

A Slice of Improv

Let's explore improvisational piecing one slice at a time! We'll warm up with the basic Slice and Insert technique and then introduce simple variations that lead to exciting design opportunities. Bring your scraps and get ready for some improvisational fun!!

Materials/Supplies Needed:

- 1 yard (or more) of Background Fabric
 - Solids make for great background fabrics. Small scale prints that read as a solid can work as well.
 - 1 yard of background fabric is enough yardage to create the following small quilt sizes (for a scrappy background, bring 4 or more fabrics within a similar colorway):
 - Baby quilt-25" square OR 25"x30" rectangle
 - Table Runner 20"x35"
 - OPTIONAL: You are welcome to get a jump start on precutting your background fabric into 6.5" squares
 - 1 yard will yield 30 squares--Be sure to save and bring any remnants which will be put to use
- Variety of Scraps
 - Raid your scrap bin for anything that is at least 1" wide. Bring scraps/strips that contrast well with your background fabric, but get along with the other scraps and have some variety for visual interest!!
 - Solids, hand dyed, small scale prints, batiks, dots and/or ombres all work well
 - 2.5" or 5" charm squares, jelly roll strips or random scraps of different lengths all work!!
 - Don't forget to save/bring any leftover scraps from your background fabric!!
- Sewing machine in good working order with ¼" piecing foot
- Neutral piecing thread that blends with your background fabric
- Cutting supplies: rotary cutter, 6"x12" ruler, cutting mat (12" rotating mats work well)
- Iron
- Pins
- OPTIONAL:
 - Small portable design board/1 yard of white/grey flannel
 - Small camera/camera phone/tablet
 - 6" or 6.5" square rotary ruler
 - Maryellen's Best Press—Fragrance Free



More variations and pictures of Slice of Improv quilts are posted on my website: melbeachquilts.com/gallery

Questions/concerns? Feel free to contact me via email: melbeach@melbeachquilts.com