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Class I: Using Values and Shadows (beginner level)

For any of my classes YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE ABLE TO DRAW. I have never done art and I cannot draw to save myself.

I teach theory and techniques so in the future you can work in a realistic style. For this class I concentrate on teaching about using fabric value (lightness or darkness) instead of colour to achieve realism. All techniques you will learn in this class can be applied to other forms of art quilting or textile art.

It is advised that this beginner class is completed before taking my intermediate level class ***Using Value for Realism: Make a Realistic Hand.***



Option 1: Orbs and Shadows.
Can be vertical or horizontal,
approx. 24.5" x 8.5".



Option 2: Bouncing Ball.
A horizontal piece, approx. 29" x 10"



Option 3: Three Planets.
The moons and sashing are optional. Can hang
vertically or horizontally. Approx. 29" x 10".

- This is a technique and theory class. We learn about value and apply it to fabric, and includes an introduction to making shadows.
- Because this is a theory and technique class, do not expect to go home with a completely finished piece after 1 day. You will, however, be given all instructions needed to finish it.
- Participants will choose to make 1 of 3 options, with 2 different methods for making shadows. Sashing (as in **Three Planets**) is optional for all pieces. Backing, binding and quilting is the participant's choice although I am happy to advise and help.
- All 3 options can be made into a wall hanging or table runner as the participant wishes.
- All 3 options require scraps of 12 coloured, patterned fabrics (from light to dark) in the same colourway (i.e., 12 in red or 12 in blue or 12 in green) and 3 bigger pieces (8"x 8" or 10" x 10") of neutral patterned background fabrics of different values.
- A list of required materials and notes about choosing fabrics will be supplied closer to the time. I don't expect people to buy lots of stuff but you will probably need to buy some double-sided fusible web if you don't use this often.
- You will also need a sewing machine, iron and ironing board.
- I will supply detailed class notes on the process.
- You will probably not have a finished piece at the end of the day but you will have the instructions needed to complete it.