

Episode 2 Class Notes: Cutting The Blocks

In this episode, I will guide you step-by-step through the process of cutting and sandwiching your quilt layers. You will learn how to accurately cut fabric strips, prepare batting, and create precise measurements for your quilt blocks. I will also cover essential techniques for folding, pressing, and labelling your pieces; ensuring everything is organised and ready for quilting.

Note:

All cutting measurements on the chart include extra allowance to account for movement during quilting and to trim blocks back to the correct size. If you feel like you would like extra, please allow extra, you have plenty of fabric to do this!

Refer to the [downloadable cutting chart](#) as your guide to cutting your fabric and batting. Cut the tabs and pin them to each block to keep everything in order while cutting.

Sandwiching the blocks:

By using the [Hobbs Double Sided Fusible Batting](#) there is no need to pin or baste the 3 layers together and it takes away the need to use a walking foot. All in all, it takes so many challenges out of the quilting process!

On the ironing surface, lay the backing with the wrong side facing up, then lay the batting and the background on top.

With a hot dry iron, press in a firm, slow movement across the surface. Once the top fabric is stuck, flip the block over and repeat the process. Leave the size tabs pinned to the top left-hand corner of each sandwiched block, so you know where they are going to be positioned in the quilt.

Once all the blocks are sandwiched together, use the [Bohin Fabric Marking pencil](#) and draw a ½" line around each block, this will be the finished size once quilted and trimmed.

Stay tuned for the next episode to start drawing your quilting designs – Pauline 