

Power Cutting & Power Cutting, Too

Supply List

Power cutting is a fast and efficient approach to rotary cutting. Power cutting is a collection of cutting techniques that allows quilters to choose the one that is best for the task at hand. For instance, making a few large half-square triangle units for a quilt should employ a different approach than making many small units. Working with scraps, strips, and charm squares requires different techniques than working with yardage of a few fabrics.

Your materials fee of \$90 is for a kit of beautiful batik fabrics (all the fabric you will need for the two day class), precut into shapes that allow you to move through the skills learning so much more in two days than ever thought possible. The multi-sized units can be combined to make one large project or a number of small ones. Because the fabrics are batiks, after class you can add more fabrics and pieces, increasing the quilt to any size you desire.

Please bring all of the following to class with you:

- **Sewing machine & neutral colored thread (medium gray or tan)** – Some of the cutting is embedded in the piecing. We will be doing a good bit of sewing during the class.
- **Basic sewing supplies – seam ripper, thread snips, etc.**
- **Books, *Power Cutting and Power Cutting, Too*, by Debbie Caffrey, *optional*** – *Power Cutting* is out of print. *Power Cutting, Too* is available for purchase during class or through my website. Some of the information on the various techniques will be provided as handouts, but there is so much information in *Power Cutting, Too* that you may want to own it for future reference. Individual quilt patterns for the quilts in the books will *not* be included in the handout. Other books that contain pertinent information are *It's Hip to Be Square*, *Delectably Simple Mountains*, and *Perfect and Painless Half-Square Triangle Units*. These books are not required. Bring them if you have them. These books are also available for purchase on my website and in class.
- **Rotary cutter, a mat that is at least 18" x 24", and the following rulers: a large square (12" - 15"); a long ruler (6" x 24", 8½" x 24", or similar size); an Omnigrid 96, 96L, or other half-square triangle tool; an Omnigrid 98, 98L, or other quarter-square triangle tool; all of the small squares you have; a set of Tri Recs tools; and any of your favorite rulers.** The TriRecs tools are *optional* and will be used in just a few exercises. Bring them if you have them. I will have several to share during class.
- **Pencil or pen**
- **Optional** – Bring patterns of several quilts that you are interested in making. These patterns can be from any book, pattern, or magazine. Bring patterns that are not mine. Using what you have learned in the process exercises, you may choose to cut and piece those quilts differently than instructed. For example, if you want to make a multiple fabric quilt from a pattern that is written for just a few fabrics, you will learn how to adapt that pattern to fit your wishes. On the other hand, you may choose to do the opposite and use yardage of just a few fabrics in place of a scrappy version. By the end of class you will have the skills you need to make the changes!

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