

Puzzle Quilts: Simple Blocks, Complex Fabric

Based on Paula Nadelstern books

This class is designed to train your eyes to look at fabric a different way. While there is a sample quilt based on Paula's Block of the Month, the goal of the class is for you to use the design techniques to create your own unique look, not to exactly replicate the sample. This class is for the confident quilter; the piecing of the blocks is simple but the use of fabric is a significant departure from what is usually decided upon. I found this intriguing and challenging; I now look at fabric very differently.

The class will be eight sessions, every other week.

The first class we will be exploring fabrics in the shop, discussing how they can be used. Your fabric selection should wait until this class, however think about the colors you love to work with or perhaps challenge yourself to move out of that box. Feel free to bring fabrics from your stash: think bold prints, those fabrics you bought that you loved but can't figure out what to do with, or those truly one of a kind prints. We will not be sewing this first session so no need to bring your machine. You will need certain supplies so please check the supply list.

Classes 2-7 will be designing and piecing the blocks, two that have identical piecing each session. In class 8 we will assemble the quilt with the frames and the sashing. You will have a completed top ready to quilt and perhaps enter in the Rockbridge Quilt Show!