

FRENCH BRAID Workshop
Student Supply List
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Book: *French Braid Quilts*, Miller & Netten, C&T Publishing

See pages 20 and 28 for examples of the project we will work on in class. Both of those projects use 10 fabrics for the braid run. If you decide to use 11 or 12, each extra fabric will add about 6 inches to the finished length of your quilt. You may also elect to make the project on page 36.

Equipment:

Sewing machine, accessories and basic sewing supplies

Medium value, neutral-colored thread for piecing

Rotary cutter and mat

Rotary ruler: 6" x 24" or wider **plus** whatever ruler you use to cut shorter pieces

¼" seam foot to fit your machine

Marking implement that will show up on your fabrics—I prefer mechanical pencils, but feel free to use whatever works for you and that doesn't disappear quickly.

Fabric: Please read pp. 7-12 in the book before buying fabric.

¼ yard each of 10-12 fabrics, shading from light to dark and/or color to color; fat quarters okay (see note below)

½ yard for small accent squares; two fat quarters okay

¼ yard for starting triangles (non-directional preferred); fat quarter okay*

¼ yard for ending triangles (non-directional preferred); fat quarter okay* (It is preferable to purchase this fabric after the braids are constructed.)

*If you use directional fabrics for the triangles, you will need a straight quarter for the starting triangles and ½ yard for the ending triangles. If you plan to use a one-way design, you will need ½ yard each for starting and ending triangles. However, your life will be easier if you use a non-directional print. **Do not use plaids or stripes for the triangles.**

NOTE: THE BRAID RUN YARDAGE (the ¼ yards of 10-12 fabrics) **DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ANY ERRORS.** If you are inexperienced, distracted or prone to errors in cutting (in other words, a normal person) consider bringing an extra ¼ yard of as many as possible of these fabrics.

There will not be time in class for fabric selection. Please bring your fabric ready to cut and sew. Keep track of the fabric order either by listing or swatching; if you have purchased ¼ yards, there may not be enough fabric for swatching.

If you plan to use separators and there is a quilt shop available, try to purchase that fabric after the braids are constructed.