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CONTINUUM: A TWO DAY RULER PLAY PROJECT

Workshop Materials List for 48"x40" Continuum Quilt

Fabric requirements:

Fabric one (dark): ½ yard

Fabric two (medium dark): 1 yard

Fabric three (medium): 1 yard

Fabric four (medium light): ½ yard

Fabric five (light): ½ yard

Backing fabric: 2-1/2 yards

Batting: 1-1/4 yards 90" wide (I used wool, but cotton or bamboo would be equally suitable)

Sashing: 3/8 yard to put the blocks together

Binding: 3/8 yard

All students should also have the Continuum Quilt Class in a Bag; also bring the Ruler Foot and 12" Arc Ruler from the original Ruler Foot Starter Set. Optional: If you own the 6 piece template set, bring the 4" Arc Ruler. Make sure that all of these are in the correct shank height for your machine.

Long ruler for marking (my favorite is an Omnigrid 3"x18").

Rulers may be pre-ordered through your dealer to be purchased the day of class.

NOTE: Every student MUST have an extension table for their machine. It's impossible to do this work just over an accessory box (most of them curve and then the ruler wobbles) and even worse over a frearm. Different types of extension tables are available... talk with your sewing machine dealer about the different options.

Cutting Instructions for 48"x40" Continuum Quilt

NOTE: All cutting should be done before class! This is a quilt-as-you-go quilt, so cutting instructions are written for each block to be quilted individually. Top fabric, batting and backing pieces should be grouped together by letter (A, B, etc.). I used Alphas and small binder clips to hold each set of pieces together. I am a fairly fast cutter and all of the cutting took me approximately 2-1/2 hours.

WOF – width of fabric; this would indicate a strip cut selvage to selvage across the width of the purchased fabric.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

TOP FABRICS: There are 14 blocks in this quilt, so you will get to stitch at least one of each block of every design in the larger quilt. The blocks are labeled A-M; these are indicated in parentheses after each of the top and backing cutting instructions. I have used 5 fabrics in this smaller version of the Continuum quilt.

Fabric 1, ½ yard (darkest): Cut one 15" WOF strip; from this strip, cut one 15"x5-1/2" rectangle (B), one 15"x22" rectangle (F) and one 13"x13" square (L).

Fabric 2, 1 yard (medium dark): Cut one 16" WOF strip. From this strip, cut one 16" x 5-1/2" rectangle (I) and **TWO** 15"x10" rectangles (A). Cut one 13" WOF strip; cut one 13"x23" rectangle (K). **NOTE:** Be sure to cut two of rectangle A!

Fabric 3, 1 yard (medium): Cut one 16" WOF strip; cut one 16"x22-1/2" rectangle (H). Cut one 15" WOF strip; cut one 15"x28-1/2" rectangle (C).

Fabric 4, ½ yard (medium light): Cut one 16" WOF strip; from this strip, cut one 16"x8" rectangle (J) and one 15"x25" rectangle (E).

Fabric 5, ½ yard (lightest): Cut one 16" WOF strip; from this strip, cut one 16" square (G), one 15"x8" rectangle (D) and one 13"x5-1/2" rectangle (M).

BACKING FABRIC: I chose to use one fabric for all of the quilt backing pieces, the medium value from my five fabric choices. Depending on the effect you are going for, you could use one fabric or all five (in which case you would buy double the quantity of fabric required above and follow the same cutting instructions, cutting two for one, and have a reversible quilt!), depending on the effect you are going for. The following is the cutting instructions I used for the 2-1/2 yards of backing fabric.

Cut **TWO** 16" WOF strips. From one strip, cut one 16"x5-1/2" rectangle (I), one 16" x 22-1/2" rectangle (H) and one 16"x8" rectangle (J). From the second strip, cut one 16" square (G), one 15"x5-1/2" rectangle (B), one 15"x10" rectangle (first A*) and one 15"x8" rectangle (D). *The second A piece will be cut with the next strip.

Cut **THREE** 15" WOF strips. From first strip, cut one 15"x22" rectangle (F), one 15"x10" rectangle (second A) and one 13"x5-1/2" rectangle (M). From second strip, cut one 15"x28-1/2" rectangle (C). From third strip, cut one 15"x25" rectangle (E).

Cut one 13" WOF Strip; cut one 13"x13" square (L) and one 13"x23" rectangle (K).

BATTING: I cut my batting pieces from large scraps of wool batting that I had on hand. My estimate is that it would also take 2-1/2 yards of 45" inch batting (such as three crib size batts, which are cut 36"x45") or 1-1/4 yards of 90" wide batting off the bolt. However you buy it, it would be cut just like the backing above. If you cut the batting to 45" wide, you can follow the instructions for the backing exactly as written.

After you have cut everything, group the top, batting and backing for each piece together. You should have 14 groups: 2 A's and then one each of B-M. Once you have these grouped together, stack them in alphabetical order to bring them to class.

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