

The Carpenter's Apprentice Accordion Sewn HSTs

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You will need to purchase the Carpenter's Apprentice pattern before class. Discount code for website is CACCLASS

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A word on fabric selection: This project will use my Accordion Sewn HST method for making scrappy HSTs with no waste. *Scrappy* is the key word. 12 fabrics of one color family is 12 different fabrics, not eight with four repeated twice. You will want and need 12 DIFFERENT fabrics. Borrow from friends, head to the quilt shop if you need to, but 12, please. You'll be happier if you have 12 from each color family. Note that you don't need much of each, so don't let 12 scare you!

In the supply list, I recommend a fat eighth or similar of each scrappy fabric. In all honesty, if you are a really careful cutter, you can get away with even a 10" square; I use the fat eighth as a guide so that everyone can make a mistake. Use what works for you. This is meant to be scrappy. If you can get the cuts you need out of smaller pieces (and you probably can), then go for it.

Any two-color combination will do. Try to keep most if not all of your fabrics in the same value, with your background fabric being a good contrast. Example – mine are all medium darks, background is light.

Supply List:

- Carpenter's Apprentice pattern, purchased from www.evapaigequilts.com. See box at top right for class discount code.
- 12 fat eighths or similar size of FIRST color family
- 12 fat eighths or similar size of a SECOND color family
- 1 1/2 yards background fabric (Hint – some of the most striking finished quilts use unexpected backgrounds!)
- Thread for piecing - if you can, please bring one spool each of the color families you chose as your print colors (for example, if I was using red and green as my prints, I would bring a red and a green)
- Rotary cutter and small mat
- Safety pin, one small
- pencil
- Fabric Scissors
- Basic Sewing Supplies
- Sewing machine with standard quarter inch foot (NO FLANGE) and instruction book
- Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers – optional, and also available in class. If you own this tool, though, bring them!

- 6" square ruler (or larger, just nothing smaller)

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Cutting:

Please be sure to complete all cutting homework before class. You will be glad you did!

From **ALL** fat eighths of Color One:

- Cut one 6" square
- Cut one 3 1/2" square

*From your **favorite four** fat eighths of Color One:

- Cut another 3 1/2" square*

From **ALL** fat eighths of Color Two:

- Cut one 6" square
- Cut one 3 1/2" square

*From your **favorite four** fat eighths of Color Two:

- Cut another 3 1/2" square*

From Background:

- Cut 8 3" squares
- Cut 16 3 1/2" squares
- Cut 4 5 1/2" squares
- Cut 12 6" squares
- Cut 4 3" x 5 1/2"
- Cut 4 5 1/2" x 10 1/2"

*Place these cut squares (there should be eight total) in a bag labeled "To be Taken Out When Beth Asks." Sounds odd, but trust me.

Questions? Contact Beth at evapaigequilts@charter.net. See you in class!

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