

"Spontaneous Stars"

A Workshop With Didi Salvatierra

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Class Objective: To learn a template free method for piecing imperfect, slightly skewed Variable Star blocks. The more irregular, the more interesting and one-of-a-kind they become. A new twist on a traditional quilt block!

Supply List

Sewing Machine: Straight stitching only for piecing the blocks and construction of the quilt top. A $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot is best.

Needles: Regular 80/12 Universal needles.

Thread: Neutral thread in top and bobbin. Bring a couple of extra filled bobbins.

Sewing Supplies: Straight pins, scissors/snips, seam ripper.

Rotary Cutting Supplies: Rotary cutter, mat, and rulers (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, 6"x12" rectangular and 6" - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square)

Iron & Board: Student supplied, or provided by shop/guild.

Pre-Class Prep:

We will begin with Medium size stars. These are trimmed to a raw edge finished size, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square.

For each star you will need: (cut enough for 3-4 stars)

- Eight 3" squares of background fabric, your choice, scrappy of one color or all the same fabric.
- One 3" square for star center.
- Eight triangles for star points. These will be free-form cut from scraps that measure approx. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square (these do not have to be exact and can be cut in class.)

Bring To Class:

- Extra fabric for making more stars. Bring uncut fat quarters for background and larg-ish scraps for star centers and star points.
- Bring fabric to audition for the filler background between the star blocks. * I like to use several different fabrics in the same color family for this (see sample quilt or photo).

OPTIONAL: As time permits we will explore making larger (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") and smaller stars (4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ").