

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Class: **Mirror Image Magic**

Dates: **Sat, April 14**

Tutor: **Rita Hutchens**

Classroom: **I**

You must bring along the following:

- 50 wt. 2-ply long staple cotton thread to be used for piecing [Aurifil recommended, available for purchase in class].
- Sewing machine needles 80/12 for piecing
- Scissors, pins, seam ripper
- .9mm ceramic mechanical pencil for quilting. [Sew-Line recommended, available for purchase in class]
- 6" X 24" See through ruler with 30, 45 and 60-degree markings in both directions
- 4" x 14" or smaller see through ruler with markings
- 60mm rotary cutter with a sharp blade and a spare blade
- Cutting mat at least 24" on one side
- Pencil and paper for taking notes
- Optional 1" x 6" ruler with 1/4" markings. [Available for purchase in class]
- Optional book and patterns [Available for purchase in class]
- Optional small binder/folder to file hand-outs and notes in

Fabrics:

See Homework directions at the end of this sheet. Go to

www.ritahutchens.com/Pages/Workshops.html for more information on the Zigzags and Chevrons class.

- Use narrow strips and small prints – uneven strips work well
- Use quality fabrics. Batiks are highly recommended for learning this technique because of their stability.
- Pick some fun fabrics you really like.
- The print on these fabrics should be fairly small. Solid fabrics or tone on tone prints are good to bring.
- Prewash and dry fabrics, iron folded in half selvedge to selvedge. Do not use starch.
- To save class time, pre-cut and sew strips together as directed in homework.
- Most of all don't stress out about your fabric choices.

You will need four fabrics [see amounts below].

Go to www.ritahutchens.com/Pages/Workshops.html and click on the homework for Zigzags and Chevrons to see pictures and determine fabric choices.

Bring some extra fabric of each for mistakes etc.

Accurately cut strips from the full width of the fabric.

Follow directions on website for sewing strips together

Fabric A: Cut four 3-inch strips

Fabric B: Cut four 1-1/2-inch strips

Fabric C: Cut eight 1-inch strips

Fabric D: Cut four 1-1/2-inch strips

Go to my YouTube channel for a preview of some of these techniques and quilts made with them.
www.youtube.com/user/RitaHutchens

Optional kit: An optional kit can be purchased to accompany the class at a cost of **\$40**.

Please ensure that you bring the **exact** amount in cash in an envelope with your name and the tutor's and class name on the front, to be given to the tutor before the class starts.

Kit consists of:

- Pre-sewn strata as stated in the homework
- Fabrics used are high quality batiks.
- Students should pre-order pre-sewn strata by contacting Rita rita@ritahutchens.com no later than March 5, 2012
- Students who pre-ordered their strata will have their choice of different colour-ways when they get to class.
- A limited number of strata will be available for students who did not pre order their strata or who signed up at the last minute. There is no guarantee there will be extra strata for students who did not pre order them.

Sewing machines will be provided by sponsor companies so you don't need to bring your own.

A technical assistant from that company will be available to assist any students who are unfamiliar with that machine. **If you prefer to bring your own sewing machine**, you may, but please ensure it is well maintained and that you bring the instruction manual and accessories.

Suggestions:

- Please make sure you label everything with your name.
- We also recommend bringing a cushion in case your chair doesn't suit your height.
- A water bottle helps you stay hydrated.
- Don't forget to bring your glasses.

Homework [please read carefully before you cut or sew]

You will get more out of the class if you do a little pre-class homework. Use the fabric above for the homework. Use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut required strips for each exercise from the full width of the fabric [apx. 42] When ironing seams open a few stitches at the ends of the seams are likely to come out when you are working with them. Use a small stitch [18-22 per inch, and good tension when sewing the strips together and this will not be a problem. Strips cut from different fabrics will be slightly different in length. Do not worry about making the ends even at this point. Work from one end and make them generally even. I prefer not to use pins

