

Spiral Holiday Wreath Workshop

with RaNae Merrill

In this workshop, you will learn how to draw, color and sew a Point-to-Point spiral block as you create a holiday wreath wallhanging. The project is based on the techniques in RaNae's book *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts*. (Books will be available for purchase at the workshop, but are not required. To purchase a book in advance, go to www.ranaemerrillquilts.com and click on "STORE".) Depending on whether the class is a half-day or a full-day there will be time in class to finish at least the central spiral (half-day) or the entire top (full-day).

Tools: (Please see next page for fabric requirements)

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| _____ Basic sewing tools: pins, scissors, etc. | _____ Scotch tape |
| _____ Scissors for paper | _____ Double-sided scotch tape (the permanent kind, <i>not</i> the removable kind) |
| _____ Neutral colored thread for sewing | _____ Masking or painter's tape |
| _____ Rotary cutter with ruler and mat | _____ Add-a-Quarter tool |
| _____ Pen & Pencil | _____ (available for purchase in class) |
| _____ Several sheets of white paper 8-1/2" x 11" | _____ Seam roller (optional, but really helpful; |
| _____ Two highlighter pens in different colors | _____ available for purchase in class) |
| _____ Translucent foundation (see note below; available for purchase in class) | _____ Seam ripper |

About Translucent Foundation Material:

Spirals are sewn using paper piecing, so they require a foundation material to which you sew the fabric. I insist on foundation material that is *translucent*, which means you can see through it. Since you can see through it, you put fabric on the *front* and sew from the *back*. This means that you don't have to think in mirror-image like you have to do on an opaque foundation. (Traditional paper-piecers take note!) Translucent foundation material costs a bit more than regular paper, but the time and frustration saved are more than worth it!

There are two types of translucent foundation material: paper (vellum) and non-woven fabric. Paper can be printed on any printer (inkjet or laser) or photocopier, and must be removed after sewing. Non-woven fabric can be printed on an inkjet printer and can be left in after sewing. The foundations provided in this workshop are printed on non-woven fabric foundations.

What not to use: Rinse-away foundations -- some people like them, but personally I don't, so I don't recommend them. **DO NOT USE VELLUM FROM THE STATIONERY STORE.** It becomes brittle and rolls when ironed. Art store tracing paper is too delicate to stand up to the wear of this project.

You can purchase the following products in class or through my online store at www.ranaemerrillquilts.com:

Simply Amazing Translucent Foundation Paper – A translucent paper. Comes in 8-1/2" x 11" sheets. Can be printed on inkjet printers, laser printers or copy machines. Tear away after sewing.

EQ Printables Foundation Sheets – A non-woven fabric. Comes in 8-1/2" x 11" sheets. Can be printed on inkjet printers. Leave in or tear away after sewing.

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Fabric:

Foundation drawn, printed or copied on translucent material (<i>Read explanation on page 1.</i>)	4 sheets 8-1/2" x 11" (<i>Provided in workshop materials</i>)
Border: 4 repeats of a 5-1/4" wide stripe	If the stripe is repeated 4 times across the fabric, 5/8 yd If there are fewer repeats, buy enough fabric to cut 4 identical strips 19-1/2" long.
Corner blocks	Buy enough fabric for 4 fussy-cut motifs including seam allowances. Kit includes 3/8 yd of cardinal fabric.
Red bow, borders and binding	3/4 yd
Green leaf print for wreath	1/4 yd
Cream background	3/8 yd
Backing	1 yd
Batting	36" square

Important note: The pattern for the Spiral Holiday Wreath is in the December/January 2009 issue of *Quilt* magazine, pages 52-58. However, the fabric shown in the borders of the quilt in the magazine is no longer available, and the fabric kit includes a substitute fabric for the borders. The new fabric design is shown above.

Even MORE important note: *The template printed in the magazine is the WRONG SIZE. The foundation and templates provided in the workshop materials and in the fabric kit are the correct size.*

To order *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts* and other supplies, go to www.ranaemerrillquilts.com

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