

# Random Roses

## Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

Time to play! Here we go round and round to create beautiful one-of-a-kind roses. This project workshop is a great introduction to Karen's Layered Waves technique, which uses an easy topstitch method to layer and piece curves. In class we will make 6 Random Rose blocks in your favorite color. Create the skinny wallhanging/table runner in class, or bring more fabrics to continue making roses for a large quilt. Borders with gently layered curves will be demonstrated along with many exciting ways to use your Random Rose blocks. Finished size: 12" x 45" approx.

### FABRICS FOR "ROSE RUNNER" PROJECT (6 HOUR WORKSHOP)

- Roses & Borders: ½ yard each of 4 different pinks/or color of your choice. (1 light/2 mediums/1 dark)

**BRING TO CLASS PRE-CUT!!! : SIX – 6.5" squares from each of the 4 colors, and TWO 2.5" strips (selvage to selvage) from each of the four colors.**

- Leaf Triangles: ¼ yard green to contrast with your roses

*Not necessary to bring to workshop, but needed to complete your wallhanging/table runner:*

- Backing: ¾ yard (needs to be pieced)
- Batting: approx. 15" x 48"
- Binding: ¼ yard

### FABRICS FOR RANDOM ROSE BLOCKS ONLY (3 HOUR WORKSHOP)

- ¼ yard each of 4 fabrics in the same color family. Any color is fun with this technique. Yellow roses, red roses, purple roses, orange roses....you get the idea!

EXAMPLE: Blue Roses = ¼ yard each of 4 different blues (1 lt./2 med./1 dark) will yield 6 blue roses.

**BRING TO CLASS PRE-CUT!!! : SIX – 6.5" squares from each of the 4 colors.**

### SUPPLIES

- Sewing Machine with ¼" foot and straight stitch foot
- Thread: One spool to match all the values of your rose (can be a variegated thread)
- Rotary Cutter and Mat
- 6½" quilter's square (a MUST)
- 6½" x 24" ruler for rotary cutting
- Scissors – large and small
- Iron and pressing mat
- Chalk pencil or marking pen
- Pins
- Best Press™ (clear starch alternative) or Spray Starch (optional)
- Book: *Layered Waves* by Karen Eckmeier is highly recommended but not required for class. Complete instructions for making "Random Roses" are on pages 36-39. We will **NOT** be doing the project featured in the book.

