

## Beginning Quiltmaking with Kim Jalette! – Rail Fence Quilt

We will be using the book “Start Quilting with Alex Anderson” as our guide. This series of four classes is designed for the person who has never made a quilt, but wants to learn. We will start at the beginning, with an introduction and basic information, and add skills during our time together.

At the end of the sessions, you will have the confidence needed to continue making quilts. It’s a lifetime journey, but everything is possible; you just need the right tools (skills) in your toolbox. These classes will get you started on the road.

Any of the staff at Patches will be delighted to help you select your fabrics for this quilt!!

### **Fabric Requirements**

Focus fabric (border) –  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard - select this first:

Pick a multi-color print that you love, and use it to select your 3 color families. In my class sample quilt, the focus fabric is used as the border, and includes the black, gray and red used in the blocks.

Blocks:

Color family A –  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd each of 3 different fabrics (black fabrics in class sample)

Color family B –  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd each of 3 different fabrics (gray fabrics in class sample)

Color family C –  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd each of 3 different fabrics (red fabrics in class sample)

Inner border –  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd

Binding –  $\frac{3}{8}$  yd – this can be the same as your focus (border) or a different fabric

Backing –  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  yds

Batting – approx. 45” x 45”

**ALSO NEEDED FOR ROTARY CUTTING PRACTICE:  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard any quilting cotton fabric (a regular  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd cut, not a fat quarter)**

## **Other Supplies**

- “Start Quilting with Alex Anderson” – this book is required
- Sewing machine – be familiar with operating your machine or ask someone to give you a lesson before class
- Rotary cutting tools – 45mm rotary cutter, cutting mat (17” x 23” preferred), rotary rulers – recommend a 6 ½” x 24” and a 6 ½” x 12” (or similar)
- Glass head pins with thin shaft, .5mm or .45mm
- Thread – I recommend a gray or beige for piecing
- Seam ripper
- Small scissors for clipping threads

Before coming to the first class, please wash and press your fabric. Do not use any fabric softener or dryer sheets. I like to use a product called “Mary Ellen’s Best Press” when I press my fabric. It is available at Patches.

### **To the first class, please bring the following:**

- “Start Quilting with Alex Anderson” book
- Quilt fabrics (focus, blocks, inner border, binding)
- Additional ¼ yard fabric for rotary cutting practice
- Rotary cutting tools (cutter, mat, rulers)

*You will not need to bring your sewing machine until the second class!!*

Please don’t hesitate to ask any questions that you may have – either at Patches or you can contact me directly (e-mail is best). We all want you to have the best introduction into the world of quilting that you can have!

I hope that you love making quilts as much as I do!!