

**Class Name:**

**FPP 101 – Fundamentals of Foundation Paper Piecing**

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### **Class Description:**

If you are looking for perfectly precise points in your piecing without a ton of fuss, then foundation paper piecing is a “must have” technique you want to add to your skill base and quilting portfolio. Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) is a technique used to achieve accurate and uniform seams, and efficiency while working with everything from small projects with odd angles to large quilts with a variety of blocks. FPP is not only for quilters but is also for those looking to add unique design elements to their bags, garments, and handmade gifts. This is a technique course to learn the basics of FPP so you will complete one (or a few blocks) in class as time/pace of participants permits.

Class participants will learn the fundamentals of foundation paper piecing in this **class designed for beginners.**

***\*\*Participants will need access to a printer to print/prepare their pattern pieces for the block.***

### **Skills/Techniques Presented:**

How to read and follow a printed FPP pattern.

How to measure, cut, and sort your fabric for organized sewing.

How to build a FPP block in sequential order using the Add-a-Quarter PLUS Ruler for FPP.

How to secure and trim your finished block to size.

### **Supply List:**

- ☑ **Fabric of your choosing** (see fabric requirements below)
- ☑ **Foundation Paper Piecing Tool Kit** (includes the following):
  - NEEDLES: 75/11 needle specific to your machine \*OR\* Microtex 70/10
  - THREAD: 50wt \*OR\* 80wt in a NEUTRAL COLOR (suggested for fine/intricate piecing)
  - FPP RULER: 6” Add-a-Quarter PLUS Ruler (12” ruler OPTIONAL for longer piecing, recommended)
  - ROTARY CUTTERS: 28mm & 45mm
  - SCISSORS: Small Snips
  - Seam Roller (Violet Craft is an excellent choice, a wallpaper roller is a good choice as well)

- Glue Stick or Glue pen (Sewline glue pen recommended, be sure glue stick is CLEAR/washable)
- Small tweezers (Swiss Style highly suggested)
- Frixion pen
- ☐ **QUILTING RULER:** 2.5x12" inch quilting ruler (or larger)
- ☐ **PAPER:** 20lb printer paper (suitable for basic blocks, easy to print but harder to remove)  
\*OR\* FPP Paper (June Tailor Perfect Piecing Foundation Sheets RECOMMENDED, Carol Doak's Foundation Paper is also a good choice)
- ☐ **Paper scissors**
- ☐ **Cutting Mat** for next to your machine (size 12x18" suggested)
- ☐ **OPTIONAL: Lightbox** (size A4 or larger)
- ☐ **OPTIONAL: Clear/Transparent Self-Healing Cutting Mat** for use with light box (size 9x12" or larger to accommodate the size of your light box)
- ☐ **OPTIONAL: Colored Pencils** (for marking pattern to reflect fabric choices)

## **Basic Sewing Supplies:**

- Sewing machine, power cord, and foot pedal
- Sewing machine manual
- Presser foot that allows you to see your stitch line and everything that goes on around your needed (clear plastic sole foot, transparent zig zag foot, or an open toe applique/embroidery foot are all good choices)
- ¼" piecing foot
- Full bobbin (to match your choice of piecing thread, see supply list above)
- Small trash bin or similar container for next to your machine
- Wonder Clips (or similar)
- SCISSORS: Fabric scissors of your choice (6" or longer)
- OPTIONAL: Small Iron and pressing mat
- OPTIONAL: Seam ripper (the sharper the better)

## **Fabric Requirements:**

When choosing fabrics consider the contrast that you want your block to have - color blocking ROYGBV, monochromatic, or single color range as examples. When working in a single color range you can create contrast by selecting in different shades/patterns of the same color (light, dark, dots, stripes, florals, swirls, etc)

- 1 FQ – "thread"
- 1 FQ – "heart"
- 1 FQ – "spool" top/bottom
- 1 FQ – background

## **CLASS PREP (before class):**

- ❖ Print **ONE COPY** of **\*\*pattern instructions\*\*** to printer paper.
- ❖ Print **at least TWO COPIES** of the **\*\*FPP pattern\*\*** to your choice of paper (see supply list above)  
***When printing your pattern pieces please check that your settings say 100% or “Actual Size”***
  - o *Consider printing THREE COPIES of your FPP Pattern Pieces in the case that you make an error you will have a back-up pattern piece with you during class*
- ❖ ***We will cut the pattern pieces in class so don't forget your paper scissors.***

***Pattern will be emailed to all participants a minimum of 7 days before class so participants can troubleshoot any printing issues that should arise (see supply list for suggested paper for printing).***

- 📄 **PATTERN:** Heart on a Spool by Quiet Play