

1. Tea Bag Revival

Class Description :

(Confident beginner)

A used paper tea bag, when dried and emptied, becomes the foundation for a precious piece of art. First, acrylic paint and a variety of mark-making techniques will add lovely color and texture to miscellaneous fabrics and papers, creating a stash of luscious materials. Realistic or abstract shapes in any designs are cut from these materials. Then each tea bag will be collaged with these shapes. The addition of free-motion machine sewing and/or hand stitching will add linear detail. A final composition will be arranged using a fabric substrate combined with variety of textured fabrics and trims. The final result: a unique, wondrous art quilt.

The background fabric is approximately 20" x 30". However, you might choose to make several smaller compositions, a scroll, or even an accordion book. The final composition size, shape, and format is up to you.)

Come play with me and make these magical artworks with recycled paper tea bags!

Materials/kit fee: \$45 includes:

- Tea Bags (2 dozen dried, emptied, and pre-fused to muslin.)
- Additional steeped and dried tea bags, Mistyfuse, and muslin for your use
- Background fabrics: Monk's Cloth & additional textured fabrics, ribbons, trims, and lace
- Cotton canvas
- Acrylic felt
- Assorted fabrics and papers to be painted in class
- A selection of pre-painted fabrics and papers (hand-painted by Libby) for your use
- Acrylic paints and inks
- Mistyfuse
- Parchment paper
- Matte medium
- Glue
- Embroidery threads and needles
- Assorted sewing machine threads for your use
- The shared use of tools: stamps, stencils, texture plates, paint brushes, acrylic paint markers, paper and fabric scissors, and additional supplies, and Chocolate!

Student Supplies:

- Art apron
- Fabric and Paper scissors
- Sewing machine with free-motion capability (and a darning or free-motion foot)
(Some machines are available to rent)
- Basic sewing machine supplies: regular feet, pins, seam ripper, bobbins
- Machine thread (I use black 40wt.) in your choice of colors

Optional Supplies:

- Your kit fee will include all fabrics for your project but you might prefer something different. Additional information regarding optional supplies will be provided

before class. Monk's Cloth will be provided in your kit but you might opt for something else as a background fabric.

-Additional scraps of fabrics and lace to be incorporated into your background. I will provide plenty of textured fabrics and trims for your use.

-Backing fabric of your choice. Paintable natural cotton canvas will be provided for the back side. (More details to follow)

-Specialty embroidery threads, buttons, beads, or embellishments that you might wish to add