

Layer by Layer

If you are ready to try something different, experimenting with designs, patterns and fabrics, this class will help you take that next step. Combine elements of landscape in an abstract way to create something unique and visually exciting.

I will have the patterns for three abstract designs or you can design your own.

Requirements

Sewing machine in excellent working order, machine manual, tools and accessories.

Darning foot is essential and an open toed embroidery foot would be useful.

Pen, Pencil, eraser, sticky tape, black medium felt tipped marker (e.g. Sharpie)

Large sheet of white paper – needs to be at least as big as proposed quilt size (can join)

Pins – lots of straight pins

1 metre of non-iron Tear – away (available from the tutor)

1 metre of Freezer paper

1/2 metre of fusible web - e.g. Steam a Seam, Wonder Under, Vliesofix – the amount used will vary according to design.

Nylon thread – Wonder Invisible thread or monopoly recommended

Neutral coloured thread to blend with background fabrics

Embroidery threads – for free machine embroidery and decorative appliqué (bring what you have and I am happy to share mine)

Machine needles size 60, and topstitch machine needles size 90

Scissors (fabric and paper), quick unpick.

Rotary cutter, ruler and small cutting board may be useful.

Fabrics

Bring a range of fabrics that have a variation in pattern and value. A suggestion is to choose two or three colours that work well together and then select fabrics making sure you include some lights, mediums and darks. Another starting place is to choose a fabric you like then add other fabrics that blend with this. Remember you need at least one highlight fabric – something that will stand out and provide some contrast. I will have hand dyed fabrics available so you won't be left short. A few fat quarters or quarter metres plus some smaller pieces will be fine.

Some students may finish the tops and be ready to sandwich and quilt in the two day class. If you are usually a quick worker you may like to bring some backing fabric and thin batting.

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