

1. Refer to page #3 in the instruction booklet and back page #12, for the fabric requirements for the Tea Time Placemat pattern. Contrast is an important factor when choosing your fabrics.
2. On page #2 you will find the instructions for the paper templates and paper foundations. Each quilter will be required to have the paper templates and paper foundations cut out and put into bags as stated in the pattern instructions. I use a rotary cutter and a 3" X 18" ruler to cut out the templates and I free hand the curve edges of the leaf paper foundations. **Please make sure to only leave the 1/8 inch and not more than a 1/4 inch beyond the outside line on the templates and foundations.** The paper templates are not cut apart until they are placed on top of the rectangles of fabric that are cut to fit them. Clip the paper templates to the stacks of fabric, stacked right side up, along the edge with the plastic covered large paper clips. This keeps the sections clipped together to allow you to stack in order for paper piecing. Make sure to place paper clips between the cut lines on the paper templates.
3. Please have your fabric cut out and placed in bags, as per instructions before class, so that we can utilize all of the time you have to piece your pattern. Refer to the right hand column of page #3, page #4, and left column of page #5 for the cutting instructions. I cut the fabrics 1/4 inch larger, in width and length, than the instructions call for to give a little extra fabric to work with. This is not a requirement, but I have found it useful. (Make sure to check before you cut that this will not short you on fabric.)
4. It will be useful to have a pressing & medium size cutting station beside your sewing machine. I use a small folding table 19 X 30 that I bought at Menards for my cutting and pressing station. I have an Omnigrid 12" X 18" Fold-Away Cutting and Pressing Station Board that I find useful for my paper piecing that just fits the top of the folding table. These are just tools that I have found useful and are not a requirement for the class.
5. **Trace the dash seam allowance lines** on the back of all of your paper foundation piecing patterns. Use a light box or place your patterns on a window and trace. This will be a useful tool when paper piecing your foundations. The dotted seam allowance lines can be traced as solid lines on the back of the pattern. This is a very important step, especially with this pattern because of the angle the fabric is placed with the paper foundations.

If you have any questions please call me and I will help you through the instructions.

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