

***Charm School* Class Plan**

From ***Charm School—18 Quilts from 5" Squares***

By Vanessa Goertzen of Lella Boutique

Class Description:

This class explores multiple methods to transform 5" squares into half-square triangles and the tricks to making them flawless. Students will make blocks for both *Hoodwink* and *Charm Bracelet*, quilts found in Vanessa Goertzen's *Charm School—18 Quilts from 5" Squares* book.

Skill level: Beginner to Intermediate

What students will learn:

- Two easy methods of creating perfect half-square triangles from 5" squares
- Tricks to trimming HSTs by using a 4.5" Bloc Loc Ruler (a rotating cutting mat is also helpful)
- The *Hoodwink* quilt will also demonstrate the easy corner triangle method

Class Supply List:

- Required text: ***Charm School—18 Quilts from 5" Squares*** by Vanessa Goertzen
- 4.5" Bloc Loc Ruler
- Rotating cutting mat for trimming blocks
- *Hoodwink* quilt materials AND/OR *Charm Bracelet* quilt materials (make blocks of both)

Class Length:

This class would make a great 3-hour workshop, ideal for beginners.

Classroom Preparation:

Set up multiple cutting and pressing areas (steam irons recommended).

Class Agenda:

1. Explain how to make 4.5" half-square triangles using the method of drawing a diagonal line and sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the marked line on both sides.
2. Demonstrate how to make 3" half-square triangles (or smaller) by sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the edge around the perimeter and making cuts along the diagonals.
3. Show how to use the Bloc Loc Ruler to trim HSTs. The 4.5" Bloc Loc can be used to trim anything 4.5" or smaller. The rotating cutting mat is a useful tool here too.
4. Demonstrate the easy corner triangle method for adding triangles to the corners of HSTs.