

Modern Basics - Graduation

Lesson plan for modern quilting class

Graduation is a fantastic modern quilt! Using this lesson plan will offer insight into the pattern, and encourage your quilters to quilt often - there's nothing like a finished project! A three hour class, would be ideal for this class, giving students time to cut and begin piecing the top.

Start the class with these talking points:

- Importance of squaring the edge of fabric, and demonstrate how to square.
- Width of fabric vs. Length of fabric - which cuts to make first.
- And how to use pins effectively.
- Don't forget to enjoy the process!
- Fabric selection time could be included in this class, as well. Having expert advice from someone like yourself would be invaluable to a new quilter. Solids or prints work, if using prints, put them inside the rectangles, and frame them with a mellow neutral.

Creating the quilt top:

- Cut fabrics according to directions, taking care to follow WOF instructions.
- Take note to organize pieces as they are cut, to eliminate confusion later.
- Get started with sewing the rows.
- When pressing the seams, talk about and demonstrate how to press without stretching the fabric.
- Demonstrate using the ruler in step 7, to line up and carefully pin rows, taking care to keep the color blocks vertically straight.
- When adding sashing to the the bottom of each row, and the outer borders, is a great opportunity to talk about measuring the length, then adding the correct length pieces for a great fit every time.

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Looking for your first modern quilting class? Or know someone that is? Modern Basics author Amy Ellis has the perfect quilt project! Graduation is a simple, modern quilt that will inspire many more quilts. You will love the results!

Add on sales:

- Rulers, cutting mats, rotary cutters, pins
- Fabric