

Class # 102 - Sand Devils Monday/Tuesday

Sand Devils
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Pre-Class Instructions for Sand Devils: Purchase your pattern before class and read through the instructions in your pattern at least one time before class. Yardage amounts are listed in the instructions and on the back of the pattern.

Pre-class Cutting Instructions: The preparation work for this class requires you to pre-cut all your fabrics for each of the foundation units. Follow the cutting instructions in the pattern for each unit. Cut out only the large rectangle pieces that fit under the Template Layout Sheets for each unit. After the large fabric pieces are cut for each of the Template Layout Sheets place them into a bag with both the layout sheets and foundation papers. Don't cut the individual template pieces apart before class.

In class I will show you how to arrange your colors and pre-stack your fabrics before cutting the individual template pieces apart. I will demonstrate the easiest and fastest way to use your Template Layout Sheets to cut out your fabric pieces. The cutting is not difficult but it may take you a little time to work through the colors. Read carefully and if you don't understand something set it aside and proceed with the next step. Work through each of the steps one at a time. Try to get all your fabric cut out prior to coming to class. If you can't figure something out you can send me email. If I am unable to get back to you or solve your problem we will figure it out in class. It is your responsibility to come to class prepared and ready to work.

Foundation Papers: Separate the foundation papers for each unit. Place them into the bags that are listed in the pattern under the information for the Foundation Papers. I would like you to bring four foundation papers precut and ready to use for each unit to class. Bring the rest of your foundation sheets with you uncut. I will demonstrate a very simple process on how to stack the pieces before cutting the section apart. This will save you several hours of prep-work.

When cutting out the foundation papers trim the excess paper off from around the outside cutting line approximately 1/8".

Template Layout Sheets: Most of the templates are arranged and grouped together on Template Layout Sheets. Each foundation unit has one or two Template Layout Sheets. In class, I will show you how to use the layout sheets to cut the fabric so don't stress over what you are doing. Don't glue the on Template Layout Sheets onto any plastic. Template Layouts Sheets should remain as paper templates.

Photocopy the Templates and Template Layout sheets: In your instructions it will tell you if you need to make photocopies of any of the Templates and Template Layouts Sheets. So read your instructions. If it says to make copies then make the copies before you come to class. Follow the instructions in your pattern for the correct number of copies. Take your patterns with you to get your copies. Some places are a little sticky about making copies on my patterns

Caution! Always check your templates for accuracy after photocopying or scanning to the original templates in the pattern. If the templates are not sized properly before cutting your fabrics, the fabric pieces you cut could end up the wrong size and you may need to re-cut and start over with new fabric.

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General Supply List: Steam iron, ironing board, medium size cutting board, 6" by 24" ruler, or the 6" by 12" ruler, small scissors, size 60 rotary cutter with a new blade, seam ripper, template plastic, surge protector, extension cord, and a sewing machine with a quarter inch foot. If you own the large 60mm rotary cutter please bring it with you to class. Make sure you have a new blade on your cutter before you come to class. Working with the smaller rotary blades will slow down your process.

Paper Piecing Supply List: 12" add-a-quarter ruler, Scotch tape, washout fabric glue stick, flower pins, large Ziploc bags, small Ziploc bags, stapler, a Purple Thang, size 70/10 microtex sharp sewing needles, and a high quality cotton thread (poor thread has a tendency to break when removing the paper).

Please bring with you several boxes of small and medium size binder clips. You will probably use 4 or 5 boxes of 12 for this quilt. You will find binder clips, will become your next best friend after working with templates for foundation paper piecing.

In this class you will have the opportunity to learn some of the techniques that I teach and write about in my patterns. I teach a process of foundation paper-piecing that uses a chain-piecing method. This process is possible because all of the fabric is pre-cut using templates that I have designed and included in the pattern. I also teach speed-cutting techniques for both paper and fabric. I teach sewing and pressing techniques that will enable you to do foundation paper piecing, curved piecing, and traditional piecing. I teach fast and easy ways to make templates, how to use them, and how to design them.

Extra foundation papers are available for this quilt. The information needed to order the extra foundation papers, is found on my web page. If you would like to have the extra foundation papers available to you before class so you can figure out your yardage, please place your order on line at www.quiltworx.com. If you are taking this class through a local quilt shop please place your order through them prior to class to insure that your pieces will arrive before class

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me prior to class by phone or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you in class!

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