

Color Confidence for Quilters

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Class Description:

In this workshop, we begin (or continue) to train our eye to notice hue, color harmony, and balance. We'll learn about color theory, exploring classic color palettes and how to build them, and go through several exercises that will literally train our eyes to distinguish subtle differences in color, value, and saturation. We'll also learn how to mix and match prints, playing with color and scale to create totally unique and beautiful looks.



This workshop is very hands on, concrete, and fun. It is appropriate for quilters who have no idea how to use a color wheel and only ever use precuts; as well as quilters with a great eye for color who are looking to create more interesting, dynamic palettes and develop a signature style (and everyone in between).

Students will learn:

- Color Theory basics
- How to use a color wheel to choose fabrics
- Classic Color Palettes
- The 2 “Magic Dials” that can make any colors work together
- How to identify and use undertones found in neutrals
- How to best mix and match prints
- The key role tone plays, and how to use it to pair fabrics beautifully
- How to identify and develop your signature color style

Students will leave class with a tool belt full of **new color skills**, a **more refined eye for color**, as well as **multiple fabric palettes they have put together** using their signature color style.

Class Supply List:

- A bunch of fabric from your stash! Include 3-10 fabrics in each color: brown, beige, white, black, gray, reds, pinks, oranges, yellows, greens, turquoises, blues, purples. Make sure they are varied -- don't just bring a fat quarter bundle; we want lots of different tones, values, and hues. Don't worry about buying new fabric, and don't worry about organizing it. A big fabric scraps bin works perfectly, but be sure you're bringing plenty of fabric that you *like* (bonus points if you bring fabric that you love but can't figure out what other fabrics to use it with!) If you don't have much of a stash, Shannon will have some extra scrap bags you can use.
- A [Color Wheel](#) or [Color Tool](#) (Shannon will have some available for purchase on the day of).
- Fabric scissors, glue stick, white paper (cardstock is best) or sketchbook, and a pen or pencil

Classroom Preparation: Sewing machines, ironing/cutting stations are NOT needed. Students will need at least a yard of table top space to themselves.