

Stripes Unleashed (9 hours)

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The power of striped fabrics is unleashed by controlling the direction of the stripes themselves. Creative ways of cutting and re-assembling pieces of striped fabrics generate powerful blocks with very simple sewing. Connecting the stripes in an overall quilt design adds even more visual power. Remember, the stripes do all the work. You just tell them in which direction they should point.

We will create several different block designs using striped fabrics. We will make enough of each design to finish a placemat, about 12" x 18". You can make a set of unique placemats with different styles of different striped fabrics. You could also decide to use the same striped fabric for every placemat, creating a coordinated set, each is with a different design.

Bring your sewing machine, in good working order, with a ¼" foot. You will need a cutting mat large enough for a fat quarter, a sharp rotary cutter, and various rulers. Details about the rulers and other supplies will be sent to students registered in the class.

Bring a variety of striped fabrics from your stash. Select background fabrics (solids or prints that read as solids) that complement the stripes. I will send you specific yardage requirements before class.

I will have additional fat quarters of striped fabrics available for sale.

Several pressing stations will be set up in class for all students to share. Only small irons are allowed. Please bring yours, if you have one.

A required kit will include detailed printed instructions and work sheets for each block design and one fat quarter of a striped fabric from my stash. The price will be approximately \$3-5.00.

See the photo on the website and below of different samples using these techniques!

