

Workshop: Stretch a Block, Stretch Your Imagination!

Taught by Eleanor Levie, author of *Skinny Quilts & Table Runners*, book I and II



Left: Churn Dash Stretch by Avis Shirer of *Joined at the Hip*. Right: Basket Stretch by Eleanor Levie

This workshop will:

- Provide design inspiration and empowerment to stretch your creativity.
- Teach you drafting skills: how to take a classic quilt block, and stretch it, alter it, put your personal stamp on it.
- Guide you through designing, planning, cutting, and possibly even sewing one block for a customized Skinny Quilt that will work perfectly for your decor (or another's, if you're making this for a gift).
- Let you road-test simple, rotary-cutting and speed-piecing techniques—beginners are welcome!
- Fill you with ideas for alternative finishing techniques.



What you'll need to participate:

Dimensions of your dining table (buffet table, kitchen island, coffee table, or narrow wall space) for customizing your piece to perfectly fit the space where it'll be displayed.

Optional: Bring a china plate, bowl, vase, candlesticks, or other tabletop item you wish to coordinate.

Fabrics: Bring extra options and choices, to ensure a successful, original design! Helpful to start with one multi-color focal fabric--a print that works for the room. Then, let that fabric suggest a striped fabric or two, and several subtly textured prints with low-contrast color palette, such as tone-on-tone, variegated/mottled, vines, geometrics, and abstracts, in colors to match your multi-color focal fabric. Don't forget to bring light, medium, and dark fabrics, and a variety of scales of print.

Tools and Supplies:

Large cutting mat
Small (4" or 6" square) and large (6" x 24") acrylic rulers
45mm rotary cutter
Scissors

Not absolutely necessary, but nice: sewing machine in good working order (you can save the piecing and assembly to do at home); pinking shears; 2 or 3 irons and lightly padded ironing surfaces--for the class to share; plastic baggies, for pieces; embellishments to add after quilting.

Teacher will bring:

- Lots of Skinny Quilts to inspire design and finishing
- Copies of Skinny Quilts & Table Runners, I and II to sell at a discounted price
- Examples of classic blocks just ripe for stretching
- Graph paper & pencils

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