

QISS Club Quilt Builder Deck Series - Episode 1

Introduction to the Penelope Quilt

Welcome to the very first episode of our Card Deck Series in the QISS Club! I am thrilled you are joining us for what will be a wonderful journey of experimenting, learning, and achieving.

In this series, we are going to create a beautiful 9-block Sampler Quilt called the Penelope Quilt. We will focus on accurate cutting and piecing, perfect quarter-inch seams, and balancing your colours. Best of all, we will be using my Quilt As You Go techniques - so no wrestling large quilts under your domestic machine!

We will quilt each block individually using my Controlled Quilting technique. Once quilted, we will join them together using sashings and cornerstones.

We are using the brilliant Quilt Builder Card Deck Set #2 from C&T Publishing. We are very grateful to have received full written permission from C&T Publishing to use these cards to teach you this course.

Requirements List

To get started, you will need the following tools to ensure accuracy and ease of sewing:

Fabric:

- This is a great project for Fat Quarters.
- You will need a mix of Light, Medium, and Dark fabrics (Batik fabrics work beautifully!)
- [Hobbs Double-Sided Fusible Batting](#)

Thread:

- Good quality cotton or Rasant thread ([light or medium greys](#) are best for piecing).

Pattern Source: [Quilt Builder Card Deck Set #2](#)

Tools:

- [18mm Rotary Cutter](#) and [45mm Rotary Cutter](#) (and [18mm](#) / [45mm](#) replacement blades)
- [Cutting Mat](#)
- [15 ½" x 15 ½" Square Ruler](#)
- [9 ½" x 9 ½" Square Ruler](#)
- [6 ½" x 6 ½" Square Ruler](#)
- [12" x 2 ½" Ruler](#)
- [80/20 Titanium Topstitch needles](#)
- Pins: [Clover Fork Pins](#) (fine and sharp) and [Flower Head Pins](#)
- [Clover Seam Ripper](#)
- [Bohin Fabric Marking Pencil](#) (White and Grey leads)
- [PQW Colour Balance Tool](#)
- Open Toe Foot for your machine (see example on the right) (**Note:** *This is the normal sewing foot used for Applique; NOT the open toe foot for free motion quilting*).



Understanding the Card Deck

The card deck is a powerful resource that replaces the need for a pattern book. Here is how to read them:

Card One - How To Use The Block Charts

- **The Diagrams:** Across the top of each card, you will see 4 diagrams; a Blank Block, Grayscale Block, Piecing Diagram and Finished Block. These are there to help choose where best position our Light, Medium and Dark fabrics.
- **The Piecing Diagram** shows how many pieces of fabric to cut in each colour, and if the pieces are to be cross cut.
- **The Finished Block** shows various colour shades, so you know the location of each piece.
- **Measurements:** We will be following the cutting instructions for the 12" blocks.

Card Two - Corner Alignment for Piecing Shapes

- Shows corner alignment for perfectly matching triangles and squares.

Card Three - Calculating Fabric for a Quilt

- This is a very handy card to help you work out how much fabric you need when cutting out multiple shapes for a quilt.

In the next episode, we will learn the secrets to Precision Cutting to ensure your blocks are perfect from the start.

See you then!

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