

Supply List for Curvaceous Squares – Diana Hire

1. Recommended: 100% Cotton Fabrics, only!

Bring combinations of fabrics that you really love together. You may bring fabrics that read as solids...batiks, hand-dyed, motley commercials. **OR** if you like really printy fabrics, those, too, work well. Yes, even, a grouping of calicoes makes a lovely finished piece as well a all dots or all stripes! Whatever you do, bring an array of colors that you love and offer visual delight to your heart. You may select all brights, or all muted, or a combination of both – just select according to what you like when you normally create a quilt. Vary your lights, mediums and darks for good contrast, but see specifics before cutting. **NOTE: All fabrics, below, should be different fabrics from each other – if possible, none should be the same!** (NOTE: sharing is encouraged...so be prepared to swap and/or share should someone need a color!)

- A. Precut Squares. Please bring 40-50 squares, all the precut to the same size. You may cut them anywhere from 5" to 8", but I suggest that 6" to 7" is a really good size (please, please cut these ahead of time to work quickly and not slow down other class members.) Each fabric should be different from another fabric, but all should combine together nicely. If you've chosen an array of prints, vary the fabric scales. To understand what to bring for color combos...

Colors should you opt to create a quilt similar to "Centrifuge": in your assortment of the 40-50 different fabric squares, "groupings" are easy to bring. For instance, you will need 4 to 5 families (groupings). Here is a chart of only (4) groups as an example, only...modify your chart according to your color preferences, so fill in the "another family" blanks, to help you decide. This is only an idea of how to make your color selections, not an exact listing of what colors you should bring:

Block	Blue Family	Green Family	Yellow Family	Red Family	Another Family?	Another Family?
#1	Turquoise	Chartreuse (lime)	Daffodil	Orange	?	?
#2	Sky Blue	Apple Green	Goldenrod	Fuchsia	?	?
#3	Periwinkle	Blue-Green	Lemon	True Red	?	?
#4	Grape Violet	Peacock	Ochre	Ruby	?	?

Colors should you opt to create a quilt similar to "Curvaceous Squares": in your assortment of the 40-50 different fabric squares, bring anything that works. If you bring prints, these are fabulous...if you select more solid-like fabrics, these are fabulous...if you select dots, these are fabulous. (Get it? Nearly anything works and what fun as the creations offer such surprises!)

- B. Many shades/colorations of 1 color family. This is the "popper". Bring approximately 30-40 pieces about 3" wide x 8-9" long. This color should not be used in the precut square assortment. However, if you have some shade of green in the square mix (like very, very dark), you certainly may use an assortment from lime to chartreuse to mud green shades for the popper. Suggested color families: greens to chartreuses; reds to oranges; yellows to oranges. Assortments will give your piece excitement and movement vs. only 1 fabric/color. See the image for better understanding of the popper.
- C. BLACK and WHITE: Bring a fat eighth of solid white fabric and a fat eighth of solid black fabric. Solids, yes, please. This would be the center of the windmill blades in the quilt, "Centrifuge".

- D. SCRAPs: Definitive word is “scraps”...in the same types and colors as in “A”, above. Scraps should be different from “A”, but in the same ilk. These will be used if and/or when needed as fillers... not a huge amount, plus we can share. Scraps. Really, I mean it: scraps. Do not cut from your stash!
- E. OPTIONALS for additional pieces: By the afternoon, you may need to create more blocks. Note the word, “may”! Thus, if you sew quickly, you may need others: 1/3 yard cuts or fat quarters...again, in the same “types/colors” of your selected fabrics.

2. Other Supplies

To transport any unsewn blocks and/or to use in class as a design wall, you may need some flannel. A very small bladed (Olpha 18 mm) rotary cutter is a good size for curves. Bring the largest rotary cutting mat you can bring. Sewing machine in good working order with extra needles (you may use a Featherweight, but not recommended.) Fabric shears, normal thread (*for piecing*), pins, seam ripper, & other normal sewing supplies for piecing. Needed: 12” square ruler. Orange extension cord (and electrical outlet surge strip, if you have one). **Bring your basic foot**, not a ¼” foot...the surface of a regular, basic foot holds the fabric best. Bobbins filled and ready for piecing. A spray bottle with water (THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ITEM!!!)

As always, I cannot help but recommend more fabric rather than less to satisfy that creative monster within us that needs to have a great fabric selection on hand.

Iron & ironing surface.

Be prepared to share small pieces of fabrics...this adds dimension to yours and others' created pieces.