

# Basic Block Drafting

## Supply list (1 page)

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Though quilt books and patterns are plentiful, they may not be in the correct block size you need and you may not be able to find a pattern for a vintage quilt you saw in a book or museum. In this session you will learn to draft traditional blocks by recognizing their basic structure using a grid system. You will also learn to enlarge or reduce a block pattern to any size you choose freeing you from depending on finding the correct pattern in the correct size. You will also gain skills in designing your own block patterns without the expense of a quilt drafting program

**Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-631-8806 or [helene.m.knott@gmail.com](mailto:helene.m.knott@gmail.com) if you have any questions.**

**A Note to Students:** Many students do not realize that once the teacher is paid, the shop offering a class makes little if any income on the class itself. The shop is relying on product sales to continue offering quality classes to you. Therefore, I urge you to patronize this shop when buying your supplies for this class as much as possible and remind you that big chain stores do not offer the variety of classes that the smaller shops do. Keep quilt classes alive by supporting this shop.

Thank you, Helene

## Tools/materials:

- **Quadrille Graph Paper - ¼" grid:** An 8 ½" x 11" pad will do to learn on but the 12"x 12" pads that some quilt shops sell will also do and will allow you to draft real sized blocks up to 12" square. Office supply stores sell pads of sheets 17" x 22" that would allow drafting real sized blocks up to 16" but they can be expensive; I will have individual sheets of the large sized paper available for \$1 per sheet if you wish to just purchase one or two for the class.
- **Tracing Paper:** An 8 ½"x 11" pad.
- **18" Ruler:** Drafting or quilting.
- **Pencil and a Good Eraser:** A mechanical graphite drawing pencil. Do not plan to rely on the eraser on the pencil end; you may be doing a considerable amount of erasing so bring an extra eraser. The white plastic type erases cleaner than the old pink type.
- **Colored Pencils (optional):** Berol Prismacolor pencils are the most vibrant and have the richest colors but any brand will do. You can use a basic set of twelve colors or a larger set for a wider range of colors. These will only be needed if you want to play with coloring your block designs.
- **Good Quality Drafting Compass:** One with at least a 4" spread, a smaller one will not do!
- **Optional Book:** 'Drafting and Design Simplified' (Rodale Quilting Library) by Sarah Sacks Dunn
- **Instruction Packet & Grid Transparency:** \$3 (payable to instructor in class)

You should also bring some magazines, books or pictures of quilts with traditional geometric blocks you would like to try your hand at drafting.