



## FULL-DAY or HALF-DAY CLASS

### Dames & Diamonds

**Length of Workshop:** 6 hours OR 4 hours

**Skill Level:** Confident Beginner



Do you love quilts, gems, and great stories? This class is for you! MJ Kinman, maker of giant gem quilts, has designed three 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 -- Huguette Clark. She had millions and mansions but cared for none of it. Her great love was her collection of porcelain dolls. When Huguette died at age 105, her dolls filled her hospital room.

**The Duke Canary Diamond** – Meet one of the original "poor little rich girls". When her tobacco-magnate father died

when Doris Duke was just 12 years old, she became the wealthiest little girl in the world. Doris's life was filled with adventure and heartache -- and some of the most gorgeous gems in the world.

In class, students will choose one of the fully charted gem patterns to create. MJ will 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 one of these amazing gem's stories, as well as tales of their eccentric, intriguing, and often outrageous owners.

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

- Learn 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 one of the gems that inspired the patterns – their histories, legends, and the amazing people who crossed paths with them.

**Supplied by Instructor:**

- Pattern and instructions for both gems
- Colorways provided prior to class to help students select their fabrics

**Supply List for Students:**

- 10 Business-size envelopes or plastic baggies to hold sorted pieces
- Highlighter
- 18” ruler & small ruler with a ¼” 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, ironing mat
- Fat Quarters based on the gem they wish to create; MJ will provide the colorway chart prior to class which helps guide students in their fabric selection

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