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We received this kind email from a student of Jackie Kunkel's who attended a Bali Bed Runner class at Quiltz Sewing Store in Phoenix Arizona.

"I am writing to tell you about the experience I had while attending the Bali Bed Runner class this past weekend. The class was held at Quiltz sewing store in Phoenix Arizona. The instructor was Jackie Kunkel.

I have been a sewer and quilter since about 2010. I have attended many quilting classes. My general opinion is that class time is too short and the instructor generally takes for granted that every student is following along and that almost no personal attention is needed. Jackie's approach was different. She assisted each and every student in the class, working with them and helping them to learn and absorb every process required to guarantee a successful outcome. Each student was treated as an individual but she still made sure to foster a friendly group environment.

I was the terribly slow student in the class. I just couldn't get the orientation of the pattern pieces right. Perhaps that's because I am left handed so everything seems upside down and backwards. The first day of class was no problem.

However, on the second day I required lots of one on one time. With over a dozen students in the class she still found time to keep coming back to check on me. If not for her superior teaching skills I'm sure I would have left by the end of the day on Saturday and not returned.

Although I did not get as far along as the rest of the class, by the time the class was finished, I knew exactly what I needed to do. In fact, I sat down this morning and began piecing my arcs and other units as well as anyone experienced with the wedding ring pattern would.

Thanks to Jackie's calm and supportive teaching I am now enjoying my day immensely. I woke up at 6:30 this morning and have been quilting up a storm.

I just want to say thank you to Jackie for her patience and sweet spirit. She is one gem of a certified trainer. I actually plan to take more of her classes when they are offered."

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