

Tumbling Blocks Triaxial Fabric Weaving

Class Description: The tumbling blocks weave is a perfect weave to learn first when wanting to take on triaxial design. By using three unique fabrics, one per layer, it allows for the best visualization of how to weave each layer to create this ubiquitous pattern. And once the blocks start forming in the third layer, you'll be hooked for life and ready to take on your next weave.

Experience Level: Beginner

Sewing Machine Required: Maybe one or two so that students can secure their weave after they're done

Supplies (Required)

- Fabric for weaving: ½ yard each of 3 fabrics
- 20" x 20" piece of medium weight woven fusible interfacing
- 20" x 30" foam board
- Pins, pins, and more pins
- Sharpie marker
- Masking tape
- Weaving tool

Supplies (Optional)

- That Purple Thang
- 1" Bias Tape Maker
- Thermal Thimbles

Prep Work: Students should prepare their strips before the class begins so that we can focus on weaving during our time together. Each half yard of fabric should be cut into nine 2" x WOF strips. The raw edges should be folded toward the center lengthwise and pressed with starch to ensure crispy folds. My favorite way to transport prepared strips is to wrap them around a piece of cardboard or foam board while pinning the ends of the strips to keep them in place.

I will provide students with a PDF copy of the pattern and a link to a prep video once we get closer to the event. All of the weaves I'll be teaching are in my Fabric Weaving Book and my Weaving Tool should be available by then.

Classroom Requirements

- Two or three irons
- Two or three ironing boards