

# Exploring Foundation Piecing Techniques, Eileen Sullivan-style

taught by Wendy Mathson

In this class you will learn Eileen Sullivan's paper piecing technique using freezer paper foundations. This is a simple "self-cleaning" process that allows you to sew tiny fabric pieces quite easily. Eileen specializes in floral designs, and has a number of stunning patterns on the market. (www.thedesignersworkshop.com)

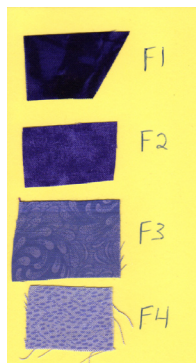
This is the fifth class in a series at Quilter's Paradise. You can take any of the classes separately, or join our fun group as we work on a different project each month from *The Experts' Guide to Foundation Piecing* by Jane Hall.

The class project is Eileen Sullivan's "Summer Pleasures" quilt, page 56. 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.)



## Bring to class:

- Your copy of the book (**required**):  
*The Experts' Guide to Foundation Piecing*
- Scraps, or up to 1/4 yd each of at least 3 green fabrics: dark, medium and light\*
- Scraps of 4 shades of one color for the flower in Block 3, shading from dark to light (blue violet in the photo above; purple in the book)
- Scraps of 2 fabrics for flower center (yellow and dark violet in photo; off-white and black print in the book)
- Make an index card with swatches labeled, like the one shown here. (F1 is darkest to F4, lightest)



Refer to page 56 for more specific fabric requirements for the quilt. Page 58 has a photo of Eileen's fabric selections. **Don't worry about choosing all of your fabrics before class.** We will begin with Block 3, which has the largest flower in the pattern. You can make the flower in any color you choose.

\* For the greens, Eileen says to use 3 to 4 DIFFERENT fabrics in each shade, so you would have 3 or 4 dark greens, 3 or 4 medium greens, and 3 or 4 light greens. You can add more greens later, so you don't need to have all of these before class.

**Any questions, please contact me, not the shop:**  
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## Required Supplies:

- Sewing machine
- Microtex/Sharp size 90/14 needle
- Basic sewing supplies, including fine silk pins
- Paper scissors or x-acto knife or small craft knife
- Rotary cutter, small mat, small ruler (Use the 28mm cutter if you have one.)
- Highlighter pen
- A few colored pencils. Don't worry about what colors they are, just bring 3 or 4 that are different enough so you can tell them apart.
- Neutral color piecing thread (Superior's Master-piece recommended) for top and bobbin
- 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.)

## 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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