



Pineapple Pinwheels Workshop

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In this workshop, you'll learn a fun technique that uses the original Creative Grids® Pineapple Trim Tool in a whole new way. We will be using the tool to make a block called Pineapple Pinwheels. In class, you will make 4 block units and put them together to make the single block shown above. This block is used in several of my patterns and I will have samples to show. This fun block has never been so easy!

If you have a Creative Grids® Pineapple Trim Tool please bring it with you to class. If you don't, I'll bring 3 that students may share in class. I will also have them for sale at the workshop.

Please bring:

- Rotary cutter with fresh blade and small cutting mat. (Mat should be at least 12" x 18".)
- Neutral colored thread and bobbin
- Your machine with its foot control and power cord
- Mechanical pencil
- Small ruler for any straight trimming (6" x 12" works great)
- Iron and ironing board
- *Best Press or Magic Sizing (*optional, but I suggest it for all piecing)
- Straight pins
- Seam ripper
- Scissors and anything else you normally use when sewing

I highly recommend using scraps of random colors for this workshop. Once you understand the technique and see where colors "end up", you will then understand how to control color placement in the blocks.

To make the single block shown above, you will need to cut and bring:

Background:

- Cut (1) 3 ½" strip. Sub-cut into (8) 3 ½" squares. Trim the remainder of the strip to 2 ½" wide and sub-cut (4) 2 ½" squares.

1 ¾" strips in random colors. (Please cut as directed. If you cut them wider than 1 ¾", the individual cuts listed below will not work)

- Cut into (8) 1 ¾" x 2 ½", (8) 1 ¾" x 4 ½", (8) 1 ¾" x 5", (8) 1 ¾" x 7"

Please pre-cut these before class. Label the different cuts so you can easily locate them when class instruction is taking place. Bring extra fabric just in case you need it.

If you are speedy when piecing, feel free to bring extra cuts in case you have time to make additional blocks.