

String Quilting FUNdamentals: Squares and Circles

One of the most important things in string quilting is having FUN. Students are encouraged to relax and enjoy improvising as they construct their blocks. Participants will make diagonal square string blocks and string circles. The string circles will be applied to background squares. Techniques to add interest to string blocks are emphasized. After making two square blocks and two circle blocks, participants are ready to string on their own.



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Class Supplies

___ Mary will provide coffee filters and paper squares for foundations

___ Sewing machine

Bring your machine and usual machine sewing supplies. Bring your walking foot, if you have one

___ Rotary Cutter, rulers, scissors for cutting fabric

___ Fabric Strips

You will need fabrics cut into strings (differing widths, lengths, and shapes) for constructing the circles and squares. Bring leftover fabric if you can. Having many different fabrics is more important than having a lot of fabric. If you need to purchase fabric, 5 or 6 fat quarters should be plenty and will give you some variety. Cut at least some strings 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " , 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " , 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ " , and 2" wide. Do not cut all your fabric. You may decide you like skinny strings or fatter strings; so it is good to have extra fabric to work with.

___ Thread for Appliqué

Bring threads to use for appliquéing the circles onto the background fabric.

___ Lightweight fusible interfacing

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard

___ Background Fabric

You will need two 12 inch square pieces of background fabric. Bring several fabrics that might be used as background squares for your circles.