

Class descriptions:

IMPROVISATIONAL STRIP PIECING:

You'll first make several "striped" panels from different solid color fabrics, then slice and reassemble them to make a quilt. You'll learn proper sewing and pressing techniques for perfectly flat pieced quilts. You'll refine your color sense by choosing harmonious new fabrics to add to the ones you've brought. You'll practice improvisational composition and design -- working with no sketches or patterns.

Supply list

Sewing machine and extra needles, straight stitching foot, extra bobbins

Assorted medium-value thread colors for piecing

Scissors, seam ripper, rotary cutter, plastic ruler, 6" or 12" plastic squares

Rotary cutting mat (as large as you own)

Pins

[Optional: Iron, small ironing surface or bath towel]

Extension cord or power outlet strip

Large piece of batting to cover design wall (approx. 90" wide x 72" tall)

Fabric:

Three one-yard pieces of solid color Kona cotton that are pleasing together; one should be light in value, one medium, and the third dark.

Kona cotton solids, made by Robert Kaufman, are inexpensive, come in a huge variety of colors, and are widely available at stores such as Hobby Lobby and JoAnne's or can be ordered online. Please come with this specific fabric as we will be contributing some of every fabric to a communal swap pile to provide additional color choices; if everyone has the same fabric all the quilts will have the same hand and texture. Construction will be much easier if you do not pre-wash the fabric.