

Exploring Foundation Piecing Techniques, Judy Mathieson-style

taught by Wendy Mathson

In this class you will learn Judy Mathieson's paper piecing technique using perforated freezer paper foundations. Judy specializes in Mariner's Compass designs and has written several books on the subject.

This is the fourth class in a series at Quilter's Paradise. You can take any of the classes separately, or join our fun group as we work on a different project each month from *The Experts' Guide to Foundation Piecing* by Jane Hall.

The class project is Judy Mathieson's "Little Fishes Too" quilt, page 64. For each student, I will provide full size patterns for you; you DO NOT need to copy or trace them from the book. In order to avoid copyright infringement, **you must purchase the book!** (It has lots of great information and patterns included, so it is well worth it.) You can make the 19" square quilt as shown in the book, or I will give you a handout with directions for making a tote bag.

Bring to class:

Your copy of the book (required):

The Experts' Guide to Foundation Piecing

Refer to pages 64-65 for fabric requirements for the quilt. I will be bringing the full-size freezer paper patterns for you. Most of you will have time to make a second more advanced block that has 2-color points (bottom right photo above). You will need some small pieces in contrasting colors for this variation. Notice that each star point has 2 shades of one color.

We will not have enough time to finish a tote bag in class, because it needs to be quilted before assembling. These are the additional materials you will need to complete the bag at home:

- ½ yd for outer borders
- ¾ yd for lining
- scraps for optional inner pocket(s)
- 2 strips 5" wide x (approx.) 30" for handles
- 2 strips cotton batting about 5" x 30" for handles
- non-woven heavy-weight sew-in interfacing: about 18" x 22" or several strips about 3" wide to stiffen top edge of bag

Remember, Quilter's Paradise gives you a 15% discount on class supplies. Just tell them when you check out that the item is for a class that you are taking at the shop.



Tote Bag, approx. 18" x 18"



Mariner's Compass
10" blocks

Required Supplies:

- Sewing machine
- Basic sewing supplies, including FINE silk pins
- Paper scissors
- Rotary cutter, small mat, small ruler
- A few pieces of freezer paper
- Neutral color piecing thread (Superior's Master-piece recommended)
- Any presser foot that provides good visibility. Foot should have a FLAT bottom, not the kind with a guide/flange on the edge. (Quarter-inch foot is not required, but it is helpful to have.)

For appliquéing the circular block to the background square:

- Monofilament (invisible) thread. (Superior's MonoPoly recommended.)
- Bobbin wound with thread to match background square
- Size 70/10 machine needle (Jeans/Denim or Microtex/Sharps recommended)

Optional; you can bring these if you have them:

- Add-a Quarter ruler, 6" or 12"
- Single-hole throat plate for your machine
- Small craft or travel iron and ironing mat
- Desktop task light, like an Ott light

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