

## All the Elements: Designing Quilts with Foundation Piecing Quilting by the Lake

I've been making quilts for many years and I seem to have found my niche with foundation piecing. This technique allows me to achieve sharp, clean points and lines without undue fussing in cutting and sewing. I like a lot of action in my quilts. Points and lines and curves, color and pattern and repetition all play a part. Foundation piecing is a tool for me to create the designs that live in my head and get them out and onto quilts!

I've designed a lot of different quilts over the years and have often thought of taking my favorite elements for all the quilts and combining them together in one quilt. This is my chance, and yours, too.

In this three day workshop I'll give you the patterns and show you the tricks and shortcuts for some of my favorite foundation piecing patterns. I've put many of the best and most beautiful patterns together, all resized and redesigned to fit together in a quilt of your own design. I will demonstrate all the elements, including ways to make the process easier. Then we'll look at all the elements and talk about different ways to bring them all together. We'll talk about color and composition and how to get your elements to join and play off of one another to the best advantage. You will leave with all the tools and some of the blocks you'll need to put together your most amazing creation.

### Materials list:

**Fabrics:** All your favorite fabrics. If you love solids, bring solids! If you love prints, bring prints. You won't finish this quilt during the three days, so you don't have to bring everything you might eventually want in the quilt. You just need enough to work with to play with the patterns and make some headway on your creation. Fat quarter bundles are great. Some full yard cuts of options for background and to unify the elements. Bring as much as you can but don't worry too much over having all the perfect fabrics.

**Elements:** If you have unfinished pieces from classes with me or another teacher, and you love them but you don't know if you're going to finish them as originally anticipated, bring them along. We can look at those elements and think about ways to repurpose them and use them for inspiration in your new piece. Bring along fabrics that you may have used in putting them together or others that might work well with them.

**Sewing Machine** in good working order. Thread, machine needles, machine oil. Rotary cutter and mat. Scissors for paper and fabric. Notebook for notes and ideas. Smartphone or camera for taking pictures and recording ideas.