

MARIA SHELL

Big Botany

Inspiration Sources

Please begin collecting images of the plant life you would like to abstract. Photos, images from the internet, sketches and the like. These images will be used as inspiration for your quilt composition. Ideally, your plant life is an isolated concrete image—not a field of flowers, or a mountain side, or rock covered in moss. Your image needs to be something that resonates with you, that you want to spend time with, BUT it should not be an image that you are dead set on replicating.

This is a recommended supply list, if you don't have the EXACT ruler or supplies please don't stress about it. We will make it work! What is important is not the supplies, it is showing up and having a willingness to experiment with patchwork.

SUPPLY LIST

- Improv Patchwork: Dynamic Quilts Made with Line & Shape* by Maria Shell <<https://talesofastitcher.com/improv-patchwork-dynamic-quilts-made-with-line-shape/>>
- Sewing machine with a straight stitch and a quarter-inch foot and/or the ability to create a quarter-inch seam. (A quarter-inch foot with a flange will NOT work for sewing curves.)
- Rotary Cutter with a sharp new blade—Olfa 60MM Straight Handle Rotary Cutter (RTY-3/G) is preferred <<https://olfa.com/craft/product/60mm-straight-handle-rotary-cutter-rt-3-g/>>
- Rotary rulers (bring your basic longer ruler, my favorite is the Omnigrid 4" x 14" < <http://omnigrid.com/quilting-sewing-supplies/rulers/omnigrid-standard-rulers/r14/>>
- Tri-Rec Ruler < <https://www.amazon.com/Wrights-1-Inch-6-Inch-Tri-Recs-Tools/dp/B000AXVP4M>> and Companion Angle Ruler if you have them <<https://www.amazon.com/Wrights-1-Inch-10-Inch-Companion-Angle/dp/B000CF93JM>> Or any triangle ruler that you have on hand and want to explore using.
- Pellon 810 True Grid tracing paper, OR Pellon 830 Easy Tracing Material, OR some other sort of nonwoven but stable pattern tracing material. <<http://www.pellon-projects.com/products/810-tru-grid/>>
- Rotary Mat
- Basic quilting supplies including straight pins, seam ripper, neutral thread, scissors, and snips
- Measuring tape
- Small sticky note pad
- Paper and/or notebook and/or draft paper for making notes, sketches, and drawings about your quilt.
- Calculator
- Design wall (a large piece of flannel or batting works fine)
- Digital camera or cell phone with the ability to take pictures
- Stiletto or Awl
- Table-top light with a multi-plug extension cord
- Something to cover your work at night

FABRIC

- Most of you will have several elements—stem, leaf, petal, flower center, and so on—each element will have its one 8-12 color palette. Please bring eight to 12 fat quarter to half yard cuts for each element.

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