

Philippa Naylor

Contemporary Curved Piecing

Suitable for confident students who have good sewing machine skills.

Learn Philippa's unique award winning curved piecing method in this exciting new class. Working on the machine right from the word go students begin by sewing a simple block which introduces them to curved piecing and quickly enables them to understand the principles of the technique. Philippa then explains the elements of design which are the most important features of her quilts—drama, contrast, movement, balance and layering. This is followed by extensive discussion of materials, equipment and working methods, and explains why the right choices help you achieve the best results with your sewing. Students then learn how to draft a master pattern for a small curved quilt and from this make templates in a quick and easy way. Detailed demonstrations illustrate how to cut around the curved templates accurately with a rotary cutter. After further demonstrations on sewing and pressing students sew their quilt top together using precise techniques sure to give wonderful results. A great opportunity to learn an entirely different way of creating a beautifully crafted contemporary quilt top!

What you need to bring with you:

- _Fabric. Some larger pieces, some fat quarters and maybe even some scraps. Good quality fabric with a high thread count is a good idea as loosely woven fabrics have a tendency to fray as the edges are clipped and handled. Just bring whatever you love, but be sure to have good contrast in terms of light, medium and dark values. I prefer solids and near solids as the piecing shows up best on these - so consider this when making your choices. You don't need masses of fabric as you will only be making a small project but it is nice to have options!
- _Fine sewing thread. I prefer 50/2 weight cotton thread (DMC or Superior Threads). Fine polyester thread is a good alternative.
- _Sewing machine needles to match thread.
- _High quality tracing paper that will not tear easily.
- _A few sheets of large size sketch paper for the master pattern.
- _28mm rotary cutter. Please note that this size is essential for this technique.
- _1" x 6" ruler. Please note this is essential for this technique.
- _Cutting mat.
- _Long quilters ruler.
- _Small fabric scissors with sharp points.
- _Sharp pencils, an eraser and notepad.
- _Scissors for paper.
- _Sewing machine in good working order. Please be sure to bring your slide on tray table, manual and knee bar if you have one.
- _Quarter inch foot.
- _Fine straight pins.
- _Freezer paper.
- _Double sided Scotch tape/Sellotape.
- _Optional - cushion to sit on, iron and board, extension cord.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions, however small they might be.
Email: philippa_a_naylor@yahoo.co.uk, I will be more than happy to hear from you!

No additional supply fee.