

Scrap the Pattern Improvisation

12 hrs.

Sewing machine is required (one capable of machine blindstitch ---^---^---^)
Sewing machine feet—please bring the regular stitching foot and an **open-toe appliqué foot** if you have one!

Fabrics-- Fabrics--100% cotton fabrics: Batiks and multicolored hand-dyed fabrics. Bring a variety of favorite fabrics including batiks, asymmetrical prints, fabric with a subtle, plain design and multicolored hand-dyed fabrics. Include all colors in **three values** (light, medium and dark) with a noticeable color contrast from a distance of approx.10 ft. Choose colors that are vivid and bright, as well as some that are pastel (pale), shades (dark) tones (grayed). Bring the deepest dark colors you have. With this technique, you do not need fabric in large amounts—½ or ¼ yards, scraps or fat quarters will do. If you like, bring a small amount of sheer and lame fabric to experiment.

Stabilizer— three yards of Pellon regular lightweight or mid-weight (#30) stabilizer (*not iron-on or tear-away*)

Freezer paper -- roll

Needles (for sewing machine) use regular 80/12 for piecing

Scissors- paper and fabric

Extension cord (and an adapter for sewing machine, if necessary)

Steam iron and ironing mat or board Check with your guild or program contact. Irons may be provided or limited in the workshop facility.

Flexible curve -- if you have one, bring it, but don't buy

Plastic corner – to poke out seams

Long-nose tweezers (if you have one)

Small rotary mat/cutter

Small spray bottle for water

Straight pins (sharp!)

Threads -bring a variety...for matching or blending the colors of fabrics.

Fancy, thick threads, fibers and yarns for decorative use (A few, not a lot)

Bobbin wound with gray thread

Seam ripper

Stitch Witchery only if you have it already (comes on a roll, about 5/8" wide)

Batting one yard

Scotch tape, eraser, pencils, ruler, notebook

Please, don't forget your nametags!

Please remember, no workshop project is ever a masterpiece. This is a fun project. You are here to relax and learn exciting new techniques so please don't worry or agonize over fabric or color choices. Empty your mind of all the “rules” in quilting and come ready to play and experiment!