

## Creative Freeform Piecing and Design

One Day Class/ all levels

A basic knowledge of traditional hand and machine piecing techniques will be necessary

Learn to create colorful, luminous, freeform designs with this simple method of piecing on a paper base. STRING PIECING can be used in either quilts or clothing, and with either traditional or original designs. Emphasis will be on color selection as well as sewing techniques. Everyone will have a chance to master Caryl's simple direct method for piecing curves. Students will design and create 2-3 small samples, using various string piecing and color methods.



### Supplies Needed:

#### Fabric

**BLUE - RED - YELLOW - PURPLE - GREEN -  
ORANGE - NEUTRAL (gray/brown/black)**

Choose three values (light - medium - dark) of two of the above colors. You will have fabrics in 6 different colors. Bring at least 1/2 yard (or a "fat" quarter) of each. This is your big chance to unload some of those colors in your collection that you don't like. **Solid colors** only please. 100% cotton please. Before the beginning of class: Cut or tear six to eight strips in a variety of widths (1½"-2 ½") on the lengthwise grain (parallel to the selvedge) from each fabric. Each strip will be at least 18" long. Leave the remainder of each piece of fabric whole, it will be for your personal use.

**Please Note:** The STRIPS will be pooled in the class, so that everyone has a wide range of colors and values to choose from. **Be Prepared to Share**

For your personal use, bring a handful of additional fabrics in a range of colors and values. These may include prints. If you dye your own fabric, or have fabrics dyed in color or value gradations, these may be useful. Large amounts of any one fabric will not be necessary. Fabrics dyed in gradations will be available for sale in the class.

#### ~Thread:

- medium gray cotton or polyester sewing thread
- clear mono- filament, (Polyester is recommended)

~**Sewing Machine** : One that is friendly and well adjusted. A zig zag, as well as straight stitch will be

needed. If you own an open toed embroidery foot, bring it along. **You must know how to operate your sewing machine**

~Heavy duty **Extension Cord** with at least two outlets. Three prong adaptor if needed for the classroom outlets

~**Basic Sewing Kit** for machine sewing.

~**Iron:** Preferably with steam

~Table Top **Ironing Pad**

~Scotch Brand Magic **Tape**

~**Scissors** (paper and fabric)

~**Rotary Cutting Board and Ruler**

~**Drawing Tools** :

- Fine point and ultra fine point Sharpie marker,
- flexible curve,
- pen, pencil, ruler, eraser.

~**Cotton swab** or small watercolor brush

Niagra **Spray Starch** or other liquid starch

~**Freezer paper** (2-3 feet)

~10-20 sheets of plain **copier paper**

~1-2 **Magazines** or Books with colored pictures, preferably nature or science.

~**Glue Stick**

~**Litter Bag**

#### Optional

~Small Portable Light Box (If you are driving and already have one)