

M.J. Kinman Workshop: Bite-Size Gems - Create a Small Faceted Quilt

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2020

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM; with one-hour lunch break

Location: 2010 S. Carrier Pkwy., Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Bite-Size Gems -- In this fast-paced workshop, participants will create their own singularly beautiful work of faceted light using the same single-foundation piecing techniques I use to create my own “diamond quilts.” Participants will choose from one of several pre-selected abstract gem designs based on their skill level. They will then learn how to chart the design onto freezer paper; 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 a small top that can later be hand- or machine-quilted at home.

Length of Workshop: 6 Hours

Skill Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Participants to supply their own fabric for the class. The fabrics best suited to this project are commercially-produced fabrics that are either solid OR feature color gradients; hand-dyed fabrics with asymmetrical washes of color; or hand-painted fabric with asymmetrical washes of color. It's best to limit color choices to two or three hues, with a few values of each. And be sure to bring white and black fabric to add sparkle to the piece.

Supply List:

- 36 inch length of freezer paper (standard 18” width); parchment paper or tracing paper will not work with this technique
- Colored pencils in the colors of the gem they want to create. However, don't limit yourself! You may want to make a gemstone reflecting a wide variety of hues and values.
- Erasable pencils
- Ballpoint pen in blue or black
- Eraser
- 18” ruler
- Small ruler with a ¼” measurement
- Bic Wite Out Correction Tape (available at any office supply store)
- Domestic sewing machine and thread assortment (neutrals or colors that match your fabrics)
- Scissors and rotary cutting tools (cutter and mat)
- Iron and ironing pad (or board)
- Fabric – An assortment of fat quarters; preferably a range of values in two colors, plus black and white.

Class Samples:



These are samples of what students have completed in class.