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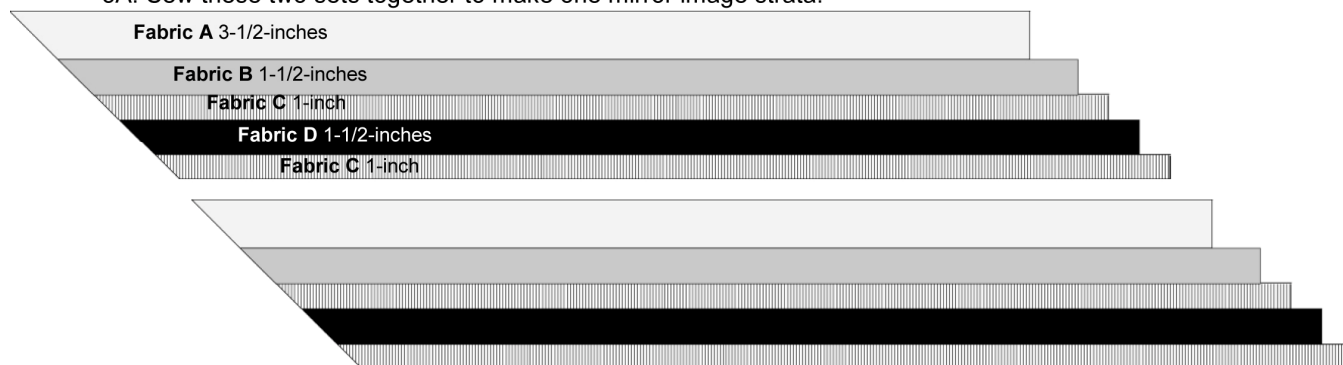
unless I have to match up seams or ends. Without stretching, pulling or distorting, gently feed the strips through the sewing machine matching the edges. Sew your strips together using an even and consistent one-quarter inch seam allowance. Use a hot steam iron and iron seams open. It takes a little extra time but the work will lie flatter. It will be easier to iron seams open if you “set” the seam first and then iron it open. Be careful not to stretch your strips while you are ironing or you will get a strip set with a big curve in it.

Chevrons and Zigzags

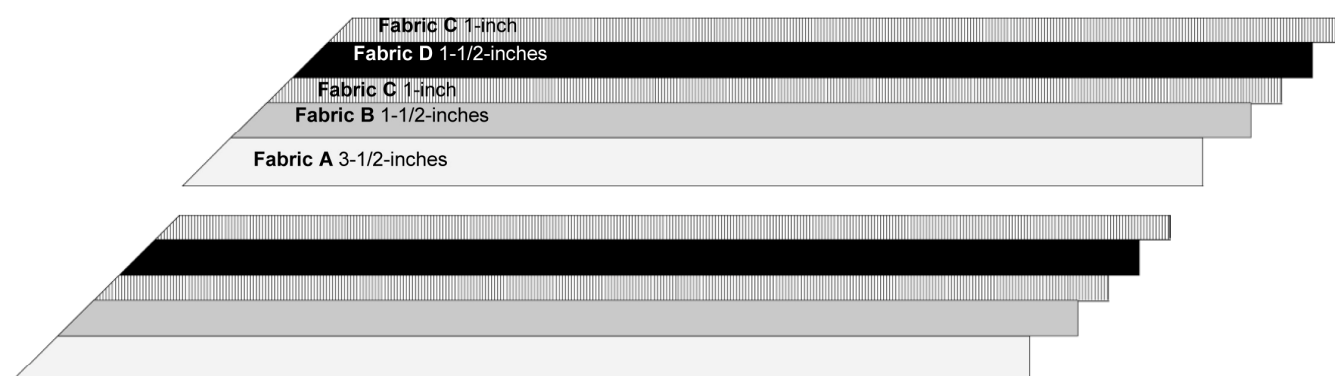
- 1A. Cut a small 45-degree right triangle off one end of half the strips of each fabric.
Make your cut going in the same direction as the illustration below.

- 1B. Cut a small 45-degree right triangle off one end of the other half of the strips of each fabric.
Make your cut going in the same direction as the illustration below, which is opposite from step 1A.

- 2A. Follow the directions above for sewing and ironing and sew two sets of strips together as shown below.
3A. Sew these two sets together to make one mirror image strata.



- 2B. Follow the directions above for sewing and ironing and sew two sets of strips together as shown below
[The angle is the same but opposite from the one above]
3B. Sew these two sets together to make one mirror image strata.



Don't Forget

Bring your sense of adventure, humor, and willingness to learn experiment and enjoy the process!
Please to feel free to call or write if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Rita

