

Basic Ruler Quilting Supply List

fabric/batting sandwiches - 15-20" squares(if not square it's okay eg. 16" x 18" if fine)

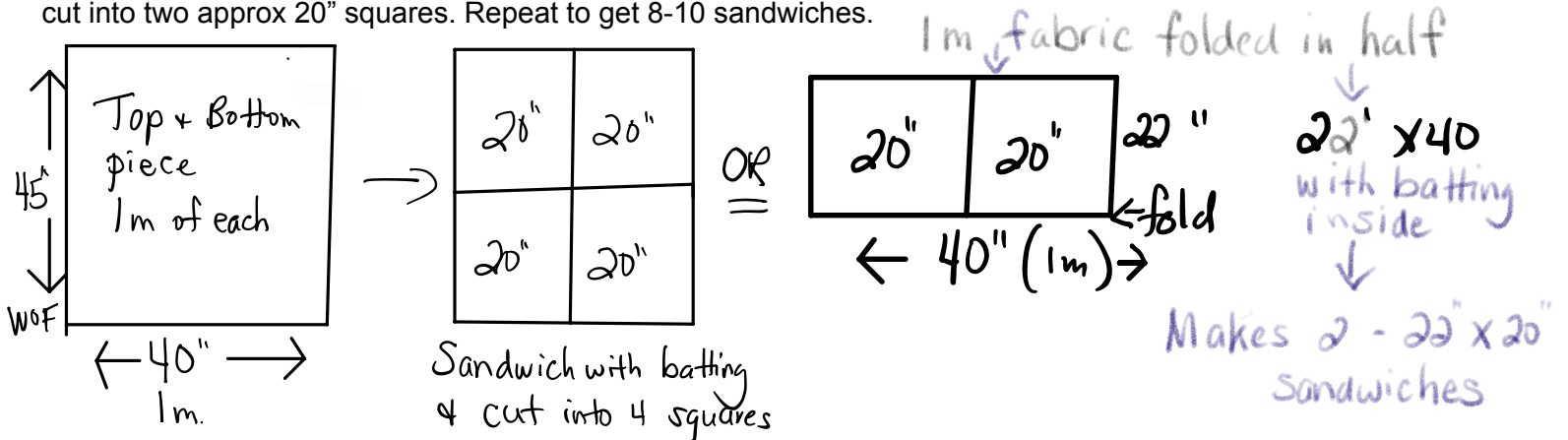
-you can use fabric scraps for the top piece that are tone on tone or a solid colour for the quilting to stand out on and the backing can be any fabric you wish. Batting scraps of any type can used.

4m of fabric and 1m of batting(96" wide) will provide 8 sandwiches. If not using a fusible batting, use 505 spray to baste your sandwiches.

Optional - bring along any small project like placemats, runners, toppers, bags (and the thread you'd like to use) that need quilting - we can discuss how you could use ruler quilting and you might be able to work on that at the end of the class if you're comfortable with the ruler quilting(I find most students aren't ready for that but like to have recommendations for projects that they can do once they have practice). Bring in quilts tops too so we can discuss how you could incorporate ruler quilting(I like to combine with free motion and will discuss this in class).

Suggestions for fabric/batting quantities and layouts for sandwiches if not using scraps-

If using 45" wide fabric 2m of fabric will provide 4 - 20" x 20" sandwiches - I would sandwich 1m of fabric with a 42" x 40" batting piece and another 1m of fabric- baste using spray or use a fusible batting and then cut 4 - 20" squares OR for easier handling fold 1m of fabric in half and place a 21" x 40" piece of batting in between. Baste and cut into two approx 20" squares. Repeat to get 8-10 sandwiches.



Leave 3 sandwiches unmarked.

