

# Reclamation!

## A workshop with Julia McLeod Empty Spools Seminars 2027, Session 5

*Build a quilt with reclaimed textiles that demand different preparation and piecing techniques than typical quilters cottons.*

*From silk organza to the heaviest denim, you will learn to:*

- *Identify different fibers and fabric structures*
- *Dismantle garments and 'harvest' useable fabric*
- *Accurately piece, appliqué and layer even the most challenging textiles*
- *Combine varied textiles in one quilt*

*Our quilts will grow organically as we cover a series of techniques. Traditional modern- and art quilters will all gain new skills and discover the joy of making quilts with unusual, up cycled textiles.*

### **Supplies:**

Bring a wide variety of fabrics and make choices during the workshop.

- Clothing of any kind including kimonos, saris, neckties, formalwear and denim; sheer chiffon, organza, fine gage knits, lace, table linens and more; Decorator fabrics - scraps or yardage; Fabrics from your travels
- Yardage or scraps of lightweight fusible interfacing. My favorites are Pellon P44F, Presto Sheer and Quilters Select Fabric Prep\*
- Sewing machine w/ regular foot, walking foot and free motion foot; cord and pedal, bobbins
- Thread in a neutral color

- Scissors, thread snips and seam ripper
- Rotary cutter with a good blade
- Cutting mat and ruler
- Pins
- Irons and ironing boards are provided, but travel irons with automatic shut off function are allowed
- Needles and thread for hand sewing if you enjoy adding embroidery or big stitch detail to your work. DMC Pearl Cotton 8 is my favorite •  
Silicone/Teflon pressing sheet or cotton pressing cloth
- Notebook/Sketchbook and pen/pencil
- Bias tape maker; One or several in varying sizes. I will also have some you may borrow
- 2 yards of freezer paper\*

Design boards are provided for each student.

\*There is no lab or kit fee for this class, but I will bring fusible interfacing, fabric foundations, basting aids, small packs of curated silks and more for you to purchase if desired.

There are no silly questions!  
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