

One Block Wonders – Creating your own Masterpiece

Turn ordinary fabric into a One-of-a-Kind quilt

Instructor – Margret Lewis



Example Original Fabric Partial set of hexagons

This class will provide instruction and skill enabling you to fearlessly design and create your own “One Block Wonder” quilt top. Using panels or yardage you purchase, take home your finished units or a completed quilt top (size depends on cut sizes which we will discuss in class).

Things to bring:

- **Fabric:** 6 identical panels Option – purchase an extra panel to use in design on front or back of quilt. **OR** a continuous cut of yardage with at least 6 pattern repeats. See details below.
- Do not prewash anything, but do iron out wrinkles and folds with Best Press or your favorite starch.
- **Clearview brand 60-degree triangle ruler** (6”, 8”, or 12” is fine). This ruler has 3 points. Other brands may have one blunt tip. While you can use a blunt tip 60 Degree ruler if you already own one, it can make things a bit trickier.
- **Long ruler** at least 24” x 4” (i.e., 6-1/2” x 24-1/2”)
- **60mm** Rotary cutter with a new unused blade installed (consider bringing extra blade in case you need it). 60mm (as opposed to 45mm) is needed to cleanly cut through six layers of fabric.
- Glass head **straight pins**.
- **Long thin pins** (i.e., flower head pins). You will need about a dozen.
- Fabric **Scissors** and thread snips
- **Best press** or other fabric stabilizer
- **Sewing machine** with a new needle installed, load with thread which blends with your fabric colors. Use ¼” seam foot if you have one.
- **Seam Ripper**
- Notepad and pen
- **Thread**
- Friction or other fabric **marking pen**
- **Small iron and ironing pad**
- **Small cutting mat**

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A one block wonder quilt is created by cutting up identical repeats of a fabric (yardage or panel) into 60° triangles, and then rearranging each set of triangles into single units. This class will use six panels OR yardage which each student will select and purchase prior to class. (Option - If using panels and you want to include a duplicate original panel on the back of your quilt, purchase 7.)

You will learn how to:

1. Pin together and cut the fabric into sets of strips.
2. Cut strip sets into triangle units.
3. Set up triangle units to create stunning hexagonal (kaleidoscope) units.
4. Sew triangles into half-hexagon shapes using a method which keeps units organized.
5. Place the units on a design wall to achieve desired layout.
6. Sew the units together to create a quilt top.

We will discuss how to add borders, make fabric choices, cutting methods, organizational techniques, and discuss various online resources. Additionally, we will discuss other forms of this technique which use different multiples of the same fabric.

If you've been wanting to try this method, or just would like some guidance in methods, this is a great class for you.

Students should be comfortable with basic quilt piecing techniques. Sewing a scant ¼" seam is crucial to achieving your goals.

CLASS DATE: Thursday and Friday, May 16-17, 2024.

COST: \$85.00/student (9 to 20 students) or \$100.00 per student (8 students – class minimum)

FABRIC SELECTION

Panels – If using panels, please select 6 identical panels that are approximately 22"-24" by width of fabric (typically 42"). This will make a very large lap/sofa/full size quilt.

Yardage – a cut of fabric with at least 6 identical repeats of yardage. With a 24" pattern repeat, you need at least 4.5 yards. When in doubt, you can ask your local quilt shop to help you identify the repeats. If you don't find what you want, I can help you shop in Llano at The Country Quilt Shop on Wednesday the 15th after the guild meeting.

- Fabrics with lots of contrast and/or movement will produce dramatic results.
- Avoid stripes and plaids for your first try.
- Panels with a lot of background/neutral space will have more blocks without distinct designs. This is not bad or good, just a personal choice
- DO NOT PRE-WASH fabric. Please press with your favorite liquid (i.e., Best Press).
- While I love bright colors on black background, others love a soft tonal look which can be achieved with fabric that sticks to color palette – like all blues, all browns, etc.
- It's your quilt, if you love the colors, you will probably love the results.

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As examples, I'm including [links](#) to panels and fabric that I think would be good candidates. If you get stuck while you are shopping and need an opinion, you can text a picture to me, Margret Lewis, at 817-713-5803. Caveat.... Every class I have taught has included someone bringing fabric that I didn't like for OBW. I have always been proven wrong. Bring something you like! If you want, we can shop when I arrive and I will help you make a selection in the store.

Links to panel examples

<https://www.ttfabrics.com/item/2-198639/227608/panel-cm2600-klimt-butterfly-metallic-panel/?frpage=0>

<https://www.ttfabrics.com/item/2-198639/223544/panel-cd2150-tree-of-life-electric-panel/?frpage=0>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Free-Spirit-Fabrics-Madagascar-Adventure-by-Daughter-Earth-Katy-Tanis-Madagascar-Wildlife-Map-Panel?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Timeless-Treasures-Fabrics-Hydrangea-Bliss-Hydrangea-Panel-Multi?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Timeless-Treasures-Fabrics-Cleo-Golden-Bejeweled-Cat-Panel-Gold?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Benartex-Fabrics-Peacock-Symphony-by-David-Galchutt-Peacock-Symphony-Panel-Multi?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

Links to Yardage examples

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Free-Spirit-Fabrics-Tiny-Beasts-by-Tula-Pink-Oh-Nuts-Glow?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Free-Spirit-Fabrics-Kaffe-Fassett-Collective-August-2023-by-Kaffe-Fassett-Lake-Blossoms-Antique?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Windham-Fabrics-In-Motion-Melissa-Marie-Collins-In-Motion-Whirl-Charcoal?quantity=1&custcol tt itemoption decimals=1>

<https://stonemountainfabric.com/product/space-multi/>