

Alegre Retreat 2019

Cynthia England

Picture Piecing with Cynthia England



Picture Piecing (all levels)

This class teaches you how to work from a photograph to create your own realistic quilt. Students will begin by working from a simple design that will be provided to learn the sewing technique. This unique technique is NOT a foundation or paper piecing technique; you are on the right side of the fabric and there is NO paper to pick out. After the sewing portion of the class, students will work through a design packet to explore techniques for breaking up different kinds of designs.

Required Material Fee of \$18.00 for Design Supplies for the sectioning portion of class... payable in class.

Optional Material Fee of \$35.00* for Smoky Mts. pattern and fabric, includes borders and binding.....payable in class.... Important Note: Must order when signing up.

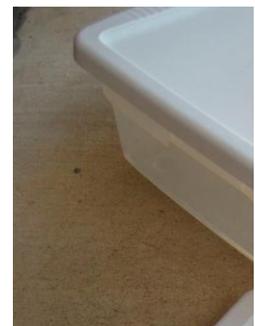
(Materials fee: \$18; \$35*)

Materials List

For the First Part of Class:

- Sewing machine with white, light gray and medium gray threads, if you have a single-hole needle plate, bring it, but don't go out and buy one
- Personal sewing supplies - i.e. pins, scissors (both fabric and paper) seam ripper
- Iron (the resort has irons, but you may wish to bring your own travel iron), ironing surface (small table top ironing boards work well
- Plastic tray - one that has a small lip on it (i.e. plastic lid from a shoe box or sweater box, not a huge one).

This is for laying out and organizing the individual pieces.



Example of the type of Plastic Tray: not deep

- Zip lock baggies - around fifteen should do - this is to separate the individual pattern pieces.
- You might find five or six post-it notes helpful

For the Second Part of Class:

If you are planning to work on the Smoky Mountain landscape you may want to bring backing fabric, a piece of batting around 22" X 20", monofilament thread for quilting and a walking foot for your machine if you have it.

- Optional: Bring an interesting photo or magazine clipping for discussion. Look for good contrast.

If you are planning on working on your own design.....

Optional: You will get the most accomplished by coming to class the Second Day with a line drawing full-size. The facility has a copier we can use, so you can do this there. If you want to do your line drawing beforehand: enlarge the photo on a regular 8 1/2" X 11" piece of paper and place acetate over it (or drop it in a sheet protector) and make an outline drawing of the main objects. This outline then needs to be enlarged full-size to whatever your finished quilt size will be. Consider superimposing another part of a different picture on top. For instance, maybe there is a dead tree in front of your house and you want a healthy one in the quilt. Find another photo of a nice tree and make a tracing of that and superimpose it onto the other line drawing and create a new line drawing.

I would suggest enlarging your design no smaller than 28" tall or wide. The larger the wall hanging, the more detail you can put in.

When choosing your photo, make sure you love it! Make sure that it has high contrast and think about bringing more than one photo to choose from. Feel free to bring fabrics for discussion that you would like to incorporate in your own design. Look for light, medium, and darks of the different colors in the photograph. Light, being the highlights in the photo, mediums, the main colors and darks, where the shadows are.

Bring the following:

- A Photo or photos to work from
- Freezer paper. Look at the grocery store, I like Reynolds Brand best.
- Scotch Tape (The Magic kind works best; not the shiny)
- Yard stick or Long Quilters Ruler

- Tracing Paper
- Fine-Tipped Sharpie Marker
- Black Sharpie
- Acetate or a few drop-in sheet protectors
- Pen and paper for notes
- Pencil Sharpener

Please watch the online tutorial videos on my website, so you have an idea of the process:

<https://www.EnglandDesign.com/free-picture-piecing-patterns/picture-piecing-tutorial>

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