

Circle Play

Level of Experience: Beginner to Advanced

Sewing curves has never been so much fun! No worries if you've never sewn anything curvy before OR if you prefer straight seams; you will leave class having tackled arcs as well as full set in circles. Come ready to experiment and learn exciting new piecing methods for basic as well as improvisational projects. Nothing is set in stone; you will be encouraged to follow your instincts while exploring additional options along the way. I will have several Circle Savvy Rulers with me for purchase and you are welcome to use mine to take a test drive and/or to make your own templates.

Note: The Circle Savvy is a slotted ruler with 16 different sized arcs however it is not required for class as you will also use freeform cutting methods as well.

- The objection of this workshop is tackling and understanding the curve. Never be worried about sewing or cutting curves again!
- If you are uneasy about sewing curves, come join the fun and let me change your mind. A whole new world of blocks and quilts with curves will now be on your "to do" list!
- Learn my method called "Equal Exchange" and use up all the left-overs after cutting arcs and circles.
- Learn when to use a ruler or template for curves and when to wing it and go free-style!

Options

1. **Preplanned:** Choose one of the patterns below and follow a step by step procedure. Purchase fabric according to pattern requirements. I will have several of these patterns with me or, they are available on my website at www.saginawstreetquilts.com. Additional patterns are listed on my website, if you see one you'd like to try that is not listed please email me to make sure it is appropriate for the workshop. Patterns *suggest* the use of either the Circle Savvy or the Ovals Always ruler however, all either have templates or cutting instructions without use of a specialty ruler.

<u>Arc Deco</u>	<u>Circle Savvy ruler</u>
<u>Blue Moon</u>	Circle Savvy ruler
<u>Blue Onion</u>	<u>Ovals Always ruler</u>
<u>Clam Shells</u>	Circle Savvy ruler
<u>Cosmic Waves</u>	Circle Savvy ruler
<u>In a Nutshell</u>	Free-style
<u>Inner Circle</u>	Free-style
<u>Lanterns</u>	Circle Savvy ruler
<u>Polka Box</u>	Circle Savvy ruler

2. **Master the curve** with perfect and improvisational techniques.
Fabric Tips: A fat quarter is the largest size we will be working with, however we will also be experimenting with 5" charm packs and 10" layer cakes as well. Bring a minimum of 8 contrasting fat quarters (prints or batiks), understanding that more choices equal more fun. We will audition different fabric choices, so be prepared to be flexible! If you want to practice first, bring fabric to play with then move on to fabrics you love. Again, more is better!

Supplies

Sewing Machine in good working order

Basic rotary cutting and sewing supplies

Basic Ruler you use for cutting

9 1/2" x 9 1/2" square ruler or larger

Suggested: Circle Savvy Ruler by Creative Grids, available at the workshop or on my website listed below.

For free-form curves, you will need a small ruler, 6" to 9" long.

Optional – Bring freezer paper if you'd prefer to make templates.

Please visit my photo sharing site to view photos of completed projects:

<https://karlaalexander.smugmug.com/Circles-Curves-2018/>

I will bring a limited number of books, patterns and rulers with me to the Lecture and Workshop or purchase in advance from [Saginaw Street Quilts](#).

If you have any questions, please contact me at karlaalexander@mac.com. Please type the name of your guild in the subject line.