

**Class: DESIGNING YOUR ART QUILT –
FROM INSPIRATION TO DESIGN**
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This workshop will show you the first steps in turning an original photograph into a larger fabric picture. All drawing is simple tracing. You will learn how to build up your picture and give it perspective and depth. You will learn techniques for "blowing up" your drawing to the size required and then to do all the preparatory work to get ready to create templates using freezer paper.

Composition, color schemes and a plan will be discussed. A quilt design will be fully thought out and a pattern created. This pattern will be ready to be used in appliqué techniques either for machine or hand sewing at a later date.

Supplies List:

- A good number of **simple** original photos to choose from. For your first attempt, please keep the subject matter in the photos very simple (one focal point and a simple background). Look for pictures/photos with good contrast and value, and clear lines and shapes. Choose those that are not too dark so that you can see details easily. Calendars, photos of magazines, etc., are also acceptable. The key is **simple pictures, good contrast**.

For this class, please do NOT choose portraits of animals and/or people.

Expand your chosen photos/pictures to an 8.5x11" (page) size.
Plan the resulting quilt top to be no larger than 18"-24" on each side.

- A few clear acetate "**write-on**" transparency sheets (8 1/2"x11") commonly used for transparency making for overhead projectors. You can get these at the Office Depot/Staples. If you cannot get these, you can use clear plastic report covers, clear sleeves protectors for papers or Grafix Acetate sheets. I prefer the matte type. (The latter can be found at art supply stores).

- Sharpie permanent black markers
 - **Ultra fine** point AND,
 - also one with just a **Fine** point.
- Ballpoint pens
- Erasable colored pencils (red and blue)
- Roll of freezer paper
- Painter's plastic. The size should be same as the ultimate size of your planned quilt but, for this piece, no larger than your foam board (20"x30").
- Foam Board (20"x30" or larger)
- Masking tape
- Pins
- Rulers 18"-24" long
- Paper scissors
- 20"x30" or larger, lightweight foam board.