

Singer Featherweight Club

Session 1: Double Nine-Patch and Railroad Crossing

Fabric Requirements:

¼ yard or one fat quarter each of two fabrics for each block. You may use one print and one background, 2 prints, or any two fabrics that go well together. You will have fabric left over, which you may use for future blocks if desired. Use reproduction prints if you want to be true to the time period of the machine, or batiks, solids, etc. It's your quilt, and you may do whatever you like!

Supply List:

1. Singer 221 "Featherweight" sewing machine in good working order
2. Thread in a neutral color
3. Rotary Cutter
4. *Ruler (6" x 12" or 6 ½" x 12 ½") I prefer this size because it allows you to place your whole hand on the ruler for stability. You may use whatever size with which you are comfortable.
5. *Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer I and a *12 ½" inch ruler for squaring up blocks

OR

*Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer III

6. *Studio 180 Magic Wand or other tool for marking one-quarter inch seams such as the *Creative Grids Seam Guide Tool or *Fons and Porter's Quarter Inch Seam Marker
7. Tool for sewing a quarter-inch seam. If you have the vintage seam guide that came with your machine, you may use that. Other options are the seam guide and square (available at The Old Country Store) or a quarter-inch foot (available at singer-featherweight.com.) Tape is not recommended for use on Featherweights because it will damage the protective clear coat.
8. If you are using a cross-wound thread such as Aurifil, a *thread stand or *thread post is recommended to prevent the thread from twisting.
9. Basic sewing supplies: pins, small scissors, seam ripper, etc.
10. Marking pen or pencil

*Available at The Old Country Store

You may want to practice sewing a quarter-inch seam before the class. If you cannot achieve a perfect quarter-inch, it will not matter as long as your seam widths are consistent.

Double Nine-Patch Cutting Directions

From the print, cut:

3 strips 1 ½" wide by 6" long

4 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"

From the background, cut:

3 strips 1 ½" wide by 6" long

4 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"

Railroad Crossing Cutting Directions

Cutting Directions:

From the print:

Cut 2 strips 1 ¾" wide x 22" long, or ½ of the width of the fabric. If your fabric has a wide selvage you may need to cut 1-2 extra inches.

1 square 4 ¼" x 4 ¼"

2 squares 3 ¾" x 3 ¾". Cut each square once from corner to corner on the diagonal.

From the background:

Cut 1 strip 1 ¾" wide x 22" long, or ½ of the width of the fabric. If your fabric has a wide selvage you may need to cut 1-2 extra inches.

2 squares 5 ¾" x 5 ¾". Cut each square once from corner to corner on the diagonal.