

# Empty Spools Seminars

SESSION II: Friday – Wednesday, March 2 – 7, 2018

## Vintage Linens Modern Quilts

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We all have vintage linens that just don't fit today's style. We can't let go of them because they belonged to our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and yet they sit unused. So let's turn them into modern quilts.

This is a guided design workshop. Bring your vintage linens, develop a quilt design and begin to create it. Work at your own pace -- dive in and improvise, or create a sketch and a pattern.

#### We'll discuss:

How to clean and repair linens (or get around the flaws)

Making a mock-up of your vintage linen so you don't have to cut until you're ready

Stabilizing linens for piecing and cutting

Modern design principles -- dynamic balance, changes in scale and orientation, use of negative space, borderless design and more

Planning a design

Shopping for modern fabrics that enhance a vintage linen design

Creating a cutting list - or just improvising

Quilting ideas

#### Materials / Tools:

- Vintage linens - tablecloths, dresser scarves, doilies, monogrammed napkins – whatever you want to work with and coordinating fabrics of your choice
- Sketchbook, pencil and eraser
- Graph paper
- Ruler
- Colored pencils or pens, if desired
- Scotch tape
- Paper scissors
- Masking or painter's tape
- Fabric scissors
- Pins
- Needle and thread
- Thimble (if you prefer one for hand sewing)
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler large enough to cut your vintage linens
- Tape measure
- Removable fabric marker
- Spray starch
- Fusible Interfacing (will be available for purchase in class)
- Fusible web or 606 fusing spray
- Freezer paper
- An old sheet or flannel yardage (Put it over design wall and roll it up to take your work home without taking it apart)



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