

Designing Without Rulers

Day 1: Black and White

Focus: To use simple lines and shapes to create a small composition or a number of blocks.

Participants will use a rotary cutter to cut the lines and shapes and arrange them on a design wall. Participants will learn how to assemble their design.

Supply List

- Solid black and white fabric: approximately 1 yard of each. You may not need the total yard, but it will allow you to experiment without worrying about running out. If you only want to work small, bring less. You will probably use more black than white. We will use the black and white fabric to create our initial design.
- 1 yard of flannel or batting to tape on the wall as a design board.
- Blue painters tape to tape the flannel to the wall.
- Rotary cutter: bring the largest size you have. This is a good time to put in a fresh new blade if you haven't changed your blade in a while.
- Cutting mat: I recommend a 24 x 36 inch size if you have one. But bring what you have.
- Cell phone or IPAD to take pictures of your work in progress.
- Pen, pencil, paper for notes, sketches
- Sewing machine, thread, scissors and whatever else you usually need for basic sewing.
- Pins for piecing and to use on the design wall.
- Larger ruler for squaring up the design.

- If you are also taking day 2: you may want to bring your colored fabric. If you are a speedy worker, you can start to lay out your color.

Day 2: Color

Focus: Using the design(s) you created in day 1, add in color.

Material list is the same as day one with the addition of colored fabric.

Regarding color: it is your choice how many hues you bring, but it is essential to bring at least one very dark color and one light color. You can also use black and white in addition to color. I would recommend solid color, but if you only have prints and only want to use prints, that is your choice.

For example:

- You may enjoy the look of your black and white design and will chose to add only one or two colors.
- You may want to select only two colors, one dark and one light.
- You may want to use as many colors as you can. If this is your call, then bring at least $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of you favorites and then you can also use smaller scraps to add small splashes of color to your design.