

Color, Contrast & Cohesion

with Diane Harris of Stash Bandit

** Please read all of this information in preparation for the workshop. **

Fabric: A nice variety of quilt-weight cotton fabrics you love in lights, mediums and darks. Solids are fine, too. Since we will be working in a scrappy style, small pieces are okay but pieces from 10" to 12" square are more useful and efficient. Don't stress over fabric for this playtime. Whatever you have can be put to good use! You can go totally scrappy or choose a color scheme, e.g. blues and greens; red, white & blue; teal and hot pink; yellow and purple; browns and greens, etc. If you choose a specific color recipe, have lights, mediums and darks available within each color. I will bring scraps you can use to supplement your own, which is always fun!

Patterns: You will receive the pattern options before class; no extra cost, the patterns are included. Choose one design you like and pull fabrics accordingly. You need not make a huge quilt. You can decide as you work. It's fine to make a few blocks before deciding where your project will go and how large it will be. This is about learning the concepts and having fun in the process. Please do not start sewing before class, as that defeats the purpose. You will have plenty of time.

Tools: Sewing machine with the manual and the presser feet, rotary cutting supplies, general sewing supplies. Neutral colored thread, 50 or 60 weight.

Design surface: You will want to have a design wall or vertical surface (like a wall) from which you can stand back at least five or six feet. A piece of flannel on the wall works! A design wall is important, so I will show you one way to make a portable design wall yourself, and I'll bring one we can share as needed. If you have a portable design wall of some kind, please bring it to class.

If you have a smartphone or tablet, that can be useful to help you see value. I am looking forward to unlocking the secrets of color, contrast and cohesion for you! We'll have so much fun together!

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