

'Stars and Scraps' Scrap Quilt

Based on the quilts 'Stars and Scraps' which won a first prize in its category at the Festival of Quilts at the N.E.C. in Birmingham 2003 and featured in 'Fabrications' magazine, this workshop will show you how to make effective scrap quilts from a number of simple star blocks combined with scrap fabrics. Quick piecing and rotary cutting techniques cut out the need to use templates and speed up the production process.

Students must be familiar with the rotary cutting set and the sewing machine as this method of working requires precision in both the cutting and the sewing of an accurate quarter inch seam

Students requirements.

Sewing machine, extension lead and neutral coloured thread: beige or grey.

Usual sewing kit, rotary cutting set including the shorter (12 " x 6 " or 6 " square) ruler if you have one and sewing machine with the quarter inch foot if possible .

Fabric marker

A few pieces of A4 plain paper and tracing paper and pencil, sharpener, eraser and ordinary ruler

Optional - camera and notebook

Irons and pads: bring your own if possible to avoid queueing for the workshop ones.

Fabrics:

Bring along a selection of fabrics which in your opinion will harmonise, in different values (light, medium and dark tones) and in a selection of colours - fat or long quarters and smaller pieces. I used mainly patterned fabric in the quilt but plain could also be included. Twelve to fifteen different fabrics in all.

Include some **bright** fabrics such as yellow, orange, pink, turquoise etc

Furnishing fabrics are **not** suitable for patchwork as they are too thick for the number of seams created.

Preparation: If you have time before coming to the class you can prepare some of the units as follows: Quick piece together at least 16 pairs of half square triangle units in contrasting light / dark values. Cut each combination of the squares 4 inches, then, when the half square triangle units are pieced and pressed cut these down to exactly 3 1/2 inches square. to make a 3 " finished unit. Use different fabrics for each unit pair i.e. 32 fabrics altogether. Using the quick piecing method for half square triangles you will have two units of each combination. (At this stage the units should measure 3½" which provides the seam allowance for stitching the units together thus making a 3" finished unit.) Press seams.

Looking Forward to meeting you....Katharine Guerrier