



CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Class: **Improvisation**

Dates: **Sat/Sun, April 14-15**

Tutor: **Vikki Pignatelli**

Classroom: **8**

You must bring along the following:

- Fabrics**-100% cotton fabrics. Batiks and multicoloured hand-dyed fabrics. Bring a variety of favourite fabrics and include all colours in at least three values (light, medium and deep dark) with a noticeable colour contrast from a distance of approx.3 or 4m). Rather than black, choose deep darks such as navy, purple and deepest greens, browns and maroon. Be aware that all prints “read” as a medium value and too many prints positioned together are busy, so also bring fabrics that “read” plain but aren’t a completely solid colour. With this technique, you do not need fabric in large amounts—½ or ¼ metres, large scraps or fat quarters will do for piecing the quilt top. Bring larger amounts of fabric that will be suitable for the backing and also for the whole-cloth facing. The amount of fabric needed will depend on the finished size of the project, about a metre and a half or so of each (backing, facing) should suffice. Do not stress over your fabric choices, this list is meant as a guideline for you.
- Stabilizer** - three or four meters of Pellon **sew-in** regular lightweight or mid-weight stabilizer (known as Vilene stabilizer outside of the USA) – **Do not bring interfacing (too flimsy) or choose a product that is fusible.** If the stabilizer does not shrivel when pressed with an iron on cotton setting, it is OK to bring.
- Additional fabric:** Bring a metre or two of good grade densely woven white cotton fabric (such as Kona cotton).
- Optional, but bring if you have it: Some small amounts of sheer (see-through) polyester organza and/or metallic lame for experimenting, as well as some decorative yarns and threads.
- Freezer paper** – 1-2 metres.
- Needles** (for sewing machine) use regular 70/10 for piecing
- Scissors**- paper and fabric
- Spray bottle for water** to mist fabric
- Flexible curve**- If you have one...do not buy.
- Straight pins**- Small appliqué pins are good.
- Threads** - bring a variety for matching or blending the colours of your fabrics.
- Bobbin** - wound with gray neutral thread
- Stitch Witchery** - only if you already have it. This product comes on a roll, about 5/8" (1.59 cm) wide and is also known as **hemming tape** outside of the USA.
- 1 metre of batting
- Eraser, pencils, ruler, notebook

Please note Vikki will have limited amounts of stabilizer for sale in class if you have trouble finding this product

You are only required to bring the materials listed above and will not be required to purchase a kit for this class.

Sewing machines will be provided by sponsor companies so you don't need to bring your own.

A technical assistant from that company will be available to assist any students who are unfamiliar with that machine. **If you prefer to bring your own sewing machine**, you may, but please ensure it is capable of machine blind-hem stitch ---^---^---^ and is well maintained and that you bring the instruction manual and accessories.

Also **bring your open-toe appliqué foot** if you have one!

Suggestions:

- Please make sure you label everything with your name.
- We also recommend bringing a cushion in case your chair doesn't suit your height.
- A water bottle helps you stay hydrated.
- Don't forget to bring your glasses.