

# PARQUET

From *French Braid with a Twist* by Jane Hardy Miller

## Class Description

Students will make a lap-size Parquet top as shown on page 61 of *French Braid with a Twist*. A generous instructor might also give instructions

on adding separators, as shown in the photo on page 67.

Borders and quilting done after class. Achievable for an advanced beginner, but may be too challenging for a first time quilter

## Class Length

Works well as two 2-hour classes with preselected fabric. Add an extra 2-hour class if fabric selection will be included in the class time.

## Class Supply List

**Required Text:** *French Braid with a Twist* by Jane Hardy Miller

- Fabric as listed on page 62. Point out the portion of the boxed paragraph at the top of the page where it says more variety is better.
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler(s). One ruler should be at least 24" long.
- Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies
- Office dots or some other method of labeling components

If the class is 2 2-hour classes, students should select the fabric before class begins. Remind them that they may need extra rotary blades and/or another ruler.

## Pre-Class Cutting

All main and accent fabrics should be cut at home, following the instructions on page 62, and brought to class. This would be before the first session of the 2-week class or between the first and second sessions if you have added a shopping day to the class.

## Classroom Preparation

Classroom should have good lighting with enough ironing stations for the students.

## Class Agenda

Class 1 (of 2): Start with step 1. Point out the importance of labeling the various components. Continue through the steps at students' pace. Homework: Finish the 4 braids (through step 17).

Class 2: Discuss trimming, stay-stitching, arranging, pinning and sewing the columns (steps 18-25). Discuss the addition of borders (page 18).

Plan a class reunion in a few weeks for Show and Tell.