Class Plan: Carol Doak's Starry Block of the Month



This book can be used in a variety of ways.

- 1. You can select a block and offer a hands-on workshop or demonstration on how to paper piece stars using this book.
- 2. You can offer a workshop on how to paper piece the stars and then follow up with another workshop to make the subsequent blocks throughout the year.
- 3. You can get a group together in your quilt group or guild to do a Block of the Month and marvel at the different look of the blocks made with different fabrics.
- 4. You can offer the book for sale in your shop and then have your customers come back each month to show their block. Another idea for the shop is to offer a small piece of fabric to be used the next month when your customers return with the previous month's block.

Note: It is not necessary to begin the Block of the Month in January. You can begin any month!

Class Description: Demonstration

Come and watch how to make a paper-pieced star block from *Carol Doak's Starry Block of the Month*. This demonstration will take you through the entire process. Once you learn the technique, you can continue to make a new block each month.

Suggested Class Length: 1 to 1 1/2 Hours

Prepare the completed foundations for a block, one less B foundation, and do a demonstration for a group of students on how to choose their fabrics, how to cut and label their fabrics, how to foundation piece (using the one incomplete B foundation), and join the foundations.

As a suggestion, the June Star has only 72 pieces, so this block would be a good choice to use as an example.

Classroom Preparation

Since this is a demonstration, you simply need a sewing, cutting, and pressing area that the students can observe while sitting.

Class Agenda

The class should teach students how to paper-piece the star blocks. Instructors should strive to have each student comfortable with selecting their fabrics, cutting and labeling their pieces, sewing the A and B foundations, and joining them to make star blocks.

Class Description: Workshop

Come and learn how to make a paper-pieced star block in Carol Doak's Starry Block of the Month book. This workshop will take you through the entire process. Once you learn the technique, you can continue to make a new block each month.

Suggested Class Length: 6 Hours

If you are going to teach how to make a paper-pieced star block, then 6 hours would be plenty if the students are coming with their supplies to sew in class.

Supply List

- Carol Doak's Starry Block of the Month book
- List of supplies suggested in the Gathering Tools and Supplies chapter (page 5).

Classroom Preparation

If the class is hands-on to learn to paper piece a star block, students should have a space for their sewing machine, a cutting area, and a pressing area.

Class Agenda

The class should teach students how to paper-piece the star blocks. Instructors should strive to have each student comfortable with selecting their fabrics, cutting and labeling their pieces, sewing the A and B foundations, and joining them to make star blocks.