

Sampler Spree - A Checklist

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One more week. There are only a few more details to share - this is what you'll need to have, and what you'll want to know.

Do you have your book?



[Sampler Spree: 101+ Fresh & Fun Quilt Blocks by Susan Ache.](#)

You will need the book to quilt-along - that is the only place to find the instructions for the 101 blocks we're making. The book also has the information to make this quilt.



Give & Take - it finishes at 83½" x 83½".

The quilt-along starts next week - Wednesday, June 16. New blocks will be shared every Wednesday through August 18 - ten weeks of sewing.

Wait. Ten weeks, a hundred blocks... ten blocks a week?



Yes. Just remember Rule No. 1 about the Sampler Spree quilt-along - we're doing this to have fun! It's not a race. Some folks will make ten blocks in two days, others will make two blocks in ten days. Maybe. So don't worry about "keeping up". Just enjoy the process.

Sewing by color. We will be using a single color for the blocks each week - e.g., the first week's blocks will be Blue.



The weekly colors are: Orange, Aqua/Teal/Turquoise, Brown & Tan, Green, Purple/Coral/Pink, Navy Blue, Yellow & Gold, Black & Gray, and Red. And Blue - e.g., Cornflower, Delft, and so on.

And no, that's not the order of the colors. We have to keep a few things a surprise!



When we discussed doing this, there were two things that convinced us to do this. One, this is how Susan sews through her scrap bins in the summer. One color at a time - one bin at a time. Two, we liked the challenge of it, limitations can spark a whole lot of creativity.

But - this is not required! Nobody will be shunned, or voted off the island, for not sewing by color. Adjust the colors and shades to suit you - your scraps, your color palette, what you like.



Fabric. How much do you need?

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- 1 yard *total* of assorted cream prints for large blocks
- 3 yards *total* of assorted light scraps for blocks
- 3.875 yards *total* of assorted medium and dark scraps for blocks - referred to collectively as "dark".
- 1.25 yards of white solid for sashing
- 2.375 yards of peach solid for sashing

Do I have to make every block?

Of course not - what's the rule?. There are one-hundred blocks necessary to make the Give & Take quilt, so you can skip a few. If there are blocks you really love, and love making, then make more of those. Playing around with the light/dark placement, and the colors, in many of the blocks will change the look of the block.



Will there be other setting options?

Yes. Susan will be sharing a couple of different options along the way, including a couple of projects made with just one block from the book. (And so will we.)

So are you ready?

We're almost there.



This is one reason why so many of us love Layer Cakes. They are often used for photos, and then folded to make little collection bundles. With Susan's book and this quilt-along, the bundles were quickly taken apart and sorted by color.

Can I tell you a secret? The squares look so pretty in the boxes that pulling squares out and cutting them up will be really hard.

But not impossible.

We'll see you next week.

If you missed any of the earlier posts with Susan:

- [*Sampler Spree, QALs & Friends*](#)
- [*Let's Play Sampler Spree 4 - Shopping*](#)
- [*Let's Play Sampler Spree 3 - Inspiration*](#)
- [*Let's Play Sampler Spree 2 - Tips & Playing*](#)
- [*Let's Play Sampler Spree 1 - Orphan Blocks & Scraps*](#)
- [*Let's Make A Sampler - Intro*](#)