

Judy Niemeyer

Reaching Beyond Tradition with Foundation Paper Piecing

Judy Niemeyer is an international instructor known for her foundation paper piecing techniques and quilt patterns. Her company, Judy Niemeyer Quilting Inc., has published over 60 foundation paper pieced quilt patterns over the last 10 years. Her quilts and patterns have become well-known both nationally and internationally among quilters and quilt shop owners. The patterns include many sewing techniques commonly referred to as foundation paper piecing, traditional piecing, curved piecing, strip piecing, and appliqué.

Students in Judy's classes will have the opportunity to learn a process, which simplifies and minimizes waste that has come to be associated with many common foundation paper piecing methods. Her distinctive approach first involves the use of templates that allow the user to precut the fabric pieces intended for use in her quilts. When using the templates, she teaches her students speed-cutting techniques. She then introduces her students to using foundation papers for constructing the sections of the quilt. She provides instruction regarding a number of techniques that speed up the piecing process, including chain-piecing and curved piecing techniques. Her love for appliqué has also resulted in her classes including appliqué demonstrations by popular demand.

In addition, she incorporates instruction on selecting colors, designing unique layouts of her patterns, and provides useful instruction regarding sewing and overall organization. Judy will share many of her short cuts and tips that she uses when doing her own paper piecing with her students. In addition, she will demonstrate the use of the tools and products that she recommends for use in completing her patterns.

You can visit her online at www.quiltworx.com. Her website includes slide shows, color changing quilts, and many samples made using her patterns.

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The following items will be used in class:

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| Sewing Machine with a quarter-inch foot | Table-top Light |
| Steam Iron with auto shut off | Sheet to cover your work at night |
| Ironing Board | Scissors |
| Template Plastic | Seam ripper |
| 12" Add-a-quarter ruler | Fabric glue UHU stic |
| Purple Thang | High quality cotton sewing thread |
| 6" by 24" ruler | Flower pins |
| Medium size cutting mat | Scotch Tape |
| Rotary cutter | Large Ziploc Bags |
| New rotary blade | Stapler |
| Size 70 needles | Binder Clips or Large Paper Clips |
| Multi-plug extension cord with surge protection | |

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The class that you will be taking is an open format so you will need to choose and purchase a pattern from Judy. Pick any pattern that you like and be prepared to work on this one pattern. You will need to follow the cutting instructions for your patterns prior to class.

There will be some cutting demonstrations and hints provided in class, but you will be much more prepared for class and gain the most from your instruction by having the quilt cut out beforehand. Many of the Lone Star patterns would require that you spend the majority of your time in class actually cutting the pattern out, as opposed to learning the piecing process, which is what most students are there to learn! In addition, with cutting stations limited, taking up a station for much of one or more entire days to actually cut out your quilt (as opposed to using it for paper piecing steps) would slow down every student in the room.

Towards the end of the workshop, if you need some instructions or advice on a second project, Judy can usually work this in.

If you have any additional questions, please email Judy at judy@quiltworx.com. She will need your name and tell her that you are in the Empty Spools Workshop and please indicate which pattern you are working on along with your specific question.

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