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Hours:

Monday – Saturday: 10 - 4pm

Fran's Sewing Circle Class Supply list

All supplies are available at Fran's Sewing Circle at a 15% discount, unless specifically noted.

Fabric Collage: Pet Portrait

Join Chris, our resident collage expert as she guides you on how to turn a photo of your beloved furry friend into a piece of quilted artwork. You will learn the various steps of brainstorming, tracing, choosing fabrics, placement and sew much more as you create a new masterpiece.

Instructor: Chris Balchunas

Pre Class Preparation:

High resolution photo of your subject with good contrast of light, medium, and dark values.

Make a copy of your photo before you do any editing

Crop photo to eliminate unnecessary background, etc.

If you have a black or white pet without much contrast you may have to adjust this in photo editing on your computer or Ipad. A black lab, unless contrast is adjusted, is going to look like a black blob.

Change the photo to black and white and print it out on an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper. Also, print out a color copy to use as reference.

On the black and white copy, outline all the different areas of color value with a black sharpie. Do not overdo this part, best to start with basic outlines and as you get more comfortable with the process you can go into more detail.

When you have finished outlining the shapes and areas of different value on the black and white, print out take it to a Fed Ex/ Kinko's. copy center and have them print it out 16 x 18" or a little larger on regular paper, not photo paper. Then, ask them to print the picture in reverse (mirror image) - same size. You will end up with two 16 x 18" pieces of paper.

To the first class bring:

- Color print
- 8.5" x 11" black and white outlined print
- The two copies from Fed Ex/ Kinko's- regular and reverse- They will have your outlines on them.
- Scraps from your stash to use in your collage - batiks work well, as do small prints, low volume prints, text - anything you think would work.
- Steam a Seam 2 - about 2 yards for starters.



- Applique pressing sheet
- Good small, sharp scissors. (Karen Kay Buckley's Perfect Scissors is a good brand)
- Large sheet of parchment paper or another large applique pressing sheet (to mount your collage on)
- Thin point sharpies, pencils

Please call or text your instructor with any questions prior to class.

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