

Eclipsing the Fear of Piecing with Silk

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Supplies:

1. Eclipse by Janine Burke (Blue Underground Studios)
2. Winter Solstice silk collection or other silk collection with a minimum of 13 fat quarters (18" X 27")
3. Sewing machine with accessories (¼" foot especially)and manual
4. Rotary equipment (put a new blade in and bring an extra blade to class)
5. Rulers- These will be the most useful- 12 ½" square, 8" X 12 ½", 2 ½" X 18"
6. Basic sewing supplies(thread-50 wt cotton such as Aurfil , scissors, pins that are extra fine and very sharp, etc)

Pre-class Preparation:

1. I prefer to prewash my silk so that I can wash my quilt later instead of dry cleaning and prewashing will shrink the fabric enough to reduce the raveling problem.
2. To wash the silk you will need to serge the edges or zigzag the edges first or you will lose several inches to raveling edges. If you don't have a serger, let me know if you would like to serge the edges and I will set up a time when you can come to the shop and use mine.
3. I washed my silk on the hand wash setting of my machine (front loader) in cold water, if you do not have this setting you may actually hand wash the silk in the sink, if you use this method you will need to roll the washed silk in a towel to press out as much water as possible. Either way you must use a very mild soap (**not** Woolite- I'll explain this in class).
4. Line dry the silk (stretch the fabric out so that it is mostly flat before putting on the rack to dry. It will not take very long to dry.
5. Press the silk. I did use steam.
6. We will cut in class. Make sure to start with a new blade.

If you have any questions, please email me at kathy@kathylincoln.com.