

Supply List

Elegant Slender Curvies And Curvy Railroad Border

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Focus: Improv Design, Technique, Color, Project
6 hr. Intermediate Workshop

Quilt, *Saffron* ©2007, created with technique of workshop, "Elegant Slender Curvies". Note: small scraps of unexpected colors are added for dimensional interest and horizontal movement.

From *NEW* book, **Vivacious Curvy Quilts**.



Part 1. *Elegant Slender Curvies*

Description: Another easy, template-free, intuitively created curvy wall hanging – this time in a rectangular form. With the appearance of difficulty, achieve dimension and motion in a quickly sewn together top. By the end of our morning together, you may have completely designed your Elegant Slender Curvies wall hanging and be sewing it together. Again, you will leave class with *no more fear of sewing curves!*

FYI: book, **Vivacious Curvy Quilts**, optional. If you already own a copy, please bring (for personalization). I will have copies available in class, should you wish to purchase.

A. **Recommended: 100% Cotton Fabrics, only!**

Bring an array of colors that *you love* and offer visual delight. Select solid-like fabrics: batiks, hand-dyed, motley commercials. Select prints: try whatever pleases you best. You may select all brights, or all muted, or a combination of both – just select according to what you like when you create a quilt. Vary your lights, mediums and darks, however a strong contrast may not work as well as a softer contrast. **All fabrics, below, should be different fabrics from each other – none the same!**

1. Yardages: For a basis, you will need approximately 6 to 8 fabrics precut to 8"x12". All fabrics will not be used, but you need variation for exciting movement.
2. Curvy Inserts. For your curvy inserts, bring several ½ yard cuts of fabrics in near-solids...these will show up as delineators to separate the rectangular panels. Thus, they should stand out/contrast to be seen.
3. Scraps. Truly, I mean scraps and not many. See image of *Saffron* for reference. Sharing is encouraged for scraps.

B. **Miscellaneous.** *Be prepared to swap rectangles and scraps with other participants to make everyone's combinations sing.*

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Okay, as always, I recommend more fabric rather than less to satisfy that creative monster within us. Instructor not responsible for your fabric bill!



Image: Three Curvy Railroad borders...again, note how small scraps are introduced. This border is fabulous when created in black and white with touches of brown or navy. It's an exciting visual when treated in non-colorations.

Part 2. Curvy Railroad Border

Description: Great for bordering any quilt for a really super piece. May be created as stand-alone piece, especially when created in solids: black plus white plus a color; you will find yourself focusing on the stunning geometric design. You find many other uses for the Railroad.

A. **Recommended: 100% Cotton Fabrics, only!**

Bring fabrics that read as solid colors that you love (hand-dyes work great) and yes, see note above about black, white, and brown or navy – it's fab. Strong contrasts make for a clean and bright border. Motley-types do not work as well nor does Bali fabrics (too densely woven). You may select all brights, or all muted, or a combination of both – just select according to what you like when you create a quilt.

Strongly recommend: B&W plus a shades of a color, i.e., browns, navies, deep greens, or a combination of these shades.

1. Yardages: Two 1-yard cuts of fabrics with strong contrasts, i.e., navy and chartreuse, as above, or black and white. If you wish to introduce another color, bring a couple of other 1-yd. cuts to go with your selected fabrics. Be aware that all of the yardage will not be used.
2. Scraps. Truly, I mean scraps and not many...grab a handful in colors that coordinate but do not match the two 1-yard cuts. You may or may not use, according to how your piece develops. Sharing is encouraged for scraps.

B. **Miscellaneous.** *Sharing is encouraged for scraps.*

Other Supplies

- BSS
- Sewing machine with new needles...and regular foot (A or #1)...**no 1/4" foot, please.**
- To transport any unsewn portions of your wall hanging, please bring some flannel and pins.
- Rotary tools: largest mat that you can bring, rulers 6x12 & 6x24; cutters 18mm (small) & your fav-larger cutter
- Seam ripper
- Spray spritzer bottle with water – perhaps the most important item other than your machine & fabric!
- Iron and Ironing surface

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