

Design your own Appliqué With Tia Curtis

Learn all about Tia Curtis' design process for appliqué quilts and blocks. In this class you will design your own large scale appliqué block. Tia will show you her techniques for creating her award winning appliqué designs. You can create something more traditional or something quite modern and abstract. The class is broken down into three parts; design, cutting and sewing. This will be a great class to test out ideas and combine both machine piecing with hand appliqué



For this class the students will be designing a flower bouquet. The block can be finished as a wall hanging or incorporated into a larger quilt.

When you pick your fabric for the class, think about flowers, leaves, stems, a vase, a table cloth fabric and a background. Students can piece a background or use a solid piece of fabric. The finished block will be about 20 inches, but the techniques learned in the class will be suitable for any size block or quilt that the student goes on to make in the future. Improv cutting, templates, bias curves and various other types of appliqué will all be discussed and taught.

This entire block can be done by hand, but if you wish to combine improv piecing or perhaps use a sewn in stabilizer in your work you may wish to bring a sewing machine. A small featherweight machine will be perfect for this class. If you wish to use one of Tia's Featherweights just let her know. She has several and is happy to let you use one.

Supplies

Sketchbook

Pencil

Fabric pen or pencil

Scissors (Tia likes the Karen Kay Buckley Perfect Scissors) in small and medium

Rotary cutter

Appliqué needles (Tia likes size 11 straw needles or appliqué needles)

Thread to match fabric (Tia likes to use 80 wt Aurifil or silk thread)

Fabric

Bring an assortment of scrap fabric or work from a fat quarter pack. See note about fabric above

*Optional items

Sewing machine (if you wish to use a machine)

Portable light box (Tia will bring hers are you are welcome to share)

Email Tia with any questions

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