

Homework before Workshop
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Kaleidoscope Pinwheels

I. Getting Ready

A. Divide your print fabric width-wise

1. Measure across grain 23" from inner edge of selvage; clip into top edge.
2. Tear fabric from clip on straight of grain (lengthwise, parallel to selvage) about a yard at a time.
3. Continue tearing down as needed after cutting several repeats; leave the remaining print fabric full width for use in borders.

B. Cut your repeat strips

1. Line up 6" x 24" quilt ruler with narrow end on edge of selvage
2. Line up long side of ruler with a few easily identifiable points in the print and cut once across the 23" width
3. Find the next spot where the same points line up the same way; this is your repeat - cut!
4. You now have a cut piece 23" wide by (whatever your fabric's repeat is) tall; cut seven more identical pieces for a total of eight.

C. Layer your eight print repeats one on top of the other. Bring them to class "stacked" this way.

The first thing we will do in class will be the use the needle and heavy thread to align specific spots on your fabric so when we cut all 8 fabrics, the designs on all the triangles will all be the same, thereby creating the kaleidoscopes.

Questions: Call Rose Remund