

Alegre Retreat 2018

Jane Sassaman Abstracting from Nature



Abstracting from Nature (all levels)

Nature is an endless source of inspiration. In this class we will examine a wide variety of artists interpretations of nature before beginning to manipulate natural forms ourselves. Through a series of exercises we will experiment with abstraction and exaggeration to capture the essence and energy of your favorite flora and achieve dramatic visual effects. We will then translate these ideas into fabric in the 2 to 5 day workshop.

Drawing skills are not needed but participants should have a strong interest in developing their own design language and unique visual symbols.

This class is especially beneficial for the drawing impaired and the tragically literal.

(Materials fee: none)

Supply List

Close-up photos of flora, (as many views as possible, including leaves, blossoms, buds, etc.) or better still an actual plant or bouquet of flowers.

Check Visual Bibliography Resource listing for some nice flower and plant photo books.

Drawing materials: Paper, pencils, tracing paper, etc.

Clear tape, craft knife with #11 blade (optional)

Fabrics: a good range of fabrics - solids, prints from light to dark

Fusible interfacing: white, non woven, at least 4-6 yds. (Shir Tailor by Pellon is best)

Wonder Under or some kind of iron-on adhesive

Stick glue: archival, washable UHU is fine

Scissors, rotary cutter, mat and ruler, masking tape

Sewing basics: machine, scissors, iron, threads, etc.

Open-toed embroidery foot – optional

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Rotary cutter, mat and ruler, masking tape

Threads: basic and fancy (optional) to match fabrics

Extension cord, multiple-outlet strip, adaptors (if necessary)

Digital camera-optional, but very useful

Flannel or some other method for pinning work to the wall-optional

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