

F08D: Come Play With Me

(Technique & Color)

Teacher: Dianne Hire

Class Length: Full Day

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced



(Oxymoron: Random Order Piecing)

Need to lighten up? Not having any quilting fun? Tired of prissy little piecing? -- (I can say that, since precision piecing used to be my forte.) Then, this workshop's for you. Intuitive and improvisational, we'll play liberating games at your sewing machine. We'll slice fabrics, trade slivers of blocks, hunt for bright colors just begging for a place to land in a quilt & return home with a few oxymoron blocks, in random order. Can't you see it now? Fabrics all over the floor.

Requirement: Excellent Sense of Humor! . . . and, oh yes, a good friendship with your sewing machine and basic knowledge of piecing. Book: **Quilters PLAYTIME** recommended but not required for class and will be available for purchase at the workshop.

I. 100% Cotton Fabrics

FYI: Only bring fabrics that *excite you*. Gather scraps from recent projects, or other people -- **not oldies** that you no longer like nor would use in a current project. Allow yourself to be visually stimulated by a delightful array of color. NOTE: Most solid hand-dyed, hand-painted, and batik-type fabrics work very well as the basis of your fabric-supply, but prints are also good. Of course, I suggest *bright, intense, vibrant* fabrics . . . without grayed or dulled shades/tones/hues. True colors: real reds, glowing oranges, strong yellows, citrusy chartreuses, bright turquoises, ocean royals, etc. for your hand-dyed group(s).

Additionally, bring a few very large, bold prints, gutsy geometrics (especially black and white prints), and possibly some ethnic fabrics. These enhance and sometimes add pizzazz as connecting fabrics!

A. Scraps. A good selection of leftovers from your scrap bag — again, not oldies or dull colors!!!!!!

- Assorted sizes (long, slender, fat, large, medium, and even very small pieces) and assorted scales, prints & colors.
- Amounts to bring: **fill a grocery bag.** *WARNING: be prepared for scrap-sharing! (Purpose: to vary everyone's coloring palette.)* This is a very important request, and, one that you'll enjoy a lot! (None should have fusibles attached, please.)

B. Additional Pieces. (NOTE: these are YOUR special fabrics that you do not wish to share...they will be kept separate from the scraps.)

- $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ yard cuts: 15-20 fabrics, a selection that you would combine into a quilt, assorted colors/scales (see above "NOTE"). Plus, bring some black 'n white prints that is: IF you have them and like them as zingers. Bring a few large bold prints and/or striped fabrics (no gold embossed prints), if you have them. This may be the T I M E to find a home for these beautiful pieces!
- Small pieces/tidbits of other fabrics: a variety--include some geometrics and other zany motifs. Again, *WARNING: be prepared for sharing!*

C. NOTE: as far as amounts to bring, satisfy yourself! If your creativity requires a larger selection of fabrics, then bring whatever you need to satisfy that desire. The above list is a minimum guideline, only. This class gears toward more vs. less, due to its improvisational nature. Some students have said: "Just tell em to bring every fabric they own!" Now, my comment is: 'that's intimidating--so, just back up the truck and bring *most* of it!!!' (Just KIDDING, okay?)

II. Other Supplies

- **Bernina** will be providing sewing machines for this class. Arrive at class early to become familiar with your machine and fill 2-3 bobbins before class. We quickly begin to sew and this will aid you in a quick-start.
- Extra sewing machine needles
- Paper scissors and fabric shears
- Your favorite normal thread (*for piecing*). (ABSOLUTELY Optional: #60 weight Embroidery thread in gray or neutral)
- Seam ripper (*then again, maybe we won't rip, but I don't believe it for one minute!*)
- An orange/industrial-type extension cord (and electrical outlet surge strip, if you have one)
- Rotary cutter and mat as well as ruler for rotary cutting
- ¼ yd. lite-wt. paper-backed fusible webbing such as *Wonder Under*®. Do not bring heavy wt. Heat 'n Bond®
- Fabric, as noted above
- Water bottle for spritzing fabrics.
- NOTE: Iron/ironing surface will be provided by MQ.

III. Miscellaneous

Included in your handout:

- PLAY Game Instruction

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Please -- feel free to call me if you have any questions about this supply list or need further help.
THIS IS A FUN CLASS & I love it!

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