

Part One – Imprecise(ish)

Fine Line Piecing with Kathy Loomis

Instructions: <http://andthenwesetitonfire.blogspot.com/search?q=loomis>

Artist website and blog: <http://www.kathleenloomis.com/>

Supplies:

1. Solid fabric background – darker than strip fabric
2. Solid fabric strips – lighter than background fabric
 - a. Patterned fabric can be used as well; however, you will get different patterns
3. Presser foot of your choice
 - a. I used 1/4-inch foot and the right-side tongue-width as initial guide
 - b. Kathy used regular foot
4. Chalk or marking tool
5. Basic Sewing Kit/Machine

Basic Steps:

1. Start with 3/4-inch strips
 - a. I eventually went to 1/2-inch strips
2. Slice background fabric
3. Mark both sides with chalk to realign
 - a. After a few strips, I stopped doing this
 - b. Align the top/bottom of seam, paying attention to dog ears
4. Sew skinny strip on bottom of one side of background fabric – just over 1/8-inch seam allowance
5. Lightly finger press skinny strip with seams to the background fabric
6. With sewn skinny strip/background piece on top, sew it to the second background fabric – just over 1/8-inch seam allowance
 - a. Use the sewn seam as the guide, rather than the right edge of the foot
 - b. Sew slowly over previous seams
 - c. It is okay to not have perfect seam
 - d. Resew over “bumps” in the seam to get even seam
7. Press seams all one direction, first from back, then from front
 - a. As piece builds, having seams in one direction helps keep it neat

Options/Experiment/Make it your own:

1. Kathy's instructions say to not use beefy or firm fabrics like Kona or pimatex.
 - a. I used Kona with no problem
 2. Kathy's instructions say to not starch fabric
 - a. I'm a starch-a-holic and it worked fine
 3. Use different strip colors and widths
 4. Use different background colors in same piece
 5. Experiment with patterned fabric (stripes, dots, multicolor)
 6. Slice piece multiple times; re-slice and sew strips the smaller pieces, then rejoin wit to the larger pieces
 7. Do dense strips in one area and less dense in others
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Part Two – Semi-precise

Erika's Double Color – Double Skinny Strips

1. Lay two background fabrics right sides together
 2. Slice and switch and sew opposite colors to each other
 3. On one piece, trim seam to just over 1/8-inch
 4. Press seams to the same color on each piece
 5. Right sides together, nests seams
 6. Sew just over 1/8-inch to the right of the seam (next to cut edge in step 3)
 7. Cut ¼-inch past the newly sewn seam
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Part Three - Precise

Micro Piecing with Chawne Kimber – Fresh Quilting Episode 103

Video: <https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/resources/fresh-quilting-episode-103-curves-and-strips>

Handout: [https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/sites/default/files/103-3 Micro Piecing Final.pdf](https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/sites/default/files/103-3%20Micro%20Piecing%20Final.pdf)

1. Start with 5/8-inch center
2. Strips are 3/4-inch
3. Use 1/4-inch seams from right edge
 - a. Is 1/8-inch seam from previous stich line
4. Trim to 3/8-inch showing
 - a. Leaves 1/8-inch showing after using 1/4-inch on next rou