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Basket Full of Scraps

How can you make a crazy quilt crazier? Add a few baskets full of scraps on top of it!

In this workshop, early on the focus will be on fabric selection and design development. You will go through the exercise of finding balance while working with textures and colors of small to large scale prints. If you decide to work with solids, the emphasis will be on value and contrast. You will learn how to make the crazy quilt background with freeform blocks. Once some of the background is made, the focus will be on string pieced baskets and their handles. Not interested in baskets? Try bowls, vases or something else. This workshop is a place to learn about scale, contrast, value, and selecting just the right fabric to brighten up the space.

BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES

- Rotary cutting supplies
- 6" X 12" and 6" X 18" Ruler
- Rotary cutter with fresh blade
- Medium Size Cutting Mat
- Small iron
- Twin Size Batting
- Sewing Machine/Applique Needles and Thread
- Freezer Paper
- Pins
- Scissors
- Applique needles and thread
- Seam ripper
- Table top light with a multi-plug extension cord with surge protection
- Something to cover your work at night.

FABRIC SUGGESTIONS

Background – Choose a wide variety of textures in the similar color family. Do look to the neighboring color on the wheel to add depth to the background. For instance, if the background is blue, add a range of blues as well as purple and green to create more depth and interest.

You may choose to work with similar textures or mix and match geometric and organic patterns. For example, choose all the plaids or stripes, or mix large and small florals in the mix.

Baskets – Choose contrasting fabrics to the background. You want the crazy look but also have some defined baskets in the background. Make sure there is enough contrast of values between background and the baskets. Include a variety of prints and textures like dots, stripes, and florals.

YARDAGE

- Background**
Choose assorted small, medium and large scale prints of similar colors, including dots, some plaids and stripes. It is always a good idea to bring a large variety of fat quarters and 1/2 yards cuts.
- Baskets**
Pick one large print from the background fabrics to use as a starting point to select contrasting colors for the baskets. Choose fabrics with small and medium prints of brighter colors and various textures.
- Handles**
From the fabrics selected for the baskets, cut 8-10 bias strips in lengths of 20" to 24" folded and pressed with wrong sides together.

Be prepared to share fabrics with the fallow classmates. You will take home a whole lot more memories than just a quilt top.



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