

General Supply List Information

A word to my students regarding supply lists for my classes

There are many opportunities to choose from when signing up for a quilting workshop. I thank you for choosing to spend time with me and participate in my class.

I love sharing my quilting knowledge and artwork and will do everything in my power to make this a great experience for you. In my classes and workshops the emphasis is on self-confidence, a sense of adventure, persistence and inspirational motivation for my students.

Information about class supplies

If you are taking a class at a quilt show, please check with the sponsors before bringing an iron/ironing mat as required in some of the supply lists. These items may be restricted due to building codes and already be supplied for you by the sponsors.

About Stabilizer:

Here is a description of the Pellon™ stabilizer that I require in my supply lists to help you find and identify the correct item. With my technique all fabric patches in the quilt are sewn to the surface of a foundation material. Stabilizer is non-woven and has no stretch. The stabilizer is not removed after the surface is completed, but left in place.

I use stabilizer in my work because:

- it keeps seams of the templates from puckering.*
- It also enables you to construct and pin several templates together at once before you sew, a definite visual and color decision-making advantage when the project is in progress.*
- The quilt surface retains its shape better with a foundation. I found that using a foundation to sew the templates together, even ones cut on the bias grain, cuts down the stretch of the*

quilt surface considerably. When this is combined with machine quilting, any stretch that would occur from cutting the fabric on the bias is negligible.

- Foundations add stability during decorative thread painting and machine quilting.

The commercial foundation I prefer to use is Pellon™ Stabilizer. I use only regular stabilizer. Do not use tear-aways or iron-on stabilizers. Do not buy interfacing...this is a different material and may not be suitable as some types/brands do not fare well with hot irons. Pellon™ stabilizer is available in most fabric stores such as Hancock or JoAnn's. The product is available in several weights. I recommend using either the lightweight (30# wt.) or mid-weight (#40) for your quilting projects. Pattern-Ease™ will work too with small to medium quilts and as a secondary lightweight foundation for individual blocks for improvisational quilts. For the main quilt foundation I prefer Pellon™ in most instances.

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