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Bite-Size Gem Quilts: Creating a Small Faceted Quilt*

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Subject: Single-Foundation Piecing

Using the design and piecing techniques I rely on to create my diamond portraits, participants will create their own singularly beautiful work of faceted light. Using a pre-printed template based on a slice of one of my own designs, participants will learn how to code each piece for color, location, and adjacency; position template pieces onto fabric to achieve the desired light effects; and ultimately create their own unique study in faceted color. Participants will leave the class with an 18" x 18" top that can later be hand- or machine-quilted at home.

Equipment needed:

- Projection screen (I will bring my own computer, extension cord, and digital projector)
- 6- or 8-foot table for horizontal quilt display

Supply List:

- 36 inch length of freezer paper (standard 18" width)
- Colored pencils; regular pencils
- Ball point pen(s) in blue or black
- Eraser (preferably a gum eraser, rather than using the top of the pencil. These remove marks much better.)
- 18" ruler
- Small ruler with a ¼" measurement (I personally use a 6" Omnigrd ruler that has 3/16th measurements, since I prefer a smaller seam allowance, but a ¼" will work fine, too. The key is, of course, consistent measurements.)
- Domestic sewing machine and thread assortment (neutrals or colors that match the darkest and lightest of your fabrics)
- Scissors and rotary cutting tools (cutter and mat)
- Iron and ironing pad (or board)
- Fabric ** -- Assortment of fat quarters (or comparable size) of cotton fabric in white, black, and up to four values of at least two different colors. (Example from first sample below: Yellow-Green fabric in pale, light, medium, bright, and dark; Lavender in pale, light medium, dark; Orange Melon in pale, light, medium, and dark)

Project Samples:



** I will bring an assortment of my hand-painted fabric in a variety of colors that participants can purchase for their project.