



Thread Duets Design Class

Supply List

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This class is for the individual who is interested in creating an original fiber art piece. Participants will create a quilt using any number of different fabrics cut into any shape they want (no pattern will be given). We will be discussing proportion and the Golden Rule, design elements, composition, and working successfully with color. Machine appliqué techniques will be used, along with free-motion machine quilting techniques to finish your piece. For those students who are interested, we will also discuss how to make your quilt two-sided.

Fabric Requirements:

- Bring a variety of fabrics, some feature fabrics and others tone-on-tone, that you are going to use to create your own Thread Duets design. Make sure to have a variety of values in your fabrics.
- Choose one of the following sizes for your background fabric (note: please have your background fabric cut to size *before* class):
22" x 34"; 32" x 51"; or 42" x 67"
- A piece of material for the back of the quilt that is 2" larger than the background fabric (from above).
- A piece of batting 2" larger than your background fabric

Supplies:

- A piece of flannel large enough to pin your background fabric to.
- Yardstick Compass (optional – I'll have one; used to make perfect circles)
- Sewing Machine in good working order
- Extension table for your sewing machine (if you have one)
- Darning or free motion quilting foot that fits your sewing machine (I prefer open toe foot).
- Sewing machine needles – Sharps 60/8, 70/10 or 80/12 and Jeans 80/12 (for metallic thread) are good choices. Topstitch or Quilting needles also ok.
- Marking pencils that you can see on your fabric.
- Heavy Duty Freezer Paper (available at most grocery stores)
- Scissors to cut paper and fabric
- Quilt Basting Spray
- Safety Pins for basting your quilt sandwich (more than you think you'll need!)
- Masking Tape (not blue painter's tape)
- Invisible Polyester Thread
- Iron, Ironing Pad, Spray Starch
- Rotary Cutter and Rulers
- Permanent Marking Pen
- A variety of quilting threads (not all of these are necessary):
 - Metallic
 - Rayon thread
 - Trilobal Polyester thread
 - High quality cotton quilting threads in a variety of weights
- Digital Camera (optional)

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Questions? Please feel free to contact me at
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I look forward to seeing you in class!