

Instructions for Collage Quilting Class

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I look forward to our class on collage quilting. We will touch on the variety of methods used to create collage quilts, discuss my methods for preparing patterns and placing fabrics, and create a small picture of a flower using various values of one color, as well as various values of multiple colors. I will provide the supplies, pattern outlines, acrylic, fusibles, glue, and my stash of multiple colors. Please bring at least 5 values of one color to make a single color petal.

Because we will be talking about colors and values, I thought I would include the definitions of each:

1. The word “color” is a general term that refers to the whole spectrum of color, including shades, values, hues, tints, and tones.
2. When we talk about one specific color, we are usually referring to “hue,” or the primary and secondary colors of the color wheel (red, blue, orange, yellow, etc.)
3. “Tints” and “shades” refer to the mixture of a color with white (tint) or black (shade). The colors (hues) themselves remain the same, but they are lighter or darker. A “tone” is a color mixed with gray, which makes the color duller.
4. “Value” refers to the lightness or darkness of a hue. For our project, we will work with light, medium, and dark hues of our colors. When hues are similar in value, the picture looks flattened out; when they are different in value, the image looks more 3 dimensional and some parts of the image stand out more than other parts. By using different values, we will create petals that appear more realistic.
5. “Contrast” speaks to the differences among values. The more contrast in a quilt, the more some parts appear to fade into the background while others stand out and look closer to us.
6. Our challenge will be to create petals that look 3 dimensional, with some edges that are folding over slightly, and centers close to the middle of the flower that are deeper than the rest of the petal.

Want to practice sorting hues from light to dark? Go to www.xrite.com for a fun exercise.