric)
- ...Backing 4 1/8 yards

BEFORE CLASS

It will be sew much easier if you cut your fabrics at home where you have more room and can take a break as needed! You will also be able to start in on the fun part – sewing – right away!

Ok, it's going to look like a lot here.....don't get discouraged! After this prep the blocks are a breeze! I made each one in a little less than 15 minutes each! AND there are NO matching intersections in the block construction, not until sewing the blocks together will you see an intersecting seam!!!! A 1/4" seam is going to be imperative, everything is precut and if you vary your seam allowance making these blocks will NOT be fun. So if you aren't sure you have a perfect 1/4" you may want to practice on that before you get to the beach, if you don't know how I will teach you there!!!!

All cutting is done PARALLEL to the selvedge.....that means your strips will be 18" long.....not 22" long.....IMPORTANT!!!! There will also be some labeling you need to do, this is only for ease when you get ready to piece, the pattern has a schematic for you to combine the different elements so you get a "scrappy" effect with virtually no thinking!!!! (They did the thinking for us!!!!)

First of all take scraps of each of your fabrics and tape them to a piece of paper or note card.....label them.....BACKGROUNDS #'s 1-8, FRAMES letters A-F, and SOLID SQUARES letters a-d.

Ok, now we are ready to cut!!! Remember.....parallel to the selvedge!!!

Background: Cut each fat quarter as follows (each used in 2 different blocks):

Cut (1) 2" strip

Subcut into (2) 2" x 5 1/2" units Label as piece 3

(1) 2" x 4" unit Label as piece 1

Cut (1) 4 1/2" strip

Subcut into (4) 4 1/2" x 4" units Label as pieces 8 & 10

Cut (2) 3" strips

Subcut into (2) 3" x 16 1/2" units Label as piece 13

Cut (1) 6" strip

Subcut into (1) 6" x 2" unit, then trim this piece to a 2" x 4" unit Label as piece 1

Subcut the remaining strip into (2) 3" x 14" units Label as piece 12

Frames: Cut each fat quarter as follows (each used in 3 different blocks):

Cut (6) 3" strips

Subcut into (1) 3" x 5 1/2" units Label as pieces 4 & 5

(1) 3" x 10 1/2" unit Label as pieces 6 & 7

This will yield a total of (6) units of each size from each fat quarter, hence the multiple #'s for a single cut....clear as mud? Trust me!!!!

Solid Squares: Cut each fat quarter as follows (each used in 4 different blocks)

Cut (5) 4" strips

From (1) of the strips subcut (4) 4" x 4" units Label as piece 2

From each of the (4) remaining strips

Subcut into (1) 4" x 10" unit Label as piece 11

(1) 4" x 6 1/2" unit Label as piece 9

This will yield a total of (4) units of each size from each fat quarter.

I was going to make this be a rectangular quilt rather than a square quilt, so I purchased border fabric. Once I finished the blocks I wasn't happy with the dimensions it was going to give me by changing the layout.....sooo.....I went ahead and added the borders to the square quilt, making it just a little larger! If that is something you wish to do and would like help in calculating the yardage required, shoot me an email and I will be glad to help you calculate (I've lots of spare time on my hands!! In case you couldn't tell from this supply list!)

Can't wait to see all of you in May!!!!

(*) Pattern available from Easy As Pie Designs for \$8. You will need to preorder this. It will be available for you to pick up at the getaway, just be sure you preorder promptly!

(**)If you precut before coming to class you should only need a small mat.

Bring your extra fabric with you -- for just in case!!!! (there isn't going to be a lot of extra of most of it.....just bring what there is though!)