

Little Lucy

English Paper-Piecing Workshop with Tina Craig

“Patchwork of the Crosses” designed by Lucy Boston is a fabulous block for showcasing your favorite fabrics with fussy cutting. Lucy was a children’s book author and a prolific patch-worker through the 1940’s and 50’s. The Lucy Boston Quilt has become synonymous with the Patchwork of the Crosses design.

This class will cover fabric selection, fussy cutting, glue basting, and invisible hand piecing. We’ll spend a good amount of time exploring fussy cutting using Tina’s technique, The Wonder Window! The handout will include several options for setting these beautiful blocks.

- The 4-block class sample without “sashing” is 21” square.
- The 9-block option with sashing finishes at about 36” square.

Supplies

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NEEDLES: milliners or straw needles, size 9-11

NEUTRAL COLOR THREAD: I prefer Superior Bottom Line 60 wt poly or Quilters Select 80 wt para-cotton poly. Other options include Wonderfil Decobob or Invisfil, 80wt cotton or 100 wt silk.

THIMBLE: Bring a thimble of your choice

FABRIC GLUE GUNS AND REFILLS

FABRIC SCISSORS OR THREAD SNIPS

OPTIONAL: paper First aid tape or masking tape

PAPER TEMPLATES: (100) 1” honeycombs and (20) squares will be provided which will be enough for the 4-block option without sashing. Additional templates will be available for purchase.

EPP tool kits as well as individual items will be available for purchase in class

Fabric Options

Almost any medium-scale print will produce lovely fussy-cut shapes. Look for motifs that are approximately 1.5 -2" long. Stripes and symmetrical motifs are especially fun to play with.

