



Ahead of the Curve with Diane Harris: Improv Curves Guidelines, Supply List

Intro: Improvisational curves are fun and easy! I'll teach you how to cut and sew large, gentle curves while paying attention to value and scale for smashing results. We'll cover lots of ideas for adding machine quilting details and hand stitched embellishments, and I'll show you how to finish it off with a facing as an alternative to binding. We'll make a four-section piece as shown; the size will vary depending on your choices. Later you can create more sections if you want a larger quilt.

Supplies:

- 25 fat quarters in your chosen color scheme. Bring lights, mediums and darks. Go for a little "clash" and don't be too matchy-matchy. Choose a variety of prints such as stripes, dots, tone-on-tone, modern, etc.
- Rotary cutting supplies and basic sewing supplies
- Neutral piecing thread plus thread colors that contrast with and enhance your fabrics
- Safety pins for basting in preparation for machine quilting
- Embroidery floss or pearl cotton in a variety of colors to contrast with your fabrics
- Embroidery needles for hand embroidery (optional but really cool to include)
- Sewing machine, manual and attachments (please bring the feet)
- Batting: 36" x 36"
- Backing: 1 yard

Ideas for color:

Possible combos are purples and yellows. Reds, blacks and whites. Reds, whites and blues. Blues and oranges. Hot pinks, teals and lime greens. Raspberry and lime. All neutrals like creams, grays, taupes plus one accent color such as royal blue or fire engine red. The sky is the limit! Clashing is good!



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