

# Fun & Games!

## Colonial Saltbox

From **American Homestead Quilts** by **Ellen Murphy**

### Class Description:

Skill Level: Easy

Students will learn to make Half Square Triangles, the benefits of precise pressing and how to strip piece properly.

You would want to send your students home knowing how to make the 3 components that make up this quilt: the corner units, the border units and the center unit.

This is a small and easy project that can be used as a tabletopper, wallhanging or as a game board!

### Class Length:

This is a single class of 3 to 4 hours.

### Class Supplies:

Required text: **American Homestead Quilts**

Fabric & Batting as listed in materials list for the project.

Thread, rulers, rotary cutter, seam ripper, scissors, pencil, sewing machine and anything you generally use for sewing.

Note to teachers: this is a good project for using fat quarters, encourage students to use them.

### Classroom Preparation:

Each student will need a space to set up a sewing machine and additional space to lay out the center unit. Provide common pressing and cutting stations.

### Class Outline:

Follow the instructions beginning on pages 10-11 and structure class time as follows:

1. Cutting time.
2. Make Half Square Triangles.
3. Make Corner Units.
4. Make Border Units.
5. Make Center Unit.
6. Assemble the quilt.

Please note: Every student is different and they work at different speeds. Structure the class in time segments so the students learn how to do each step even if that means they do not finish all the units of each step. Assembling the quilt is like piecing a 9-patch and should be shown even if everyone is not done with all their units. You want to give the students the knowledge so they can finish at home if needed.

