

Singer Featherweight Club

November 2023: Return of the Swallows and Indian Star

Supply List

1. Singer 221 "Featherweight" sewing machine in good working order
2. Thread in a neutral color
3. Rotary Cutter
4. *Ruler (6" x 12" or 6 ½" x 12 ½") I prefer this size because it allows you to place your whole hand on the ruler for stability. You may use whatever size with which you are comfortable.
5. *Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer I and a *12 ½" inch ruler for squaring up blocks

OR

*Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer III

6. *Studio 180 Magic Wand or other tool for marking one-quarter inch seams such as the *Creative Grids Seam Guide Tool or *Fons and Porter's Quarter Inch Seam Marker
7. Tool for sewing a quarter-inch seam. If you have the vintage seam guide that came with your machine, you may use that. Other options are the seam guide and square (available at The Old Country Store) or a quarter-inch foot (available at singer-featherweight.com.) Tape is not recommended for use on Featherweights because it will damage the protective clear coat.
8. If you are using a cross-wound thread such as Aurifil, a *thread stand or *thread post is recommended to prevent the thread from twisting.
9. Basic sewing supplies: pins, small scissors, seam ripper, etc.
10. Marking pen or pencil
11. *Studio 180 Designs Wing Clipper Ruler

*Available at The Old Country Store

Fabric Requirements

Return of the Swallows:

This block has a lot of color options. You can use two fabrics (main color and background), three fabrics, as shown in the sample, or as many as you like for a scrappy look. You can use yardage, * fat quarters, or squares from a layer cake.



Indian Star:

You will need three fabrics: one for the squares, one for the star points, and one background. You can use yardage, * fat quarters, or squares from a layer cake.



*The minimum cut at The Old Country Store is one-quarter yard.

Please cut all fabrics before coming to class.

Return of the Swallows Cutting Directions:

The number of fabrics you choose will determine how many pieces of each you will cut. If you are making a two-color block, you will need two $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (main color) and eight 4" squares (background.) If you are making a three-color block, you will need two $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, each one a different color, and eight 4" background squares. One $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square and four 4" squares will make 4 flying geese units. If you choose to use more colors you will have units left over that you may use for future blocks. The Indian Star and Crystal Star blocks use the same size flying geese units as the Return of the Swallows block.

Indian Star Cutting Directions:

Fabric 1: Corners and center squares: one strip, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" and four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Fabric 2: Star Points: four 4" squares

Fabric 3: Background: one $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one strip, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7"

