



Learn to draw and piece colorful, luminous, freeform designs as well as precision pieced 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. Major emphasis will be on color and value as well as sewing techniques. Students will design and create 3-4 small samples, using various string piecing and color methods.

Supplies Needed

Any last minute changes to this list will be posted at: www.bryerpatch.com/wkshops/creativestring2daysup.htm

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/meter of each. Solid colors only please. 100% cotton only please.

Before the beginning of class, cut or tear six to eight strips in random widths between 1½" - 2½" (4-6cm) on the lengthwise grain (parallel to the selvedge) from each fabric. Each strip will be at least 18" (50cm) long. Leave the remainder of each piece of fabric whole, it will be for you to use.

PLEASE NOTE: These 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. Be sure to include dark and light fabric as well as medium. If you dye your own fabric, or have access to fabrics dyed in color or value gradations, these may be useful. Large amounts of any one fabric will not be necessary. Fabric kits of graduated colors will also be available for sale in the class. These can be previewed in our Internet Store

Other Supplies

1. Sewing Machine: One that is clean, friendly and well adjusted. Zigzag will be used in the class. If you own an open toed embroidery foot, or a walking foot, bring them along. You must know how to operate your sewing machine
2. Thread: medium gray cotton or polyester sewing thread, clear and smoke mono- filament (polyester is preferred)
3. Long, heavy duty extension cord with at least two outlets. Three prong adapter if needed for classroom outlets
4. Basic Sewing Kit for hand and machine sewing.
5. Iron Preferably with steam
6. Table Top Ironing Pad
7. Scissors (for paper and fabric)
8. Scotch Brand Magic Tape (non-shiny cellophane tape)
9. Rotary Cutter, Board and Ruler
10. Drawing Tools: flexible curve • pen • pencil • ruler • good eraser • compass • fine point and ultra fine point black felt tip markers
11. Spray Starch, or small container of other liquid starch.
12. Cotton swab or watercolor brush
13. Glue Stick
14. Litter Bag
15. Paper: 20-30 sheets of plain white copier paper
16. Freezer paper
17. 1-2 Magazines or Books with colored pictures, preferably nature or science (i.e. National Geographic, Scientific American, Smithsonian, etc..)

OPTIONAL:

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

