

## Four Patch Posey Class Information

### With Pam Gantz

This is the simplest but, by far, the most versatile of the kaleidoscope blocks. In this class, we will start by talking about how to match the four, vertical repeats of your fabric. We will discuss how large to cut the blocks, cut them out and then begin sewing them together. Toward the end of the day, we will discuss ways of setting the blocks either in a quilt, wall hanging, or table runner. We will only be sewing blocks but we will not be sewing the blocks together to form rows or a quilt top. Once you decide on a layout, you will put that together on your own.

#### FABRIC

You will need to keep in mind some things when choosing your fabric.

- First, you do not want an open design with a lot of background showing.
- Batiks will not work. They are a hand made design with an irregular repeat so you can't get the kaleidoscope effect.
- I suggest that you don't use a design where people's or animal's eyes are prominent. We will discuss this in class.
- Medium to large prints work best with contrast and more than two colors. For example, if you use a small print, the repeat will be small and many of your blocks will look similar.
- If you love the colors in the fabric, you will love the blocks you make whether it is a modern, traditional, 30's print fabric, etc.

#### SUPPLIES

- Four (4) vertical repeats are needed. Pick a recognizable point near the selvage of the fabric and find the next time it appears. The distance between the two points is your repeat. You will need 4 times this length, i.e. if your repeat is 12", you will need to buy 48". I suggest rounding up to the next 1/8 or 1/4 yard.
- Neutral thread for piecing with 1-2 bobbins ready for use.
- Rotary cutting mat (12" x 18" is a good size).
- Rotary cutter with a new blade. You will be cutting through 4 layers at a time.

- 6" x 24" rotary cutting ruler.
- Flat head pins and regular sewing pins.
- Scissors.
- Sewing machine in good working order. (I can help with you with general issues but I'm not an expert on all machines.)
- Two, gallon zip lock bags are helpful for storing your cut blocks and your finished blocks.

Fabric for a border or sashing can be purchased later. If you want to use the block fabric for the border, I suggest you buy extra when you purchase your fabric. The amount will be determined by whether you plan to make a table runner, wall hanging or a quilt.