

From Inspirational Photo to Amazing Quilt Pattern

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Description:

This class is for beginners as well as advanced quilters. Here you will learn a number of techniques and be introduced to tools to enable you to create amazing textile work from favorite inspiring photos.

You will learn to turn one of your own photographs into a pattern for a fabric art piece. The goal is to create dramatic quilts that resembles the photo, be it a flower, a still life, an animal, or your favorite pet. This will be accomplished by using Value in the Design Phase. Please, do not bring landscape photos. Your photo needs to have a distinct focal point.

The process is simple steps taken one at a time. You will be amazed at your results. The tools used are easily available or Grace will provide them, and no drawing skills are needed, just easy tracing. You will be exposed to discover shapes in your photo, and using Value, translating them into pattern shapes in realistic colors or **any** color.

The techniques you will learn in this class are:

1. **Value** – you will be introduced to the 8-VALUE scale and I will show you how to use VALUE to get amazing results. Value will be used to create the pattern from your photo.
2. **How to create patterns** with all the notations required to make the construction phase easy and foolproof.
3. **Computer based photo manipulation** will be discussed

You will

- start the journey by exploring the use of Value as the key to creating amazing art pieces. You will never again stress about color or even pay attention to it. You will create your own fabric “gray scale” and will learn how to use Grace’s Value Matching Tool.
- Using photos brought by Grace you will now learn how to identify shapes that will be then developed into the pattern.
- You will learn how to create the pattern, value-lize the shapes, and prepare the pattern with proper pattern notations used in cutting the fabric shapes

- Finally, and with your own inspirational original photograph, you will continue the journey by creating a pattern from your favorite photo.

There will NOT be sewing in this class and NO fabrics are necessary.

Students are encouraged to contact me by email in advance of the class to discuss their image choices and any other questions they may have at gracerrea@gmail.com. The better the photo, the better the results!

Supplies:

Other Supplies:

A) For the VALUE Section:

Grace will provide all the necessary supplies as part of the Class Kit

B) For the “Photo to Pattern” section

- A number of original, inspirational photos to choose from. For your first attempt, please keep the subject matter very simple (one focal point and a simple background). Keep the subject simple. 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.

Enlarge your photos to an **8.5” x 11” (page) size** (no larger) and keep them in **color**.

Calendars, photos from magazines, etc., are also acceptable. The key is simple pictures, minimal shapes, good contrast, and a clear focal point such as a flower, or still-life. Simplicity is often more effective than too much detail.

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- A few clear acetate **“write-on”** transparency sheets (8 1/2”x 11”). Report covers work excellently. Grace will provide some for sale.
- Pens–Sharpie permanent markers **Black Extra Fine** point, and **Fine** point, in black, and ballpoint pen
- Freezer Paper roll
- Board – 20” x 30” foam core board
- Pencils – drawing pencils- red
- Tape –painter's multiuse or masking

- Vinyl, painter 2 mil vinyl usually gotten at the painter dept of your Home Supply store like Loews or Home Depot. (20" x 30" size)

Teacher will supply (\$30.00 US fee paid in class)

- Gray scale kit with fabric to create a Gray Scale
- Value Matching Tool
- Photos to learn to identify shapes and translate them to patterns.
- Pattern – a quilt pattern to use in learning how to

Additional supplies available for purchase:

- NON-STICK Aluminum Foil (alternate to Teflon Sheet)
- Clear acetate “**write-on**” transparency sheets (8 1/2" x 11")