

Tree Grove

Length of Class: 1-1/2 Days (Friday evening and Saturday)

Supply Fee: \$15.00 (patterns, paint, sea sponges)

This is a class for anyone who wants to try a variety of multi-media art quilt making techniques; free motion quilting, Thread sketching, painting and how to finish your quilt with a facing for a professional looking presentation.

Sewing machine required: In addition to bringing a sewing machine in good working order, please bring a walking foot and a free motion foot.

Suggested **sewing machine needle size**. Embroidery size 11 and 14. If you choose to use a heavier thread you might want to include a size 16 top stitch needle.

Threads: If you like your stitches to show bring 40 or 50 weight cotton or polyester thread (Aurifil or Isacord) to piece and quilt with. For tree branches and trunk bring a 12 weight (Sulky) or 50 weight cotton thread (Aurifil) . If you don't want your quilting stitches to show and want texture only, bring 100 weight Invisafil or 60 weight Mettlers .

Thread colors: All threads for quilting need to match the colors you choose for your background. For Bushes and grass, a medium green is good or a variegated. A 50 weight or 12 weight thread is good for this too. Bring a dark color for the tree trunk and branches. Any dark color will work, Dark grey, dark brown, Black, Navy, really dark purple.

Studio supplies: Cutting mat, rotary cutter and the longest ruler you have.

Iron and ironing surface.

If coming by car, bring 505 or Sulky spray adhesive. (no other brands please).

Spray mister bottle as I don't advocate putting water in your steam irons.

Straight pins,

Fabric and paper scissors. Thread snips or small scissors

A water proof paper plate or clean meat tray.

Cheap pair of disposable surgical style or hair dyeing gloves.

Small plastic throw-away container for water, (cottage cheese, whipped butter size).

Black fabric marker with broad tip.

Black Frixion™ pen.

Masking tape; bring any size width you have.

Fabric and other materials: Top measures approx. 17" x 30 when finished.

Top: This is a pieced background. If you want to use one fabric you will need 1/2 half yard of that fabric. The sample was created using ½ yard of an Ombre fabric. **For the back** you will need an additional 18" x 33".

Bring a piece of cotton **batting** (Warm and Natural) 18" x 33" and a half yard piece **of 20% wool/80 Rayon felt**, (18" x 36"). Any light color is okay. You should be able to get it from Joann Fabrics. If not send me an e-mail and I will bring some you can purchase from me.

Binding and sleeve for project. ½ yard of fabric that will match color and value with fabric used .

Practice sandwich. Make a square foot size sandwich using the batting you plan to use in your quilt. I will bring some scraps of felt to add to the sandwich. You will need this to test your stitching and tension when you begin quilting and doing thread sketching. For the top and back of the testing sandwich use fabric of similar weight and weave as the fabric you are using in this project.