

Trash to Treasure Pineapples – Full Day or Half Day Workshop

Description: Okay isn't it time to clear the clutter in your life? What about using up all those bits and pieces stuff in nooks, crannies and boxes? Better? Let's make an old fashion favorite pineapple quilt with a new and contemporary twist; sewn with perfection and totally random; and without paper piecing! This workshop turns trash to a treasured one of a kind pineapple quilt.

Fabric Requirements:

1 ½" strips cut from scraps

1 ¼ yard of solid or semi-solid fabric, cut 3-4 strips 1 ½" by width of fabric

1 ¼ yard or more fabric that you believe is stunning for the border and center squares.

Homework: Cut down all the scraps that you gathered to 1 ½" strips. Grain or length doesn't matter just make sure you have a large variety. The shortest piece needed is 2" and the longest is 6". You're going to need lots of strips. **Do not precut to length.**

Cut (4) or so 1½" strips of your solid or semi-solid. Bring the rest to class.

Special Tools: Gyleen's Pineapple Tool (\$15)

Instructions: Book – Trash to Treasure Pineapples 2 (\$23)

General Supplies:

Sewing machine with manual; ¼" foot without edge guide (if possible); (2) thread colors, one for the top and another in the bobbin and that is visible on the wrong side of fabric; seam ripper; huge bag or basket that stays open for your strips; thread snips; rotary cutter, ruler and mat; extension cord; straight pins; finger pressing tool; and batting to use as a design wall (optional).

Gyleen's thoughts:

Scraps: Gather all your scraps squirreled away waiting for that "special" day. I mean all of it. This can be vintage, novelty, floral, geometric, folk art etc. No solids unless you have a huge collection that you are trying to get rid of.

Solid or Semi-solid: This is used in the blocks and will frame or showcase your scrap collection. Any color will work; when in doubt pick your favorite color or a super dark that is in your border fabric or a super light that is in your border fabric.

Border: Hopefully this is in your stash but if you must buy, don't buy much. I generally don't buy larger than 1 yard so I usually plan to put several fabrics together for my borders if I need to make a lap quilt or larger. Bring choices. I like to mix styles of fabric within one quilt so don't worry about that.

