Freestyle Fabric Collage #323 July 10th, 2024 Pati Fried patisfried@gmail.com

Create a one of a kind fabric collage with some of your favorite fabrics. Learn valuable tips on creating a simple but successful composition, then dive into a freestyle method of raw-edge appliqué that will open up a whole new playground for you to explore! We will discuss composition, layering, color and pattern choices, along with the key design elements that can be used for successful collaging. To finish, you'll also learn Pati's favorite style of free-motion quilting, sketchy quilting, that will quickly add lots of personality to your project. The messier your stitching, the more personality it will exude!

Supply list:

Choose fabrics that you would like to tell your story. Would you like to plant a whimsical garden? Create a secret cottage? Set a table for tea and cookies? Whatever story you want to tell, choose fabrics that will bring you joy to play with. Small amounts of florals, prints, batiks and solids will all work beautifully. *I used Liberty, Tawna Lawn to grow my garden. It is tightly woven, so it doesn't fray a lot. It is also very lightweight, so it acts almost like paper as you collage.*

- A sketchbook or loose paper to sketch on.
- Pencil and fine tip pen (any brand)
- 2-3 fabrics for the background (fat quarter size)
- A selection of scrap fabrics for your garden.
- **Optional:**

Small rotary cutter and cutting mat Bias tape or ribbon (for flower stems) Any ephemera that will add to your story *Sewing machine and free motion quilting foot attachment. *Black thread for quilting, (40-50 wt.)

*To quilt your collage:

Pati will demonstrate her sketch quilting technique but will also supply a link to her video tutorial to be able to do the quilting later at home, if you choose.

- Glue stick Any brand Uhu, Elmers, or Staples
- A few pins
- Fabric scissors
- Backing fabric and batting, approx. 22 x 20"