

Friday Workshop—November 1, 2019

Combination Units

7 Quilts to Make

Featuring: Labor Day Madness, Pinwheel, Labor Day Stars, Sugar Bowl, Minnesota Windmill, Liberty Star and Pinwheel Promenade.

In this workshop you will learn the easy and accurate sewing method for this very versatile unit. The combination unit has 3 triangles in it but we will make it without cutting any! By sewing first and then cutting we eliminate working with the bias. Pat will show you several great borders using these units. A handout will be given and discussed on how to make your pieced border fit your quilt top. Rated: easy to intermediate, not for a beginner.



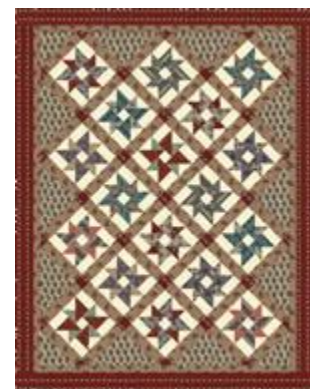
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Pat Speth

Nickel Quilts, More Nickel Quilts, Amazing Nickel Quilts, Nickel Quilts & Borders, and The Big Book of Nickel Quilts

Combination Units

Workshop Supply List - 3 pages be sure to print all

In this workshop you have the opportunity to make seven different quilts!

Two of the quilts; Labor Day Madness and Pinwheel are made as a set. The method I have for making the combination units results in mirror image units; one of the units makes the Labor Day Madness quilt and the other unit makes the Pinwheel quilt.

The Sugar Bowl, Labor Day Stars, Minnesota Windmill, Liberty Star, and Pinwheel Promenade quilts use both units in their blocks.

Materials

The 5" squares listed below are enough to make a lap size quilt. You will need other materials later for sashing, setting triangles, borders, binding and backing to finish the quilt.

Of course you can make the quilts any size you like. For additional material requirements please refer to the books *Nickel Quilts, More Nickel Quilts, Amazing Nickel Quilts, and Nickel Quilts & Borders*. Refer to the individual pattern for Labor Day Stars.

Bring a few extra light and dark 5" squares for practicing this technique.

Labor Day Madness and Pinwheel – in *Nickel Quilts* and *The Big Book of Nickel Quilts*

Skill Level: Beginner Easy Intermediate

(Supply list for lap sizes)

Labor Day Madness – 60" x 60" / Pinwheel – 50 1/2" x 50 1/2"

5" squares of medium and dark fabrics:	16 sets of 2 (2 of the same fabric)	= 32 squares
5" squares of medium and dark fabrics:	16 sets of 4 (4 of the same fabric)	= 64 squares
5" squares of background (light)	16 sets of 5 (5 of the same fabric)	= 80 squares
5" squares of assorted medium & dark	46 (these are used in the border)	= 46 squares
5" squares assorted lights/background	46 (these are used in the border)	= 46 squares

Please note that the above sets of fabrics will make blocks that have the same background fabric and fabrics for the triangles throughout the block, this is the way the quilts in the book were made. I have seen many wonderful blocks with scrappy triangles and scrappy backgrounds, so if you do not have sets of 5" squares don't worry your quilt will still turn out beautiful using up single squares!

Labor Day Stars – an individual pattern

Skill Level: ___ Beginner Easy ___ Intermediate

(Supply list for lap sizes)

Labor Day Madness – 59" x 75"

5" squares of medium and dark fabrics: 9 sets of 2 (2 of the same fabric) = 18 squares

5" squares of medium and dark fabrics: 9 sets of 4 (4 of the same fabric) = 36 squares

Background (light) 1 1/3 yard cut into the following:

18 squares 5" x 5"

72 pieces 2 3/8" x 4 1/4"

18 squares 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"

Sugar Bowl – in *More Nickel Quilts* and *The Big Book of Nickel Quilts*

Skill Level: ___ Beginner ___ Easy Intermediate

(Supply list for lap size)

54 3/4" x 62 1/4"

113 - 5" squares – I used florals and geometrics in medium to medium dark values.

7/8 yard of background fabric cut into 39 - 5" squares. I used an unbleached muslin for my background.

Minnesota Windmill – in *Amazing Nickel Quilts*

Skill Level: ___ Beginner ___ Easy Intermediate

(Supply list for lap size)

57" x 57"

81- 5" squares – I used 30's prints

1 3/4 yards of f background fabric cut into 31 - 5" squares and 100 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" squares. I used a bleached muslin for my background.

Liberty Star – in *Nickel Quilts & Borders*

Skill Level: ___ Beginner ___ Easy Intermediate

(Supply list for lap size)

52" x 63"

Blue 5" squares 63

Red 5" squares 50

Background (light) 5" squares 75

Pinwheel Promenade - Free pattern on my website www.patspeth.com

Skill Level: ___ Beginner Easy ___ Intermediate

(Supply list for lap size)

64" x 74 1/2"

12 pairs of background (light) 5" squares - a pair is two squares that are identical

12 pairs of dark or medium 5" squares - these will turn into the smaller dark triangles in the block

12 sets of 4 (4 identical) dark or medium 5" squares - these will become the larger of the dark triangles in the block

If you choose to make this quilt in class you are responsible for printing the free pattern and having it with you for the class.

For those of you who may not have lots of 5" squares already cut; fat quarters are a great source for cutting 5" squares from. You can cut 12 - 5" squares from a fat quarter.

Of course you can make the quilts any size you like. For additional material requirements please refer to the books or pattern.

Be sure to have your 5" squares cut before coming to class.

Save any leftover pieces you may have at the end of your 5" strips after cutting them down into 5" squares and bring them to class. I have a great project for them!

AND BASIC SUPPLIES:

- Sewing machine
- Basic Sewing Kit: scissors, pins, notepad & pencil; seam ripper; thread.
- Pencil or fabric marker for marking on the wrong side of dark and light fabrics
- Rotary cutter and mat.
- Rulers: one of these 6", 5", or 4 1/2" square with a 45° diagonal line that extends to the corners of the ruler and a 6" x 12" - I will have the 6", 5", or 4 1/2" square rulers with me for purchase if you do not already have one.
- Iron and small ironing surface.
- Power strip and extension cord.
- Design wall*
- A copy of the book your quilt is in, or the pattern if making Labor Day Stars.

I will have books and patterns with me available for purchase or you can order them from my website. www.patspeth.com

*If you bring the supplies listed below I will show you how to put your design wall together.

- 1 dressmaker's cardboard cutting board (the kind that folds up for storage) when folded measures 14" x 40" and opens to 40" x 72"
- 2 curtain rods that extend to at least 72" (the white metal ones that curve on each end)
- a piece of white flannel 44" x 80" or a flannel backed vinyl tablecloth
- 10 large binder clips 1" size (from the office supply store)

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