Scrap Petal Garden Cutting Instructions

The Scrap Petal Garden quilt is a chance to test design theories and machine applique techniques. The pattern is written to make a 68" x 68" throw quilt, but it's construction is flexible to make larger or smaller projects with as many petals as you want. In this class, students will make a quilt top perfectly sized as a table runner or wall hanging, approximately 24" x 52".

You should be an "Experienced Beginner'' or better to attend this class. You should be familiar with sewing a 1/4 inch seam and 1/8 topstitching.

Fabric Requirements for Class

- Main background fabric 1/2 yard
- Border fabric 1/2 yard
- Petal fabric per flower 1/4 yard or 1 fat quarter (or more for greater variation or denser petals)
- Flower center fabric 1/8 yard
- Heat n Bond Light 2 yards

Pre-class Instructions

You must have completed all steps below prior to class. Fabric suggestions are provided but remember, this is YOUR quilt!

Background

- Make a background that measures approximately 16" x 43" not including borders. You choose how you make this, whether its one solid piece of fabric or pieced from scraps. When chosing the fabric(s), you should have minimal variance (i.e., low volume, monotone, single value). You want to make sure your flower petals will stand out enough against the background.
- Add your borders to bring the quilt top to the size you want. 3.5" borders are recommended, making the top approximately 24" x 52". Choosing a darker fabric than the background helps to frame the quilt, but make sure it will not overpower your flower petals.

Petals

- Press all of your petal and flower center fabrics to remove all wrinkles. One fat quarter is enough to make one flower. But you are encouraged to mix, match, add, and subtract to get the color variation and contrast that you want! This is your chance to be creative and experiment with how colors work together or against each other.
- For each fat quarter, cut it in half width-wise so each piece is about 18" x 10". Do not cut the flower center fabric. Set aside one half of each fat quarter and bring to class. Using Heat-n-Bond Light, iron fusible to the back of the other halves of the petal fabrics and to the flower center fabrics. You must do this before you cut out your flower shapes.
- Using both sizes of your templates, cut as many flower petals from each piece of fused fabric as you want. You should have a good mix of different sizes for each flower. You can also cut more during class if needed. For the flower centers, cut several circles of different sizes. There are templates for these provided in the pattern booklet.

During Class

We will explore several different ways to attach your petals. We will talk about machine applique, fusible options, and other techniques. Be as creative as you can be. Let your inner child help you with the colors. You just might surprise yourself! Don't let the lack of directions that we are used to trip you up. I had a very hard time starting too. I wanted someone to tell me exactly what to do and no one was doing that. Once I let that feeling go and started, it was fun and just flowed. You will lay out your petals and move them many times before you find you! Everyone's will be different, in color and design. That's what makes it so much fun!

Additional Supplies Needed

- Fabric scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Pins
- Other notions as desired
- Snacks and water

Please note that there is no sewing machine needed for this class.

Reach out if you have any questions! Nancy nhambright@comcast.net 301-676-0829