

Workshop #1 Title: Dames & Diamonds**Date:** September 30, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 – 5:30 PM

I'm delighted to introduce students to the technique I use to create all my gem patterns: traditional piecing using freezer paper as a template. I've designed four patterns inspired by some of the world's most beautiful gems, all of which are made available to class participants. I will provide the freezer paper charts and regular paper keys for each of the patterns.

Participants will choose one of the fully-charted gem patterns to make during class. During class, we'll not only create a quilt block of the patterns, but I'll share all kinds of gossip about the gems and their outrageous, eccentric, and intriguing owners.

The topics we'll discuss in class include:

- The visual clues on each piece that help makers confidently assemble their block
- Selecting colors and fabric for their diamond. In short, there is no wrong answer to color selection! And I'll show students how fabric selection can impact the "clarity" of their gem.
- Assembly techniques and tips (including how to successfully piece curves)
- Quilting and finishing suggestions

Length of Workshop: 6 hours, with an hour for lunch

Skill Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Participants to supply their own fabric for the class. We'll talk about color and fabric selection within the class, so students can "audition" the fabric in their stash and select their favorite combinations.

Supply List:

- Highlighter pen
 - Long rulers to cut long seams (18" and 24" work well)
 - Small ruler (12") with a 1/4" measurement
 - Domestic sewing machine and thread assortment (neutrals or colors that match your fabrics)
 - Scissors, rotary cutting tools (cutter and mat), pins; we'll be cutting paper with our rotary cutter, so if you want to bring two rotary cutters (one for paper and one for fabric), feel free to do so.
 - Iron and ironing pad (or board)
 - Fabric of choice. Solids and gradients work well with these patterns. Colorway suggestions for each of the 4 patterns will be attached with the marketing materials.
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