

# ***Pat Speth***

## ***Nickel Quilts, More Nickel Quilts, Amazing Nickel Quilts, and Nickel Quilts & Borders Nickel Mania Workshop***

Nickel Mania is a workshop that I offer for retreats or two day workshops. I will demonstrate the techniques used to make the units listed below. I encourage the students to try all the techniques sometime during the retreat/workshop since I know from experience that you can't stop with just one Nickel Quilt!

Feel free to work on any Nickel Quilt during this retreat from the books, *Nickel Quilts, More Nickel Quilts, Amazing Nickel Quilts, Nickel Quilts & Borders*, and *The Big Book of Nickel Quilts*, my Five Inch Is a Cinch pattern line, or any of the free projects I have posted on my blog or website. Many of these quilts can be seen on my website [www.patspeth.com](http://www.patspeth.com)

Besides the quilt you have selected you will be able to practice all the units and techniques that are in the books.

If you wish to practice all the units and new techniques you should bring an additional 40 dark 5" squares and 40 light 5" squares to class.

**Combination Units** These units are used in the following quilts: Labor Day Madness, Pinwheel, Labor Day Stars, Sugar Bowl, Liberty Stars, Pinwheel Promenade, and Minnesota Windmill.

You will learn the easy and accurate sewing method for this very versatile unit. The combination unit has 3 triangles in it but we will make it without cutting any! By sewing first and then cutting we eliminate working with the bias. Rated: easy to intermediate, not for a beginner.

**Flying Geese Units** These units are used in the following quilts: Dutchman's Puzzle, Stars Over Mitford, King's Crown, and Delta Star.

We will construct this unit with the sew & flip method. No triangles to cut or bias to work with! Rated: All skill levels.

**Half Square Triangle and Four Patch Units** These units are used in the following quilts: Jewel Box, Northern Lights, Sunny Lanes, Mount Hood, Flying Home from Bali Bali, Beach Party, Shoo Fly, Jacob's Ladder, Path and Stiles, Idaho Beauty, Churn Dash, Heritage Trail, Market Square, Hickory Hills, and Texas Two Step.

These units could be considered the cornerstones of quilting. Simple sewing and cutting techniques will turn your 5" squares into many great quilts. Once you play with these units on a design wall you may come up with a new block of your own! Rated: All skill levels.

**Hourglass Units** These units are used in the following quilts: Big Dipper, Texas Star, Mystery Flower Garden, and Sea Breeze

The hourglass unit has 4 triangles in it but we will make it without cutting any! By sewing first and then cutting we eliminate working with the bias. Rated: easy to intermediate, not for a beginner.

**Picket Fence Units** These units are used in the following quilts: Millennium Star, Pinwheels on Parade, Woodland Clover, Chesapeake, and Dawn to Dusk

I love these units and you will too! The picket fence unit is made with the sew & flip method. No triangles to cut or bias to work with. Rated: All skill levels

**Shaded Four Patch** These units are used in the following quilts: Shaded Four Patch, Brave World, Rocky Road to Dublin, and Steamboat Springs

Working with any fabric combination we will turn 5" squares into this versatile unit. Before sewing these units together you will want to play with them on a design wall to see what other fabulous quilts you can design. Rated: easy to intermediate, not for a beginner.

**Small Wonders** These units are used in the following quilts: Tillie's Treasure, All That Glitters, Butterfly Waltz, Star and Hourglass, Star and Crown, South Dakota Star, Prairie Gems, and Flying X.

Once you start with these units you won't want to stop. Simple sewing and cutting techniques will turn your 5" squares into these remarkable units without cutting any triangles or working with bias. Rated: easy to intermediate, not for a beginner.

A handout will be given and discussed on how to make your pieced border fit your quilt top.

## Supplies

For the material requirements to make your quilt please refer to the book or pattern in which your quilt appears. There will be books and patterns available for purchase at the retreat/workshop. And of course you can order them in advance on my website: [www.patspeth.com](http://www.patspeth.com)

**Be sure to have your 5" squares cut before coming to class.**

Save any leftover pieces you may have at the end of your 5" strips after cutting them down into 5" squares and bring them to class. I have a great project for them!

### Basic supplies:

- Sewing machine (bring extra needles)
- Basic Sewing Kit: scissors, pins, thread, seam ripper
- Rotary cutter (with sharp blade) and mat
- Rulers: One of these rulers: 4 1/2", 6", or 6 1/2" square with a 45° diagonal line that extends to the corners of the ruler. The Quilt in a Day square up ruler can be used as well as the Biased Square Ruler. A 4" ruler is great for squaring up hourglass units. Any ruler that is at least 8" long or longer if you are cutting up fat quarters or yardage.
- Pencil or other fabric marking devise for marking on the back of the fabric
- Iron and small ironing surface
- Design wall/surface (optional)\*
- Power strip and extension cord
- Notepad & pencil
- A copy of *Nickel Quilts*, *More Nickel Quilts*, *The Big Book of Nickel Quilts*, *Amazing Nickel Quilts*, or *Nickel Quilts & Borders* depending on the quilt you are making. Sharing

one of these books with a friend will be fine, but you will need to have access to the book for information on finishing your quilt or to make it in another size.

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\*If you bring the supplies listed below I will show you how to put your design wall together.

- 1 dressmaker's cardboard cutting board (the kind that folds up for storage) when folded measures 14" x 40" and opens to 40" x 72"
- 2 curtain rods that extend to at least 72" (the white metal ones that curve on each end)
- a piece of white flannel 44" x 80" or a flannel backed vinyl tablecloth
- 10 large binder clips 1" size (from the office supply store)

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