

Jean Biddick Workshop ~ Piecing Mosaic Tile Designs



Accidental Stars



Truro Star



Simply Circles

There are several choices for you in this workshop.

1. You may begin working on either the Simply Circles project or the Accidental Stars project.
2. You may piece the single Truro Star design. This option will give you a taste of the technique without starting a complete project. It is possible to complete the star during the class.
3. You may spend your time drafting and designing your own quilt. You will hear the details about the technique as others work on their projects and will go home with the plans for a personal project.

If you choose the Simply Circles or Accidental Stars project you will need to about $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of background fabric and assorted scraps. For Accidental Stars you will need 8-12 additional fabrics. An eighth of a yard of each will be sufficient. For Simply Circles you will need a variety of scraps. The scraps can be about 8" squares. The fewer fabrics you bring the larger each one will need to be. The more fabrics you bring the less you will need of any one fabric. The photos of the projects should help you as you plan what fabrics to bring to class. Don't go overboard on bringing fabric to class. There is quite a bit of prep work to be done before sewing begins. Do not expect to make the entire project during class.

If you choose to learn the technique by making the single Truro Star design you will need four fabrics. The fabrics can be squares about 8-12" each. You can bring fat quarters to give you more room for decisions and errors.

If you choose to spend your time planning your own quilt you will need to bring large paper, pencils, eraser, rulers, compass, protractor and any other drawing tools you like to use. Graph paper may be helpful for making a small sketch that can be transferred to a larger size.

Freezer Paper: How much should I bring?

Simply Circles - about 64 inches of 18" wide freezer paper

Accidental Stars - about 48 inches of 15" or 18" freezer paper

Single Star - a square of 18" freezer paper

NOTE: A yardstick compass (also called compass points) is very useful for drawing large circles. If you choose the Simply Circles project you will need to trace big circles. I will have compass points available for purchase in class if you have difficulty finding them. You will need a yardstick. Actually you will need about half a yardstick - a long one doesn't fit in a suitcase very well.

NOTE: Please pre-wash your fabrics. Freezer paper sticks better after the processing chemicals have been washed out of the fabric.

I look forward to our day together.