

# *Power Cutting & Power Cutting, Too*

## Supply List

Power cutting is a fast and efficient approach to rotary cutting. Power cutting is a collection of cutting techniques that allows quilters to choose the one that is best for the task at hand. For instance, making a few large half-square triangle units for a quilt should employ a different approach than making many small units. Working with scraps, strips, and charm squares requires different techniques than working with yardage of a few fabrics. I want you to bring fabrics to use for exercises to learn the various methods of power cutting.

With this process approach there is no time to begin a project during a one day workshop. For the process, bring fabrics you do not mind using for exercises. These pieces may or may not become part of a future quilt, so don't plan to use anything that is really special. See below for more details.

### **Please bring all of the following to class with you:**

- **Books, *Power Cutting* and *Power Cutting, Too*, by Debbie Caffrey, optional** – These books are available for purchase during class or through my website. Some of the information on the various techniques will be provided as handouts, but there is so much information in the books that you may want to own them for future reference. Individual quilt patterns for the quilts in the book will not be included in the handout.
- **Books, *It's Hip to be Square*, *Delectably Simple Mountains*, and *Perfect and Painless Half-Square Triangle Units*, by Debbie Caffrey, optional** – These books, too, are available for purchase during class or through my website. These books are expansions of some techniques that are presented in the Power Cutting books.
- **Other books and patterns** – Bring along one or several patterns (not mine, but others) that you would like to make and we will critique the patterns to determine your best approach.
- **Rotary cutter, a mat that is at least 12" x 18", and the following rulers: a long ruler (6" x 24", 8½" x 24", or similar size); an Omnigrid 96L triangle tool, an Omnigrid 98L triangle tool, all of the small squares you have, and any of your favorite rulers.** The Omnigrid 96L and Omnigrid 98L are *optional* and will be used in some of the exercises. Bring them if you have them. I will have some to share during class. The triangle tools and several sizes of small squares are available for purchase through my website and during class.
- **Sewing machine and thread to blend with fabrics**
- **Fabric** – Bring scraps, strips, squares (any size 5" to 10"), fat quarters, and short yardage pieces (half yard cuts, or so). You will need some of the larger pieces, so be sure to include at least four fat quarters or short yardage pieces. Select a variety of values, visual textures, and colors. *Choose anything that you don't mind using up for the learning process samples.* In total, have approximately two yards of fabric to work with. Obviously, you will not use it all, but it shouldn't take too much space, and I cannot imagine any of you not having that much fabric lying around!

After class, read the instructions from any quilting book, pattern, or magazine with a new perspective. Using what you have learned in the process exercises, you may choose to cut and piece quilts differently than instructed. For example, if you want to make a multiple fabric quilt from a pattern that is written for just a few fabrics, you will know how to adapt that pattern to fit your wishes. On the other hand, you may choose to do the opposite and use yardage of just a few fabrics in place of a scrappy version. By the end of the day you will have skills that you need to confidently make the changes!

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