

Color and Grayscale:

Description and Materials List Quilting by the Lake

Do you love bold strong colors? In exploring what is so compelling about the play of one color against another, we find much of it is in the value. The gray solids have all of the value and so retain much of the drama of interaction associated with the bright colors. This will be a color play workshop where we examine the relationship between color combinations and their grayscale counterparts. Students will experiment with color groups and grays to learn the power of value in color combinations and the potential of combining grays and colors in tandem. We will do a series of exercises in solid fabric



with color and grayscale palettes using 6 ½ inch sampler squares, combining basic paper piecing and strip piecing techniques. The point is to experiment with colors and grays to learn a little more about value and combinations. We will do a little paper piecing, a little strip piecing, and a little curve piecing. You can concentrate on the methods you like best while you play with the colors. After playtime, you can assemble your squares into a wall hanging, table runner, quilt top, or whatever strikes your fancy.

What to have ready:

Sewing machine in good working order. Basic sewing supplies, including a rotary cutter and a mat, paper and fabric scissors.

Have your smart phone available, if possible, or a digital camera. We will take pictures and play around with them a little.

If you have a chance, download Layout. Free in the App Store and fun to play with. We'll use it to put together virtual layouts from the blocks we finish in the workshop. Lots of fun. Totally optional.

For fabric, pull out your collection of solids in favorite colors, some grays and black and whites in solids and prints if you have them. Fat quarter collections of solids in lots of colors are a great option if your stash is not heavy on solids. Collect as many grays as you can, without going crazy. It's nice to have a good variety, but don't worry about accumulating the most expansive collection. A good variety is enough. I will bring some fabrics to share to fill out colors or patterns you might not have. We can all share, if so moved.