

# Contemporary Amish Center Square

## Supply List

**Sewing machine** - in good working order - cleaned and oiled (don't forget your foot pedal and power cord)

- **¼" Sewing foot** ("Patchwork" foot)
- **Bobbin**
- **Extension cord**
- **Knee lift** - if your machine has one, bring it, it might come in handy here!

**Paper drawing supplies\*\*** (please see page 2)

- **Freezer paper**  
-- **For cutting the paper:** either a small box cutter (new blade)/X-ACTO Knife/or 28mm rotary cutter with an old blade
- **Ultra-fine point Sharpie (black)** and **fine-point Sharpie** (plus at least one in a medium color)
- **Pencil, eraser**
- **Ruler 24"** (if you don't draw the straight grid ahead of time)

**Regular sewing supplies**

- **Small ruler** with a well visible line at ¼" from the edge (Omnigrid 1"x 6", or small square)
- **Rotary cutter 28 mm Ø** - with a **new blade** (this size works best for the technique)
- **Neutral piecing thread** – good quality cotton 40 or 50 wt. - Aurifil, MasterPiece, Gütermann, etc.
- **Seam ripper** (check out the new seam ripper with the rubberized end for removing threads snippets)
- **Fabric marker** – i.e. fine-tip blue or purple, white, chalk, or pencil (markings will be on the wrong side of fabric)
- **Sharp small scissors** - for clipping seam allowances
- **Cutting mat** - wide enough to accommodate 22" paper template/fabrics
- **Bone folder** - (I'll have them for sale \$10 each)

**Optional:**

- **Small (steam) iron** + small ironing board - if not provided by class sponsor
- **Extra table light**, if you wish for more light at your work area
- **Pins**
- **Tweezers, Stiletto, "Highlighter" felt pen**

**Fabric\*** – In classic Amish tradition, solids would be fine, but batiks, hand-dyes/printed "fake" hand-dyes, or anything with a good contrast will look great.

- **½ yd. of main fabric**
- **Variety of 5 Fat Quarters** (I love to use woven stripes for its reversible qualities)

**\*I love to use "Ombre" fabrics**, they look beautiful. But, if you decide on Ombre, all pieces will be selected out of this single piece of fabric. Please, calculate about 1.5 yards minimum. Be prepared that your fabric will look like "Swiss Cheese" after **very selective** cutting).

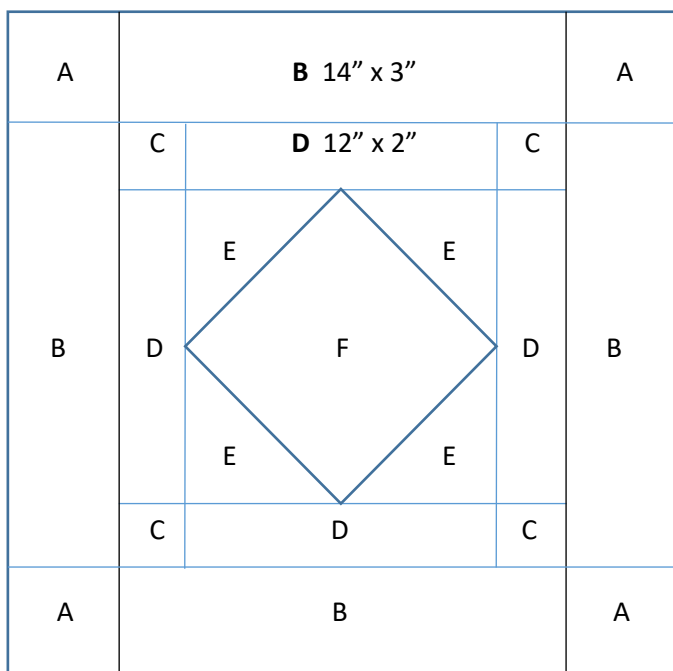
**Note pad, camera/cellphone for notes and reference**

**\*\* Make a head start** – prepare at home, gain precious time during class

**Prepare a 22" square freezer paper template:**

Regular freezer paper won't be wide enough, you'll need to add on to one side: Iron a strip of freezer paper to the bigger part with a ~ 1/2" overlap. Or if you have "Paper Tape" from medical supplies, you can butt-up the two pieces of freezer paper and cover with the tape, which can be ironed over.

Draw the straight line grid of the pattern (according diagram below), first with pencil, when you're sure its correct, go over the lines with the Ultra Fine Sharpie. This will be the base for your design in the class.



- A – 3" x 3"
- B – 14" x 3"
- C – 2" x 2"
- D – 12" x 2"
- E/F – Mark the half point of D and connect the dots to draw the diamond

Don't forget to bring the freezer paper template with you to class!

**Let's have a fun day of playing with fabric in shapes YOU created!**

*Lisa Jenni*

If you have questions, email me [lisa@lisajenni.com](mailto:lisa@lisajenni.com) or call 425 466 8219 (cell)