Tango:
Scrappy Delight
with Diane Harris

Guidelines and Supply List

1. We will start out with enough fabric for a throw-size Tango quilt at 58" x 76". After you learn the technique, you can make it bigger or smaller if you want.

2. Choose a color theme for your quilt. It can be one, two or three colors, or it can be a theme like Christmas or autumn that uses more colors. See the next page for ideas.

   Bring 50 10" squares of fabrics that fit into your theme. These should be mediums and darks. You can have 50 different fabrics, or as few as 10 fabrics. You'll like it better if you have more fabrics! The VALUE of mediums and darks is more important than what colors you use!! Caution: Precuts from different manufacturers must all be cut to the same 10" size.

   Select all different kinds of prints within your color scheme: florals, geometrics, plaids, stripes, dots, whatever. Bring as much variety as you can. Dig into your scrap bags, leftovers, and uglies. If you're unsure about something, bring it along and I will help you! See *__Option 1__* below for another possibility.

3. Choose one light neutral print to contrast with the medium and dark fabrics above such as white, cream, tan or light gray. If you're confident in fabric selection, it could be a light color like soft blue or pink. Bring 2-3/4 yards of this fabric. See *__Option 2__* below for another possibility.

   Pre-cut your neutral into 96 squares, 5-1/2" x 5-1/2".

4. Since this is a "two-fer" design, you'll have enough bonus units to make a baby or wall quilt or to start another project which can be something completely different from this one.

5. *__Option 1__*: Choose medium and light fabrics for your color theme instead. Then use a dark neutral for #3 such as charcoal, navy or black.

6. *__Option 2__*: To make your neutral scrappy, choose many fabrics with the same value (darkness or lightness) to total about 3 yards. For example, you could bring 12 fat quarters in cream-colored prints that all read about the same: they should look like a family. Or bring all your navy blue scraps, for example, (big enough to get a 5-1/2" square) to total about 3 yards.

7. Sewing machine in tip-top working order and its manual, all-purpose presser foot.
8. Basic sewing supplies: fabric shears, scissors, pins, neutral thread, extension cord.
9. Basic cutting supplies: mat, ruler, rotary cutter. One ruler should be at least 15" long.
10. Marking supplies: Removable marker pen or a mechanical pencil.

11. For a three-dimensional effect as seen in the purple quilt on page 2, you'll need 13 10" squares of a light medium, 13 10" squares of medium #1, 13 10" squares of medium #2, 13 10" squares of a dark and 2¾ yards of very light to contrast with all of the others.





Color Crushin': These are just a few ideas for your Tango quilt!

Be brave!

We'll have a great day of fun and learning!