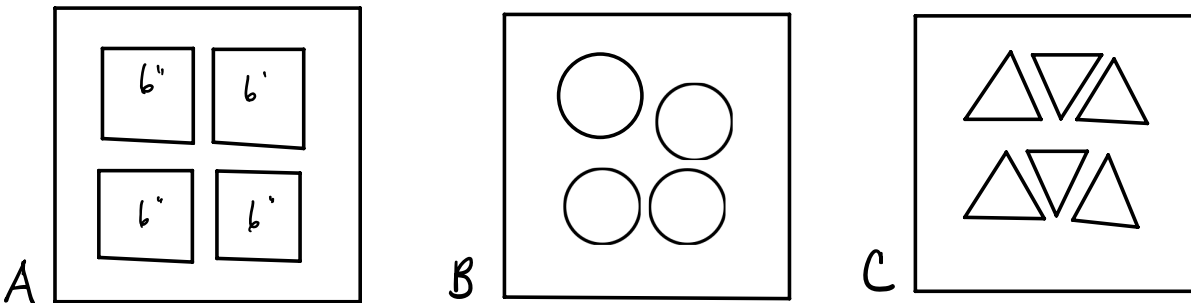
Using a pen or permanent fine marker on the sandwiches make the following:

On 1 sandwich draw horizontal lines about 2" apart (you can vary the spacing from 1 1/2" to 3")

On 1 sandwich draw squares (5-6" square use a square ruler if you have one) about an inch or less apart. Leave more room around the perimeter as it's easier to work with. 4-6 squares will fit on a 20" x 20" batting sandwich. (A)

On 1 sandwich draw circles about 5-6" in diameter (a plastic lid can be used) and space close together with more fabric around perimeter. (B)

On 1 sandwich draw a 60 degree triangles about 5-6" high - use a ruler to make it easier. (C)



These 7 sandwiches will give you a good start for practicing but if you make more that is fine as you will be prepared for more practice at home or in class:) optional - You can draw rectangles on an extra sandwich to practice in that shape or leave extras blank until you know what shape you'd like to practice ruler quilting in.

You will unlikely get to stitch on all the sandwiches prepared but better to have more - great prep for practice after the class:)

Sewing supplies:

Sewing machine in good working order

- Ruler foot for your machine - the one made for your machine is best (eg. A Bernina foot for a Bernina machine) but if you have an adaptor with a ruler foot attachment for your machine (which was the only option in the early days of domestic machine ruler quilting) this will be fine too.
- Straight line quilting ruler/template. If you don't have any I recommend purchasing a straight ruler with marked lines parallel to edge, tabs are a nice addition for better 1/4" guidelines. We have a couple different ones in the store which I can show you. Bring any other quilting rulers you have too but the focus will be to start with the easiest one to maneuver which is the straight edge rulers - some rulers have a straight edge on one side and a curve on the other and this can be used for our class. I will bring all my rulers to show you how they create different shapes. You can borrow mine later in the day after you have had time to practice the basics with the straight line ruler.

80/12 or 90/14 quilting needles/topstitch needles

Thread to contrast against your fabric (50w)

A spritz away marker, frixion marker(iron away) or disappearing ink pen - optional - we often don't mark and if we do, permanent isn't a bad idea when practicing as you have a permanent reference marked.

A permanent pen/marker for labeling samples.

Sketchbook and pencil/pen.

A small ruler at least 6" long (for marking purposes, not quilting)

Quilting gloves - I use machingers

Machine manual - settings for machines can be different and at times I have found a manual would have been useful for some students. Dropping feed dogs and adjustment of foot pressure(if available on machine) and needle positions can vary for free motion on each machine. If you're unsure of these settings please bring your manual.

Optional - supreme slider or sewing Teflon slider - only if you ready have - will show in class



Thanks for signing up for this basic ruler quilting class - the idea is for you to get comfortable moving a ruler and fabric while free motion quilting. It definitely takes practice and that's what we will be doing. Everyone has different machines and I will give you tips and techniques that work best for you, your machine and the rulers you have.

Be patient and take time to practice and you will learn how to make great use of quilting

rulers!

Look forward to helping you along. Deb:)