

Cakes!!!

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Size of finished quilt: 34 by 52 inches to 56 by 72 inches (finished size depends on how many cakes you choose)

Class Description: Cake marks many milestones in life.....birthdays, graduations, weddings, and retirements. Everyone has fond memories of a special cake made just for them. With this quilt, your cakes last forever. Using a special stacking technique, you layer your fabrics, cut them out all at once, shuffle the pieces and sew! No points to worry about matching with this quilt making it easy to create for even the less experience quilter. Students will have different size options to choose from as well as a variety of border options. Let's get baking!

Supply List:

Book: Celebrate Craziiness from the Buggy Barn....you can order this online or ask your local quilt shop to order it for you.

Fabrics:

You need a ½ yard of fabric for each cake. I recommend you make at least 4 cakes to achieve a nice mix of colors. My quilt contains 12 cakes, so I used ½ yard each of 12 fabrics. I had 3 pinks, 3 oranges, 3 lime greens, and 3 yellows. Other color ideas include:

4 pinks, 4 chocolates, 4 vanillas

6 lights and 6 darks

4 whites, 4 blues, 4 yellows

It is important to use a variety of prints within your fabric color choices. I used polka dots, plaids, stripes, small scale prints, and tone on tone. This makes the quilt more interesting to look at.

You will also need one fat quarter of yellow for the candle flame.

Your fabric needs to be pressed and ready to use.

I added sashing to my quilt. This was not in the original quilt in the book. If you would like to add sashing to your quilt, plan on bringing an additional 1 yard of fabric.

I also designed my own border. I will review in class three different options for borders. These include:

Plain border- inner border, ½ yard fabric and outer border 1 ½ yards fabric

Plain border plus lettering- the above fabric plus either paintsticks or ½ yard fabric for letters

Spiky border- 2 ½ yards of border fabric plus leftover fabric from piecing the cakes

I do not expect people to have time to work on their borders in class. Instead I will demonstrate each border and provide students with written handouts to create each border described. Often border decisions are only able to be made after the quilt center is completed.

Other supplies

Sewing machine, needles, etc etc

Rotary cutter, 60mm with a SHARP blade

Cutting mat (as least 18 by 22 inches), and cutting ruler.....a 4 or 6 inch square is helpful too.....

Scissors, paper and fabric

Thread- gray for piecing

Extension cord

Freezer paper

Pencil or fine point marker

Pins

Foam core board - you will need one piece that is 18 by 36 inches, you can buy this at Michael's