

Spin Cycle

Level of Experience: Intermediate to Advanced

Approximate Finished Size: "57 x 83"

Based on a mix of light and dark values, the blocks in this quilt circle around in a swirling pattern providing the opportunity for many different layouts. Explore the freedom of working your quilt a few blocks at a time, manipulating each block as you go. Come ready to sew; pre-cut the rectangles as listed below, *please wait to cut the arcs until you are in class*. There are templates provided in the pattern or purchase the *Ovals Always Ruler providing 12 different arcs to choose from. EVEN if you are uneasy sewing curves, the arcs in the blocks are long and gentle and a breeze to sew. We'll discuss methods for changing the design and size of your blocks, or you can follow the pattern step by step! You'll also learn many cutting and piecing techniques to add to your quilting toolbox of tricks.

Fabric Tips: Select a family of colors that you feel look good together. Once you've made your decision, refer to the fabric requirements below. If you'd like your quilt to be a little darker or lighter, purchase more of one and less of the other working with 1/3 yard increments. Also, if you have a few pieces of fabric that seem like they might work with your choices, bring them along!

Supplies

Pattern: Spin Cycle by Karla Alexander

Sewing Machine in good working order

Optional: 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" ruler or larger

Basic rotary cutting and sewing supplies

2 yds Freezer paper for templates *(if you don't have the ruler)

**I will have a ruler with me for you to try.*

Fabric for the Blocks

1/3 yard of 4 dark value prints

1/3 yard of 5 medium-light value prints

1/3 yard of 5 light value prints

Fabric for the Border

1/2 yard for inner Border

3/8 yard for middle Border

1 1/4 yards for outer Border

OPTIONAL: 2 yards flannel for design wall

PLEASE PRE-CUT FABRIC FOR BLOCKS PRIOR TO CLASS

Refer to BLOCK FABRIC requirements above and cut 10 1/2" strips from each; cross-cut strips into 9" x 10 1/2" rectangles, for a total of 46, *you will have extras*. Please bring any excess fabric from cutting to class. Do not cut border fabric at this time.

You are welcome to view the finished quilt on my web site at www.saginawstreetquilts.com or email me with any questions at karlaalexander@mac.com. My books, patterns and specialty rulers are all available on my web site.