

Ahead of the Curve: Improvising a Round

Note to virtual students: Since you'll be sewing from home, you'll be near your stash and can shop there first. No need to buy a bunch of fabric beforehand unless you don't have a stash. To get started, I recommend about two dozen fat quarters. Follow the guidelines below.

Supplies:

- 25 fat quarters in your chosen color scheme. Bring lights, mediums and darks. Go for a little "clash" and don't be too matchy-matchy. Choose a variety of prints such as stripes, dots, tone-on-tone, modern, etc. Avoid large-scale prints.
- Rotary cutting supplies and basic sewing supplies
- Neutral piecing thread plus thread colors that contrast with and enhance your fabrics • Safety pins for basting in preparation for machine quilting
- Embroidery floss or pearl cotton in a variety of colors to contrast with your fabrics
- Embroidery needles for hand embroidery (optional but really cool to include)
- Sewing machine, manual and attachments (please bring the feet)
- Batting: 36" x 36"
- Backing: 1 yard

Ideas for color: Possible combos are purples and yellows. Reds, blacks and whites. Reds, whites and blues. Blues and oranges. Hot pinks, teals and lime greens. Raspberry and lime. All neutrals like creams, grays, taupes plus one accent color such as royal blue or fire engine red. The sky is the limit! Clashing is good!

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