10 DAY QUILT N' CRUISE to ALASKA

Round Trip San Francisco
Onboard Princess Cruises "Golden Princess®"
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Wendy Mathson is an instructor, inventor of quilting tools, pattern designer and author. She is most recognized for her "Storm at Sea" quilt designs, and wrote "A New Light on Storm at Sea Quilts - One Block, an Ocean of Design Possibilities". Wendy teaches for the Empty Spools Seminars at Asilomar. She taught quilting classes at Palomar College in San Diego for 8 years. As a professional illustrator/editor she has worked on books and patterns for C&T Publishing, Cozy Quilt Designs, Anelie Belden, Jan Krentz, Angela Walters, Norah McMeeking, Peggy Martin, Sharyn Craig, Kim Schaefer, Harriet and Carrie Hargrave, Nancy Brenan Daniel, and Joen Wolfrom, to name a few. Wendy is also the founder of The Prayer Quilt Ministry, Prayers & Squares International.

Session 1: Calming the Storm - Piecing "Storm at Sea"

Is this classic pattern on your "to do" list? Now you can make it totally template-free with my no-fail piecing method suitable for any skill level. I have taught this class to hundreds of students who now know how to "calm the storm" with my unique trim-after-you-sew tools that I call "Quilter's TRIMplates". Everyone will have the chance to use these tools in class. I will also show you other piecing methods you can use to enlarge your class sample when you get home, using either paper foundation piecing or by making your own TRIMplates.





Whale Tails in Glacier Bay (Storm at Sea variation)

Session 2: After the Storm - Pieced Borders For Any Quilt

Start with a panel or an unfinished quilt that needs a "wow" border. Then let me show you how to select and piece a border using some units based on the "Storm at Sea" block (shown below). Students will use my unique "Quilter's TRIMplate tools in class. This is a great way to learn a new technique without having to commit to a large project. Look for panels or interesting fabric as you shop and make a wonderful memento of your Alaskan cruise! Check out my Pinterest page for more border design ideas.



Fabric Panel from Frond Design Studios "Aurora Borealis"

