

Scrap Strategies - Claire Witherspoon, instructor

A class for beginners and experienced quilters alike to learn how to organize and use their "real scraps" to make beautiful quilts. If you like to sort fabric, sew without worrying too much about if the corners match and you want to learn how to design your own scrap quilts this is the class for you! You can see from the samples (check out www.clairewitherspoon.com) that the basic technique is the same throughout but the resulting quilts vary considerably based on choices in the fabrics and settings. The technique is simple and the design process is fun, just let go and enjoy the ride! **Claire Witherspoon instructor.**

Where: Gualala Arts Center, 46501 Gualala Road, Gualala, CA. 95445

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When: May 14, 2015, 9:30 to 4:00

Materials List:

-**Fabric-** bring a 1 gallon zip lock bag stuffed with of scraps* to share / trade. Or if you already have a bag of scraps that you have sorted with a particular idea in mind bring those; with or without the gallon bag o' scraps to trade. We will dump these scraps on a big table and paw through them like kids in a sand box! You don't have to participate in this part if you have specific scraps already sorted but it's a heck of a lot of fun and those old scraps that you are tired of might be someone else's treasure and visa versa! The orphan scraps can be donated to your guild Flea market so no one need worry about going home with the same tired scraps.

-If you are a speedy sewer you might get to Borders and Sashing fabrics, which are generally plain and simple since the block units tend to be pretty busy. See my website for examples.

-Sewing Machine and the usual supportive gizmos with gray, off white or dark thread depending on the scraps you plan to use.

-cutting board, rotary cutter, and a medium size ruler like a 6" x 12" omnigrad or 12" x 12"

- small snipping style and large 6" standard sewing style scissors

-travel iron and board and some sort of portable design wall set-up (I use a piece of white flannel on cardboard)

* for purposes of this class we will describe "scraps" as strips 4" wide or less and patches (square , rectangles and triangles) 8" in length and width or smaller. Give or take a few inches.

-any questions regarding this list or the class in general you can call Claire

@ 831-464-1035 or email - cspoonquilt@yahoo.com. Also, check my website for pictures of samples and yardage estimates- www.clairewitherspoon.com.

Agenda

-Introductions-20min.

-Talk about Strategies-Sorting-Storing-Sewing-Setting-55min.

-Gathering Scraps- Warm-ups- 30min.

-Get sewing-'til lunch

-Lunch

-Review of sewn units, where to go from here, trouble shooting-20min.

-Feedback