

Class Description -

Octagon Rose: Create a Sparkling Gem Using Freezer Paper Piecing Techniques

Class Supply List

- 4 sheets of freezer paper cut 8.5" x 11". Pre-cut freezer paper sheets are available online.

<https://www.equilter.com/product/100968/quilters-freezer-paper-sheets-30-sheets>



If students choose to create their own, they can do so by purchasing a roll of commercially-available freezer paper from their local grocery store. It may be either 15" or 18" wide. It may also be white or brown. However, parchment paper, waxed paper, or tracing paper will not work with this technique.



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- Home printer you can use to print the pattern on both freezer paper and regular paper.
(Regular paper print-outs can be used to experiment with color placement using your colored pencils.)
- Copy paper on which to print out the pattern so that you can experiment with color placement if you wish.
- 7 business sized envelopes or small plastic (transparent) baggies
- Colored pencils in the colors of the gem they want to create. However, don't limit yourself! You may want to make a gemstone reflecting a wide variety of hues and values.
- Regular pencil
- Ball point pen or Sharpie marker (black)
- Highlighter (example: yellow, pink, orange)
- Eraser
- Ruler with a 1/4" measurement; rulers that are between 12" and 18" in length and no more than 3" wide are easier to manage. My favorite ruler is the Omnigrip 12" x 1.5" ruler that has the 1/4 section shaded on each side. (1 1/2" x 12" Omnigrip Ruler Item #: RN1512)



- Domestic sewing machine and thread assortment (neutrals or colors that match your fabrics); you'll only need to sew a straight stitch.
- Scissors, rotary cutting tools (cutter and mat), pins; we'll be cutting paper with our rotary cutter, so if you want to bring two rotary cutters (one for paper and one for fabric), feel free to do so.
- Suggested, but not required: Acorn Precision Piecing "Seam Align" Glue (1 oz); if the host quilt shop does not carry this or another quality glue, I will bring samples for use if students want to experiment.
- Iron and ironing pad (or board)

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- Fabric - The fabrics best suited to this project are solids, ombres (gradients), hand-dyed, or hand-painted. It's best to limit color choices to no more than three hues, with a few values of each. And be sure to bring white and black fabric to add sparkle to the piece. In short, I encourage students to consider using no more than 5-7 different fabrics in their design. (Note: We'll spend the early part of the class talking about fabric selection, so if you're not sure what you want to use, bring what you have and you can make your selection while we chat.)