

Color, Line and Value
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Explore the magical combination of color and value with freeform blocks. Bold color choices mixed with wide range of tonal value and contrast can make a quilt sing. Developing exciting color schemes doesn't have to be limited to color wheel. Discover how to intuitively develop an eye for color and textures.

You are encouraged to bring pictures of interesting textures and color combinations. Just look around your surroundings. These can be found on walks, cityscape, old architecture, fruit and vegetable bowls on the kitchen counters, a visit to the city or the countryside, an old barn, etc.

Take home skill building tools for innovative techniques and design composition to apply in future projects.

Technique: Machine Piecing and Skill Level: experienced beginner

Supply List:

- Sewing Machine
- Basic sewing supplies - Thread, needles, pins, scissors
- Rotary cutting Supplies – Medium size cutting mat, rotary cutter with fresh blade, 12” and 18” ruler, square ruler to trim the blocks (optional)
- Notebook (without lines), pencil and pen
- Flannel or batting for the design walls.
- ½ yard cuts of solid fabrics (See Fabric Selections for detailed description).

Fabric Selection:

Choose ½ yard cuts of 3-4 different colors in solids and hand dyed fabrics of your liking. Build a wider palette from here for each color with their tonal values. For instant if you choose red, make sure to add shades of pink, peach, coral, orange, rust, brown and maroon to the mix. Don’t forget the brightest shade of red orange for the sliver of those skinny lines. Or the lime green for the visible contrast. Apply the same to other colors of your choice.

Bring as many fabrics as you can. Be willing to shop from fellow students and share with them. It makes the workshop experience and the quilt memorable in more ways than one.

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