

Beginners Blocks with Esther Anderson

Sunday 15th April
10am to 3pm



This is a class for beginners to get you started with simple patchwork techniques. Esther will show you how to cut simple shapes such as strips and squares accurately using a rotary cutter, mat and ruler, and how to piece these pieces accurately to make a variety of blocks using half square and quarter square triangles and flying geese blocks. You will hopefully get two to three blocks finished at the class and patterns will be provided for additional blocks that you can finish at home. You can make the blocks into a table runner, small quilt or individual cushions.

To get started you will need six fat quarters for the blocks. Two light, two medium and two dark. If you decide to make all the blocks you will probably need some extra fabric and you might want to practice the blocks first and if so you will need spare fabric to practice on. Small prints, plains and marbles work best for these blocks and remember if you have bigger prints we are going to be cutting them up into quite small pieces so you may lose the pattern.

You will need additional fabric for borders and backing to turn your blocks into cushions or a quilt. We can discuss that in class and I will help you work out what additional fabrics you need. I will also give you instructions on how to add borders and how to turn your blocks into cushions.

IMPORTANT ó Your fabrics should be 100% cotton, no polycotton, furnishing fabrics etc. You can patchwork with any fabric, but non cotton fabrics can be very challenging and unpredictable due to stretch and their thickness, so when you are learning make life easy for yourself and stick to 100% cotton!

Other requirements

- Toning thread such as cream or grey
- Usual sewing kit ó flat flower head pins, small scissors, unpicker, spare machine needles
- Sewing machine with ¼ inch foot
- Marking pencil, sharp HB pencil is fine
- You can bring your own rotary cutter and ruler if you have them, but we do have this equipment in the workroom for you to use.