

## GET IN SHAPE—Empty Spools 2027

### Supply List

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### CLASS DESCRIPTION

One of the most important design elements is SHAPE. In this workshop, we GET IN SHAPE by identifying and using shapes from our everyday lives to create dynamic quilt compositions. We will explore the following improv techniques—finding inspirational shapes in our daily lives, translating those shapes into piece work that we can use as subject matter for our quilts, and arranging those shapes into dynamic pieced compositions that feature excellent figure ground relationships!

### SUPPLY LIST

- Sewing machine with a straight stitch and a quarter-inch foot and/or the ability to create a quarter inch seam. (A quarter-inch foot with a flange will NOT work for sewing curves.) If you have a machine with needle up/down, free hand system, and heel tap needle up/down foot pedal, please bring that machine. You will use these features for stitching curves.
- Rotary Cutter with a sharp new blade— A 60MM ROTARY CUTTER Olfa Straight handled Cutter is REQUIRED.
- Rotary Mat—Larger is Better
- Basic quilting supplies including straight pins, seam ripper, neutral thread, scissors, and snips for cutting threads
- Measuring tape
- Small sticky note pad
- Sketchbook—or paper and/or notebook and/or draft paper for making notes, sketches, and drawings about your quilt. This sketchbook should be larger rather than smaller.
- Calculator or smart phone
- Design wall—which is provided by Empty Spools
- Digital camera or cell phone with the ability to take pictures
- Stiletto/awl—this is a required tool for this workshop
- Chalk pencil or other favorite fabric marker
- Small bag for trash/fabric scraps
- Painters tape— 1/4" and 2" wide if you have them handy. We can also share.
- Gallon Bag of scraps (mostly solids) that can be shared with the class. Trust me, you will like having this scrap store to shop at.
- Travel irons are acceptable as long as they have an automatic shut-off function
- Travel Iron wool mat for ironing

## **FABRIC**

**PLEASE WASH, DRY, AND FOLD ALL OF YOUR FABRIC FOR THIS CLASS. No Joke! Washed fabric is better for this type of improv piecing.**

Everyone should bring a wide range of colors, values, and intensities. Please bring neutrals—black, white, brown, and grey. If you are working with prints, please avoid all batiks and large prints that do not reliably cut up. Ideally, you bring 100 yards of fabric which is 33 pounds or one suitcase (this leaves room for your supplies). OR be prepared to purchase fabric locally.

Half yard cuts are OKAY, Yardage is BETTER.

**This is a fun and exciting class about gathering ideas and turning them into quilts!**