

Florence Flamingo

59" x 79" quilt

Intermediate Skill Level

Florence is a colorful large-scale flamingo block that makes a big, graphic, impact on a quilt. Use 2-1/2" fabric strips, either from your stash or a precut roll, to make these flamingo blocks using conventional patchwork techniques. No paper piecing! The class will cover all aspects of making the blocks, including tips and tricks for precision piecing and keeping cut pieces organized as you work.

Students are encouraged to cut background fabric, and dark and light detail fabric, in advance. I recommend that students **not** subcut the colorful 2-1/2" strips in advance.

Supplies:

- Florence Flamingo Quilt Pattern by Elizabeth Hartman
- Sewing Machine with quarter inch piecing foot
- Thread for piecing
- Basic sewing kit, including scissors, seam ripper, etc.
- Basic quilting supplies including cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter. Due to the space in the classroom, a small mat is recommended. A rectangular ruler, such as a 4" x 14" ruler, will be more useful than a square ruler.
- Fabric marking tool, such as water-soluble marker or Chaco liner.
- Blue painter's tape and Sharpie for labeling cut pieces
- 5" x 8" printer paper or template plastic

Materials:

- 4-1/4 yards mid-tone neutral background fabric
- 54 colorful fabric strips 2-1/2" x width of fabric (such as strips from a precut roll)*
- 1/8 yard dark solid fabric for beaks and eyes
- 1/8 yard light solid fabric for beak details

*Each of the 9 Flamingo Blocks are made using 6 colorful fabric strips. The blocks will be most successful when each set of 6 strips includes a range of light to dark values.

The following fabrics will not be used in class:

- 5 yards backing fabric
- 5/8 yard binding fabric

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