

Potion Class



From *Quilt Traditions*
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Class Description:

Potion blocks are constructed using partial seams, which are easy and fun, and another skill to add to your repertoire.

- Beginner +
- You'll come away from this class having mastered the partial seam construction method
- This is easy sewing; the skill-building takeaway is the partial seam method, which is the only way to construct certain kinds of blocks

Class Length:

4 hours.

Class Supply List:

- Required text: *Quilt Traditions*
- Fabric (p. 54):
 - 11 light to medium-value fat quarters (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards total)
 - 11 medium to dark-value fat quarters (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards total)
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for border 1
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ yard dark for border 2 and binding
 - 5 yards for backing
 - 75" \times 87" batting
- Sewing machine, in good working order, and operating manual
- Neutral thread, as well as several bobbins wound with the same neutral thread
- Small snips
- Spray starch
- Sewing kit (seam ripper, silk pins, awl, and extra machine needles)

Class Agenda:

I've included links to my [blog](#) that demonstrate some of the methods used and show the original quilt—please feel free to share!

1. Set-up: introductions, shop amenities (coffee, washrooms, etc.). 5 min.
2. Class descriptions and agenda. 5 min.
3. Fabric preparation (press fabric well with spray starch) and short lesson on cutting. 20 min. <http://wordpress.com/post/devonlavigne.wordpress.com>
4. Cutting blocks (p. 54). 30 min.

5. Block assembly demo and practice (p. 55). 30 min.
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6. Making the pinwheels. 30 min.
7. Adding the B half-rectangles. 30 min.
8. Finishing the partial seams. 30 min.
9. Extra work time. 1.5 hours.

TIP: I'm crazy about fat quarters; many of my quilts are designed with them. As a former shop owner, I know that fat quarters paired with a good pattern are regular sellers, are lots fun for shoppers, and are great stash builders. Consider pre-bundling kits for busy or last-minute shoppers.