

# Piece Curves and Play with Transparency



Are you intimidated by curves but love precision piecing? Start the Cool as a Cactus quilt in class, featuring pieced curves, a unique border treatment, and color palette that features transparency. Class will begin with an exercise in creating transparency effects, then we work from paper templates to accurately cut and piece large diameter curves. Learn to cut and precisely piece large-diameter curves from templates, assemble a quilt top with pieced borders, and plan a color palette that includes a transparency effect. Students must purchase the digital pattern. Leave class with at least one block and border complete.

## Supply List

- [Cool as a Cactus digital quilt pattern](#) (Purchased from karenbolan.com): Note: purchase of the digital quilt pattern is required prior to class. Print the template pages at 100% scale and have them ready for class. You may choose to print the instruction pages or read along with your mobile device.
- Fabric:
  - Note: we will not complete the entire quilt in class, so you may choose to prepare only what we will use in class.
  - For the complete quilt, acquire yardage as listed in the pattern for the quilt size of your choice. For help narrowing down what to bring, you may watch [the first video on this page](#) for a demonstration of a few different methods for choosing a color palette. There is time in class for a brief discussion of your fabric choices if you need further help.
  - To prepare for class, press all your fabric. Cut the width-of-fabric strips according to the pattern, and subcut into rectangles, but do not cut the curved pieces from Templates. We'll do that in class!
  - If you want to minimize your work before class, prepare the following:
    - One 8½" x 16½" rectangle of Fabric 1
    - One 8½" x 16½" rectangle and one 8½" x 8½" square of Fabric 2
    - One 8½" x 16½" rectangle and one 8½" x 8½" square of Fabric 3
    - Two 8½" x 16½" rectangles of Fabric 4
    - One 4½" x 16½" rectangle of Fabric 5
    - One 8½" x 16½" rectangle of Fabric 6
  - Tools: Rotary cutter and cutting mat, 6" x 24" quilting ruler, 6" or smaller square quilting ruler, glue stick, pins and any favorite notions, sewing machine in good working order, iron and ironing surface, thread for piecing, and (optional) 16½" square quilting ruler
  - Virtual learning supplies: Reliable internet connection, electronic device with screen, webcam, microphone, and speaker to fully interact on Zoom, stable location(s) to set device with good view of your working area and screen.