

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. I want you to bring fabrics to use for exercises to learn the various methods of power cutting.

Even with this process approach you will have a good deal of time to sew on a project during your two day workshop. Be sure you bring enough to keep you busy. Use most of the first day of the class for process and the balance of the first day with the second day of class for a project.

For the process, bring fabrics you do not mind using for exercises. These pieces may or may not become part of a future quilt, so don't plan to use anything that is really special. See below for more details.

Bring what you need for a project, too. Choose that project from either book, *Power Cutting* or *Power Cutting, Too*, or choose another pattern of your liking from any book, pattern, or magazine. Using what you have learned in the process exercises, you may choose to cut and piece the quilt 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, bring enough fat quarters, scraps, small pieces, etc., and 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 the first day you will have skills that you need to confidently make the changes! Please do not hesitate to call or email to get your questions answered.

Please bring all of the following to class with you:

- **Books, *Power Cutting* and *Power Cutting, Too*, optional, but highly recommended**

Handouts will be provided for some, but not all of the exercises, and if you are planning to make a quilt from either book, you will need to purchase a copy. Purchase directly from me or your local quilt shop. Books will be available for purchase during class. Other books that support the class are: *Delectably Simple Mountains*, *It's Hip to Be Square*, and *Perfect & Painless Half-Square Triangle Units*. They, too, will be available for purchase in class. Bring them if you have them. **All books are optional.**

- **Sewing machine & neutral colored thread**

- **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 Omnigrad 96L, an Omnigrad 98L, all of the small squares you have, and any of your favorite rulers.** The triangle tools may be purchased directly from me or at your local quilt shop. Tools will be available for purchase during class.

- **Pencil or pen**

- **Fabric**

To learn the processes, bring the following:

Bring scraps, charm squares, fat quarters, and short yardage pieces (half yard cuts, or so). You will need some of the larger pieces, so be sure to include at least half a dozen fat quarters and several short yardage pieces. Select a variety of values, visual textures, and colors. Choose anything that you don't mind using up for the learning process samples. In total, have three to five yards of fabric to play with. Obviously, you will not use it all, but it shouldn't take too much space, and I can't imagine any of you not having that much fabric lying around!

To make a project, choose a pattern, as described in the introduction at the top of the page, and bring the required fabrics and amounts for the quilt you want to make. Make sure you bring the pattern or book and any special tools or notions required for your project.

As I said above, I think the best way to make the most of your class is to spend the beginning making samples and learning processes, and the rest of class can be spent getting well into a quilt of your choice.

Questions?

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