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BEGINNER BASICS – Paper Piecing

Supplies for Paper Piecing Basics for Rectangles (1 of 4 Videos)

Transcript:

To make a 3” Rail Fence block as seen here in this card, you need the following supplies. This Paper Piecing Pattern, you can download it at the website. Then you will need to cut out this square in the upper corner. Make sure when you cut that square out that you leave the dotted line around the pattern.

Since you are going to be working on paper and fabric, you’ll want to have scissors for both. You can also use a rotary cutter if you prefer. You’ll need small scraps of fabric like the ones seen here. Any fabric will do but 100% cotton works best. I use a neutral color thread because I am sewing so many different colors. It’s impossible to match. I like to keep a seam ripper handy if I have to correct any mistakes. From time to time, we are going to be pinning blocks so you need to keep some pins nearby.

I also like to have on hand a postcard or a greeting card. I use this when I am folding this paper pattern. It’s not necessary but it helps. You can either sew this block using a machine as seen here. Or you can sew by hand. So you will need to have a working machine or your hand sewing supplies. If you do decide to sew this by hand be aware that this paper will stay inside because if you try to pull it out with your hand stitching you will probably pull out most of the hand stitches. That’s a disadvantage of sewing on paper.

Last but not least, you will need to set up a hot dry iron and have a pressing area in which to press your block.