

Prairie Point Pointers

Supply list (1 page)

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In this class you will learn three methods of making and applying Prairie Points, tucking them into seams and arranging them on the perimeter of a quilt. Prairie points are a classical, three dimensional treatment for edging a quilt in lieu of binding. They are particularly fun to add to place mats, table runners, and baby quilts, but have also found interest from fiber artists looking for embellishments to 'raise the surface' of their work. In class, you will apply borders Prairie Points, and layer/turn the quilt; no quilting will be done in class.

Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-888-9784 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Thank you, Helene



TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **Fabrics:** You will need
 - A 12"- 18" pieced block* OR a pre-printed novelty panel in that size range. ***Note:** This would be a great use for a leftover 'orphan' block from another project. Do not layer and quilt the panel or block.
 - Two ¼ yard selvedge to selvedge cuts of coordinating fabrics for two-step borders, to frame your block or panel.
 - A Fat Quarter** of fabric for the Prairie Points. You can make them all one color or choose 2-3 colors for variety if desired. ***Note:** a bag of assorted fabric scraps measuring at least 5" square may be substituted, the number of Prairie points you need will vary by the size of your center, the size you want to make your Prairie Points, and how closely they are positioned or overlapped.
- **Batting and backing:** Ideally, the backing should be slightly larger than the quilt top, and the batting slightly larger than that.
- **Rotary cutter, mat and a ruler:** Choose a ruler that will allow you to cut border strips, and trim/square your novelty panel (if using), while a 6" square will be helpful for preparing the Prairie Points.
- **A sheet of copy paper:** To test square sizes and preview the arrangement of the Prairie Points.
- **A quilter's pencil or fabric marking pen**
- **Fabric scissors:** a smaller pair or craft scissors with good sharp tips will be better than large shears.
- **Sewing pins:** You will need quite a few
- **A sewing stiletto or bamboo skewer:** To help hold down the folded prairie points while pressing them to set a crease, without scorching your fingers.
- **Portable small iron and pad (optional):** We can use the store's irons and boards but will need to take turns with them. Having your own little portable ironing station will make the ironing part of this more convenient (though we will have to consider how many irons the circuits in the classroom can handle).
- **Sewing machine:** with a standard piecing foot but a machine capable of some fancy stitches with an open toed zig zag foot would be even better.
- **Thread:** In colors that match and/or coordinate nicely with your fabrics.
- **Seam Ripper:** never leave home without one.