

Simply Amazing Baravelle Spirals

A Spiral Quilt workshop with RaNae Merrill

In this workshop, you will learn how to draw, color and sew a Baravelle spiral block, based on the techniques in RaNae's book *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts*. (Books will be available for purchase at the workshop, but are not required. To purchase a book in advance, go to www.ranaemerrillquilts.com and click on "STORE".) We will sew one block in class and you will receive a pattern to finish blocks into hot pads. Of course, you're welcome to keep making more to create a whole quilt!

Tools: (Please see next page for fabric requirements)

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| _____ Sewing machine (Set-up instructions below) | _____ Dry-erase markers or crayons in several colors |
| _____ Basic sewing tools: pins, scissors, etc. | _____ Scotch tape |
| _____ Scissors for paper | _____ A full, new roll of double-sided scotch tape (permanent, <i>not</i> removable. Scotch Brand in the yellow/red box is best. Buy a fresh roll at an office supply store. Old tape breaks and cheap brands don't stick well on fabric.) |
| _____ Light or neutral colored thread for sewing | _____ Masking or painter's tape |
| _____ 45mm rotary cutter with ruler and mat (preferably one that closes automatically) | _____ Add-a-Quarter tool with a card (available for purchase in class) |
| _____ Fine-point permanent black pen | _____ Seam roller (optional, but really helpful; available for purchase in class) |
| _____ Pencil and a <i>fresh</i> eraser | _____ A gallon-size ziploc bag |
| _____ Several sheets of white paper 8-1/2" x 11" | |
| _____ Two highlighter pens in different colors (orange, pink or yellow) | |
| _____ 4 plastic page protectors | |

Sewing Machine Set-up:

If you are attending this class at a show, machines may be provided for you. If you are not sure, please check with the show. If you bring your own machine it should be ready to sew with a new 75/11 or 80/12 needle. Use a foot that allows you to clearly see lines on the foundation, such as an open-toe foot, 1/4" foot, or a clear foot with a center-line mark. Please check your machine to make sure it is working properly before you bring it to class. Don't set up the machine at the beginning of class -- you'll need the table space for designing, then set up when you're ready to sew.

Materials Fee: There is a small materials fee, payable to the teacher in class, which includes preprinted foundations for the spiral blocks, printed paper templates, sewing instructions and a pattern. (If you are taking this class at a show or guild, they might collect this with your registration. Otherwise, it is payable in class, in cash.)

About Translucent Foundation Material:

Spirals are sewn using paper piecing, so they require a foundation material to which you sew the fabric. I insist on foundation material that is *translucent*, which means you can see through it. Since you can see through it, you put fabric on the *front* and sew from the *back*. This means that you don't have to think in mirror-image like you have to do on an opaque foundation. (Traditional paper-piecers take note!) One brand is Fun-Dation.

For this workshop, foundations will be provided for you, preprinted on translucent foundation Sheets. If you wish to purchase additional printed sheets or packages of blank sheets, there will be available in class. Most quilt shops also have some version of it and you can purchase it through my online store at www.ranaemerrillquilts.com.

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Fabric for 2 Baravelle spiral blocks made into pot holders:

(You will probably have time to sew one spiral in class.

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An optional fabric kit will be available for purchase in class for \$10.

Please preorder by sending an email to events@ranaemerrillquilts.com.

Include your NAME, the EVENT and the CLASS. Thank you.



	<i>Needed for sewing spirals in class</i>	<i>Additional material needed to complete 2 hot pads</i>
Foundation templates drawn, printed or copied on translucent material (<i>Read explanation on page 1.</i>)	2 sheets 8-1/2" x 11" <i>(Preprinted & provided in workshop materials)</i>	
Light color for spiral blocks (see description below)	1/4 yd	
Dark color for spiral blocks (see description below)	1/4 yd	
Fabric for fussy-cut center (optional)	2 squares 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" with fussy-cut design in center	
Back of hot pads and binding (can be one of colors in spiral. If so, 1/4 yard listed above is not needed in addition to this.)	<i>Not used in class</i>	5/8 yd (allows 40" binding strip to be cut diagonally without piecing.)
Insulbrite batting (If you are mak	<i>Not used in class</i>	2 squares 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" <i>(Not used in class)</i>
Cotton, cotton / polyester or wool batting (not polyester)	<i>Not used in class</i>	2 squares 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" <i>(Not used in class)</i>

Fabrics: One or both spiral fabrics should be solids, textures, tone-on-tones or small prints. If you use a print for one fabric, the other must be a solid. For fussy-cut centers, choose a large-scale print in colors that coordinate with the other colors. It is ideal if the backing fabric the same as one of the front fabrics.

To order **Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts**, **Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts** and other supplies, go to www.ranaemerrillquilts.com -- click on "STORE"

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