

Cactus Rose

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- **Sewing machine** in good working order (***will not be needed*** for the first session)
- **Cactus Rose** pattern kit, by Judy Niemeyer (***required***)
- **Fabrics:** Pick your own fabrics. The first session is for fabric selection and prep work (preparing pattern pieces and cutting fabric)
- **Templates:** To make your cutting templates, you will need one or more sheets of template plastic, plus glue. Elmer’s Craft Glue works best. The instructor will provide printouts of the templates so you do not have to cut or trace the template pages included with the pattern.
- **Paper scissors**, as well as a **rotary cutter with a sharp blade** (you can use one of the shop’s old cutting mats).
- **Fabric yardage is specified in the pattern.** NOTE: You may make one quarter of the total pattern as a wall-hanging if you prefer not to make the entire quilt. Each quadrant of this quilt is identical.
- **Appliqué presser foot** (not a quarter-inch foot with the flange on the side). You need a presser foot that lets you see the lines you will be sewing on. I use an open-toed appliqué foot, but any foot that lets you see where the needle is going will work
- **1/4-inch presser foot**
- A **neutral thread**, such as a light or medium gray, is preferred
- **Sewing machine needle: 80/12 Microtex Sharp is preferred**
- **Rulers**—24 inch and a 12 inches or less (Add-A-Quarter ruler works well)
- One or more **straight edges for paper-piecing.** For this project, because of the size of the pieces in the block wedges, it’s best to make your own from template plastic.
- **Flat-headed flower pins**
- If you wear reading glasses, bring them, please
- **Seam ripper**
- A **plentiful supply of sealable plastic bags**, such as Ziploc or Baggies. 1-gallon size, although you may want a few smaller bags for scraps. And it’s useful to have a large bag dedicated to keeping the entire project together.