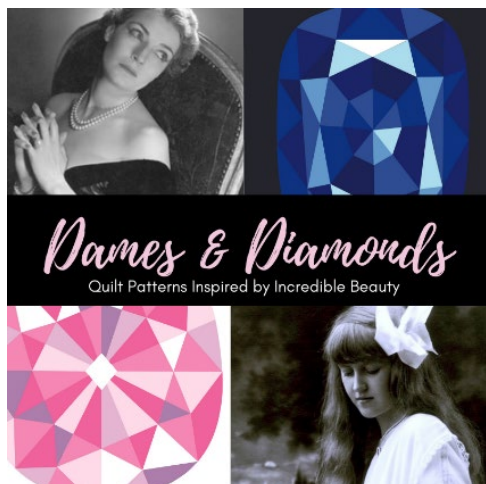




“DAMES & DIAMONDS” (6-Hour Class)



Do you love quilts, gems, and great stories? This class is for you! MJ Kinman has designed four patterns inspired by some of the world's most beautiful gems, including:

The Clark Pink – A stunning 9-carat pink diamond owned by the richest woman in America you’ve never heard of!

The Bismarck Sapphire – The gigantic, glowing sapphire owned by Mona von Bismarck, a style icon of the early 20th century. The Bismarck now resides in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History.

In class, students will choose one of the fully charted gem patterns to create. She’ll demonstrate the technique, as well as tips and tricks that will give you confidence to create your own glowing gem.

While our sewing machines are singing away and your gem block takes shape, MJ will also share stories of these amazing gems and their outrageous, eccentric, and intriguing owners.

Length of Workshop: 6 hours

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Over the course of a single day-long session, students will learn how to:

- Learn about the codes and visual clues MJ uses to piece together her gems.
- Learn about the dazzling variety of colored gemstones so that they can select the colors for their gem that bring them joy. (Hint: there are no wrong answers!)
- Understand how different fabrics impact the flow of light and color across a quilt design.
- Practice the assembly techniques as they create their own lovely gem block.
- Learn about the gems that inspired the patterns – their histories, legends, and the amazing people who crossed paths with them.

Supplied by Instructor:

- Pattern and instructions



- Note: If students wish to purchase additional patterns and instructions, the price is \$10 per additional pattern or \$25 for the remaining 3 patterns.
- Note 2: Fabric bundles will be available for purchase if students don't want to bring their own fabric. Bundles are available for \$10 each.

Supply List for Students:

- 10 Business-size envelopes or plastic baggies to hold sorted pieces
- Highlighter
- 18" ruler & small ruler with a 1/4" measurement
- Fabric marking pens/pencils for use on dark and light fabric
- Domestic sewing machine and thread (neutrals or colors that match your fabrics)
- Basic sewing supplies: pins, scissors
- Iron and ironing pad
- Small side table for supplies and/or personal ironing station.
- Small rotary mat and 2 rotary cutters – one for cutting paper and one for cutting fabric.
- Fabric – Instructor will supply a colorway/fabric recommendation chart for students to use when selecting their fabric. Also, fabric bundles can be purchased in class for \$10.

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