Maple Leaf Flurries: Paper Piecing with Kristie Shulman

Skill Level: Beginner
Project: Wall hanging (42" x 42") using Judy Niemeyer's *Maple Leaf Flurries* pattern
Technique: Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)

Workshop Overview

Join Kristie Shulman to learn the basics of paper piecing using the *Maple Leaf Flurries* pattern by Judy Niemeyer. This is a beginner-friendly class designed to help you gain confidence in foundation paper piecing while working on a stunning quilt project.

The *Maple Leaf Flurries* pattern includes pre-printed foundation papers to create a 42" x 42" wall hanging. If you wish to make a larger quilt, you can purchase additional papers.

Purchase the pattern:

- *Maple Leaf Flurries*: [Click here](#)
- *Replacement Papers:* [Click here](#)


Fabric Selection & Cutting Guide

The design is flexible—use batiks, prints, solids, or a combination. You can keep it simple with just a few fabrics or go completely scrappy. The block structure allows for a variety of color play and layout styles.

Review the examples on pages 3–6 to inspire your design and fabric choices. In this workshop, you may choose either the **Maple Leaf Flurries** layout or Judy Niemeyer's original version of this pattern, **Indian Summer** (now discontinued). The Maple Leaf Flurries foundation papers are identical to those in the original Indian Summer pattern, so they can be used for that layout.

*Note: The original Indian Summer pattern was discontinued. The pattern was redesigned in 2023 and is currently available, but has a completely different "color wash" layout. We will not be doing that layout in this workshop.

Maple Leaf Flurries Layout

- Triangle background fabric - 1 yard of the same fabric, or 2–3 fabrics of similar value.
    - 9 – 3" x WOF (42") strips (pattern includes template to cut triangles)

- Spiky strip units - 24 strips, 2½" x WOF (42")
    - Multi-color quilt – 24 different fabrics
    - Two-color quilt – 12 strips of each fabric
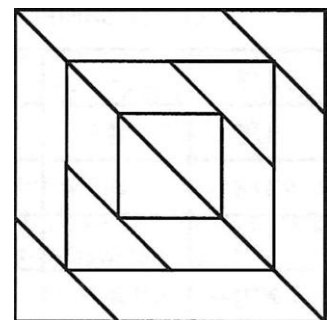
Indian Summer Original Layout

- 16 – 5" strips:
  - 8 dark + 8 light
  - Or 8 strips each of two contrasting colors (e.g., red + green)
  - Or a variety of colors and prints for a scrappier look

Preparation

- Select fabrics and cut into strips **before class**.
- **Do not** precut the units.
- Use the pattern's coloring sheet to plan your layout if you'd like.

Supply List for Class

- Pattern
- Fabric strips (see above)
- Sewing machine
- Open-toe presser foot (recommended) or standard foot
- 50 wt. neutral thread
- Sewing machine needles – size 90/14 or 80/12
- Small cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Quilting ruler (6"–12" long, any width)
- Marking pencil or chalk
- Standard sewing supplies: scissors, pins, seam ripper, etc.
- 12" Add-A-Quarter Ruler (optional, but recommended)
- Washable fabric glue stick (optional)
- Light table (optional)

Need Help or Have Questions?

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Design Inspiration

Maple Leaf Flurries

Triangle background fabric is consistent throughout. Each side of the triangle block is a different fabric.

For a 42" wall-hanging (16 blocks), you will need:

- 1 yard of background fabric (can be one fabric, or 2–3 fabrics of similar value)
- 24 strips, 2½" x WOF (42")
  - Multi-color quilt – 24 different fabrics
  - Two-color quilt – 12 strips of each fabric

Maple Leaf Flurries - Scrappy

Triangle background fabric is consistent throughout. Each side of the triangle block is made up of several fabrics, one side light, the other dark.

For a 42" wall-hanging (16 blocks), you will need:

- 1 yard of background fabric
- 24 – 2 ½" strips of assorted fabrics – 12 light + 12 dark

Indian Summer (Original Pattern Layout)

Each triangle unit is made with two contrasting fabrics, triangle units one color, spiky strips another

For a 42" wall-hanging (16 blocks), you will need:

- 16 – 5" strips (8 dark + 8 light)
  - Or 8 strips each of two contrasting colors (e.g., red + green)
  - Or a variety of colors and prints for a scrappier look

Indian Summer High Contrast – Light/dark combinations repeated throughout.