

TEXTILE TOTEMS – Quilted Wall Sculptures

Textile Totems are a fresh, new idea. The totems combine easy piecing techniques with your favorite embellishments. Students will work on a one of a kind quilted wall sculpture. I will share a variety of different creative design ideas. I will discuss and demonstrate the basic layout and assembly process. I will share some of my favorite decorative embellishments, including decorative machine stitches, quilting, beads, buttons, and yarns. I will demonstrate how to finish your wall sculpture and get it ready to hang. I will have lots of photos and examples to share with everyone. Students will work on a single totem during class. Feel free to work on a small collection (3 or more) if you prefer. I look forward to sharing my Textile Totem wall sculptures with everyone.

SUPPLY LIST for a 24" Totem

Basic Sewing Supplies (pencil, scissors, paper)

Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler

Scrap fabrics or coordinating fabrics- At least 5 or 6 different fabrics. You can choose to work in a single-color family (my favorite is turquoise). A layer cake would work well because they all coordinate. I like using a variety of prints and textures. Scraps need to measure at least 1" x 9" long. Feel free to work with a theme, such as southwestern, modern, southwestern, monochromatic, floral, etc.

9" x 24" piece of cotton or cotton blend batting

3" x 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of felt (I like to use dark gray)

Elmer's Glue

Spray Adhesive (optional)

1 - 24" long 1x4 or 2x4 piece of wood (Home Depot has pre-cut pieces of wood available in 2ft, 3ft, 4ft lengths) You will probably have to ask where they are. They are at the back of the store by the wood cutting area in our Home Depot.

Thread for sewing

Thread for quilting and/or decorative stitching

Miscellaneous buttons, beads, yarns, threads for embellishing (I will have a variety of things to share)

A saw tooth picture hanger

Staple gun or heavy-duty stapler

Sewing Machine

Iron (guild irons or irons to share)

Feel free to contact me at 432-559-7251 with any questions.

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