

## Beginner's Quilting Class: Layer Cake Shuffle Quilt



### Description:

Have you always wanted to make a quilt but weren't sure where to start? In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn the fundamentals of quilting while making the **Layer Cake Shuffle Quilt**, a fun and versatile pattern that's perfect for beginners! We'll cover essential skills such as:

- ✓ Understanding quilting materials and tools
- ✓ Reading a quilt pattern
- ✓ Cutting and piecing fabric accurately
- ✓ Making half-square triangles
- ✓ Pressing and trimming for precise blocks
- ✓ Assembling your quilt top step-by-step
- ✓ Creating a quilt sandwich with different basting methods
- ✓ Straight-line quilting with a walking foot
- ✓ Binding your quilt for a polished finish

Bring your sewing machine and supplies, and get ready to sew! Each class will include instruction followed by hands-on sewing time with guidance. By the end of the course, you'll have a beautiful quilt to take home!

**Skill Level:** Beginner (some sewing machine experience recommended)

**Class Length:** [Six, 2 hour long classes]

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### Supply List:

#### Fabric & Materials:

- **Layer Cake Shuffle Quilt Pattern** (free pattern found at <https://www.fatquartershop.com/layer-cake-shuffle-quilt-pattern-free-pdf-pattern-fat-quarter-shop>).
- **1 Layer Cake** (or forty-two 10" squares). Can be found online at shops such as [www.fatquartershop.com/layer-cakes](http://www.fatquartershop.com/layer-cakes), [www.missouriquiltco.com/collections/quilting-layer-cakes](http://www.missouriquiltco.com/collections/quilting-layer-cakes) or at local quilt shops like Sew Original (Winston-Salem) or Sewing Yours (Lewisville).
- **1 ½ yards of background fabric** (for half-square triangles & additional piecing)
- **½ yard for binding**
- **3 ½ yards for backing**
- **Batting** (Twin-size or at least 60" x 72"). Feel free to wait to purchase, as we'll discuss various types of batting during class.

#### Sewing & Quilting Tools:

- **Sewing machine** with a ¼" **presser foot** (and a **walking foot** for quilting)
- **Rotary cutter** with a sharp blade
- **Self-healing cutting mat**
- **Acrylic quilting ruler** (square ruler at least 8 ½" x 8 ½" for this project, but 12 ½" x 12 ½" is more versatile for future projects. If you can get two rulers, also having a 6 ½" by 24" ruler is ideal.)
- **Iron and ironing board** (or wool pressing mat)
- **Straight pins or clips**
- **Seam ripper**
- **Fabric scissors**
- **Thread (100% cotton, neutral color recommended)**
- **Marking tool** (pencil, chalk pencil, or fabric marking pen)
- **Basting materials** (We will discuss various options in class, including safety pins, spray baste, and fusible batting)
- **Binding clips** (optional but helpful)

# Course Outline & Structure

## Recommended Schedule:

- **Total number of classes: 6 sessions**
  - **Class length: 2 hours per session** (allows for instruction and hands-on sewing)
  - **Total course duration: 6 weeks**
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### Week 1: Introduction & Getting Started

- What is quilting? Overview of materials and tools
- Understanding quilt patterns & fabric requirements
- Demonstration: Rotary cutting basics, how to cut straight lines, sewing a straight ¼" seam
- Hands-on: Marking, sewing, and cutting fabric for the quilt

**Homework:** Finish cutting all pieces

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### Week 2: Piecing & Half-Square Triangles (HSTs)

- Introduction to piecing:
- Making **Half-Square Triangles (HSTs)**
- Pressing techniques: When to press seams open vs. to the side
- Trimming blocks for accuracy

**Homework:** Finish HSTs and trimming

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### Week 3: Block Assembly

- Arranging blocks and layout planning
- Sewing blocks into rows
- Pressing and aligning seams
- Sewing rows together into a completed quilt top

**Homework:** Finish assembling the quilt top

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### Week 4: Borders (optional) & Basting

- (Optional) Measuring, cutting, and adding a border
- Quilt sandwich basics: backing, batting, and top
- Basting methods: pin basting, spray basting, fusible batting

**Homework:** Finish basting at home if not completed in class

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### Week 5: Quilting the Quilt

- Introduction to straight-line quilting
- Setting up the walking foot
- Planning quilting lines & marking if needed
- Hands-on quilting

**Homework:** Finish quilting the quilt

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### Week 6: Binding & Finishing

- Measuring, cutting, and sewing binding strips
- Attaching binding to the quilt
- Finishing techniques: hand-stitching vs. machine stitching
- Final showcase & celebration!

 **By the end of class, students will have a finished quilt!** 

Two example pictures of this quilt I found online in different fabrics:

