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Class description Freestyle Color Collage

Freestyle color collage is a way to make a collage quilt (raw edge appliqué) without any pattern or design. Your fabrics will determine the flow of the colors and the finished result. It is a method where students learn to look and "listen" to their colors and are open minded for an abstract end result. There is a technique that you can learn to look at fabrics and what they can do for you in this creative process. (I have written a book Freestyle Color Collage, coming out 2/25/2025). Many students have told me that this class is completely changing how they look at colors and fabric.

It is a very free and creative art class.

Supplies:

* Fabrics. You will need to bring a lot of fabric in small amounts. Scraps are the best! You won't need anything over 6", so it is not necessary to haul yardage. Pieces can be as little as .5" x .5"! Bring as much as you can in as much variety as you can. The fabrics you can use are anything, but solids. Mix batiks, modern, blenders all with the greatest variety. Big and small prints, multi-colored and one-colored. Don't try to "match" any colors in advance. In general that means no charm packages as they are too much in the same style. You will need at least 400 fabrics for a 5 day class. More is better. In order to have enough depth in your fabric selection, I am asking you to bring either warm or cool colors.

Warm: brown, yellow, orange, pink, red, purple

Cool: grey, black, green, aqua blue, purple

This will not mean that your quilt will have only those colors. You can expand to the other colorway as you go. Most students have always been willing to share fabrics with other students. I will also bring some free fabric and you can buy (in advance or during class) fabric packages as stated on my ecommerce site collagefabric.com. There are packages of 25 single cuts, organized per color (\$7.95) and there are packages of 20 pieces of fabric in size 4.5" x 10" (builders, \$18.95) that can help you expand a section in your collage.

* Scissors. Small Sharp scissors. I suggest bringing Karen Kay Buckley 6" blue scissors. They have a serrated edge.

* Irons

* little basket for trash

Kit \$42.50. (To be mailed in advance to location).

* Pattern Ease. You will get 1 yard (36" x 46"). This is the foundation for your quilt.

* Lite Steam a Seam 2. You will get 3 yards (24" x 36"). This is probably not enough for the entire quilt, but you will be able to buy extra at the location). You will use these 3 yards.

Optional:

* sewing machine. You can bring a sewing machine to class if you want to. Some students will get to the point of quilting, but most won't (it will take me about 10 days to make a collage in 36 x 46). If so, bring batting for a quilt in size 36" x 46" and threads in your colorway. Again, bring as many as you can as you may want to match the colors of the fabrics as best possible. Small spools are best. Threads can be any in 40, 50 and 60 weight. You can but don't have to bring a backing. I usually quilt without the backing (only top and batting) and add a clean backing later. We will discuss finishing options in class.