

Building Blocks

From *Piecing Makeover*

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Class Description:

A great class for building confidence in beginner and beyond beginner quilters. Go through some basic building blocks of quilting to teach students how to make perfect points and match seams and build on those skills so they can create more complicated well-made blocks as they progress.

Class Length:

It takes four hours to teach Building Blocks.

Class Supply List:

- Required text: *Piecing Makeover*
- Sewing machine and cords
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Ruler
- Iron
- Thread
- Pins
- Seam ripper
- Marking tool
- 1/3 yard of 4 different fabrics

Classroom Preparation:

Each student will need a space for a machine by an outlet. Space to cut fabric by their machine is an added bonus. An iron and ironing board for every 3–4 students is ideal.

Class Agenda:

1. Begin with strip piecing and build on that to teach students the next two techniques in the book.
2. Teach students how to make a proper half-square triangle and build on that technique to teach students how to use that basic block to make other blocks.

TIP: Teach each technique as a one-hour class. Students can come week after week to learn new techniques, building on the lesson from the previous week. One-hour classes give you an opportunity to show customers how to use different tools, like the Clearview Acrylic Rulers or the HexEssentials Viewers (both available at C&T).

You can also teach each section as a class or use the book to design your own technique-based block-of-the-month quilt.