



Controlled Chaos

Designing from your Scrap Bag

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Enter the world of spontaneous design. Throw away the stress of the need for accurate cutting, accurate piecing and accurate seam matching. This workshop is one of discovery and liberation. Learn spontaneous/improvisational design, free form slicing and skinny inserts. There are no boundaries, the design is free, fluid and flexible. There is no right or wrong in this workshop, only personal expression.

Supply List

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Universal 80/12 and 90/14 needles
- 1/4" foot for sewing machine
- Rotary cutter with new blade
- Rulers that you like to use - square ruler 12" x 12" (or any square ruler you like to use) and a 6 1/2" or 8 1/2" rectangular ruler or any other rulers you like to use
- Pins
- Marking pencil
- Thread that you like for piecing. Fill your bobbin with the same thread you will use to piece with.
- A design board (24" x 24"). I get a piece of foam insulation board and have it cut to the size I need then wrap some batting around it.
- Your selected fabrics
- Paper and pencil for notes
- Lunch

Fabrics

Remember, the more fabrics you have the more fun you will have... options, options, options.

When selecting your fabrics think of:

Value

Texture

Color

Then add a fabric or two or a color that adds a pop, a spark to the fabrics you have selected.

My pop fabric color in the photo above is the teal blue.

You can work with solids, textures, batiks, you can mix and match.

- 8 - 10+ fat quarters, 1/4 yd cuts, fat eights what ever you have—more is better :)
- If you have left over 2 1/2" strips or strip sets, they work well also.
- Dive into your scrap bins anything that is 2 1/2" wide and at least 5" long or larger is great. Bring as much as you want!
- 1 - 1 1/2" yards of background

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me: marlouscarter@gmail.com