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Intentional Piecing: From Fussy Cutting To Foundation Piecing



Synopsis

Let's get fussy about fabric! Maybe it's the rich colors or the tactile feel or the fashion vibe it brings to the mix. Fabric has an uncanny ability to transform a project, evoke a mood and deliver a whole, new level of satisfaction to today's sewist. Intentional Piecing, a sewing workshop in a book from renowned sewer Amy Friend, shows you how to make fabric the star of every project with the hot technique known as fussy cutting. What to stash and why. How to make it look seamless. Where to find creative inspiration. These are the fabric-related topics you'll explore with one crafty lady aptly named Friend! • the aggravation and sew gorgeous quilts and projects. Intentional Piecing offers page after page of best tips and techniques to ensure your success. You'll learn the best methods to fussy cut manufactured fabrics and work effectively with selvages and stripes. You get: 12 unique, modern quilt patterns including 5 smaller projects such as a tote bag and magnetic pin tray Super-clear instructions and 90 detailed illustrations 100 beautiful, inspirational photographs set in pastoral New England An entire section of the book devoted to the types of must-have fabrics for your stash Be one step ahead of the Fussy Cut trend. Intentional Piecing is the first book of its kind, focusing on the popular Fussy Cutting trend. That means you can tell all your friends how to do it. Or, you can keep these insider sewing secrets to yourself as you create quilts and projects that will garner rave reviews!

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Customer Reviews

Don't judge Intentional Piecing by its slightly dreary cover and emphasis on fussy cutting. In just 100

pages or so - plus about 45 pages of paper piecing foundation templates - Amy Friend announces her love of sewing and patchwork. Her style is on the contemporary side and very, very inspired. Clearly, intentional Piecing is not just another quilting book. For example, the 1st project is a magnetic pin tray. How often does something like that show up in the craft books you buy? Or an adorable appliqued child's cardigan? (Don't worry, you don't have to knit the sweater yourself.) The quilt called "Tell Me a Story", at 54" x 60", best represents Amy Friend's use of fussy cutting as a way to memorialize all your favorite 3" squares of prints and images. This quilt COULD be done without paper piecing if you absolutely hate that technique. But the instructions and photos for some of the steps may well make you a fan. It's a basic block, but the construction is simultaneously divine and diabolical. There is a chapter devoted to individual 10" blocks that you can combine or finish as stand-alone masterpieces. Many remind me of the Iris technique for paper crafts. I won't spoil any more surprises, but the blocks in this section are lovely. Will you need any special tools or resources? Access to a photocopier is essential as you might need 50 or more copies of the same block pattern. Naturally, you'll need paper for these foundations. Special, i.e. expensive, papers are abundant in craft shops, but the author admits she just uses copy paper. Template plastic, or cardboard with the appropriate-sized shapes cut out, can serve as a "window" to make your best fussy cuts. (Just remember to account for seam allowances in your viewing.) I have purchased heavy acrylic pricey Fussy Cut rulers for this process, and am ashamed to admit I never used them. Most importantly, a hefty supply of #90/14 top-stitch needles helps make the paper removal easier. This is the part that makes so many PPHs out there. (That's short for paper piecing haters.) The author recommends titanium, as all that paper punching can dull a needle quickly. Rated: A No-brainer BUY.

Delightful book! The instructions are clear, the techniques shown are easy for beginners and more complex projects for advancing or more advanced quilters. Gift ideas from quick and easy to heirloom quality projects, Amy shows how to make your projects very personal.

This book is Awesome and not what I am used to for quilting books. Its very well thought out layout makes it easy to read and colour banner / boxes of additional sewing tip etc on some pages is a very nice pastime reading. It is pleasant book to read and easily be inspired book. I categorised this book as "grown up" quilter's book.

This is such a fabulous book full of cute projects that I want to make! My favorites are Tell Me a

Story - perfect for fussy cutting, and the Circuitry Quilt (made from selvages). I love all of the tips sprinkled throughout the book and the photography is breathtaking. This book is chock full of inspiration and works well as a coffee-table book to peruse as well as instructional how-to book. Well done, Amy Friend!

Intentional Piecing is a wonderful introduction to fussy cutting and paper piecing for the beginner and also includes projects for those quilters with more experience. Amy Friend includes clearly written directions and lots of tips for paper piecing/foundation piecing numerous projects, including all of the patterns to print out on your computer. Upon making the Tell Me a Story Quilt, I became much more confident in paper piecing and look forward to trying several more of the quilts. Thank you for a great book!

This is a phenomenal book full of beautiful photography and unique and inspiring projects. Instructions are very well-written so that the novice paper-piecer can succeed and the experienced paper-piecer can thrive. The quilt blocks are very versatile and can be used for numerous projects. I highly recommend this book.

I bought this book from the author so I could have her sign it. Her instructions are precise and detailed so you can't fail!! They are as clear as her purchased PDF's. Lots of fun projects that you can make your own. Totally love it!

Such a wonderful book full of inspiration and great patterns! Amy's work is flawless and creative. I've long admired her paper piecing skills and this book delights. You'll find great projects to sew and make your own.

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