

FLOWER POWER

piecing the fun way!

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This is your chance to make a flower garden sure to impress your friends and family. Come and join Mary Lou Weidman as she shows you in a happy and fun way how to make different kinds of flowers, blooms and birds using her "hoochy mama" method of piecing. Color and fun are all part of this great workshop that lets you make flowers quickly and in a fun way. You will make as many different flowers and at least one bird, maybe a butterfly, a silly worm, a dragonfly and some other surprises as the class time allows. We will be using Mary Lou's Flower Power book for a reference. I will bring them for sale for class but will have free handouts too. Please bring paper to draw what I draw on the board.

Please bring

Sewing machine in **good working order**

scissors, pins, seam ripper, extra sewing machine needles, rotary cutter, mat and rulers-I like one long one and one 9 1/2 inch square and a small square to work with.

Bring any sewing supplies YOU normally sew with that I may not have here-plus a small bag and tape for your scraps

Bring 2 to 2 1/2 yards background fabric (this goes fast -NO medium in value background fabrics-soft soft or dark dark for good value (solid black makes your flowers pop)-I like black solid or black with a tiny dot of some kind (not busy) NOTE- do not bring less background than 2 yds.

Brights that are flower colors-tone and tones, polka dot, small prints

You will need a nice selection of 1/4 to 1/3 cuts. Many of you can pull from your stash.

Bring reds, pinks, yellows, cheddars, purples, pinks, and anything that might be a flower or a butterfly or something fun even if it is "out of the box"-some floral prints work well with these (like Kaffe's prints or batiks or light giving florals (bigger)- Remember to bring a nice selection of greens for your leaves.

I LOVE to include light giving fabrics which are a fabric that has a light, a medium and a dark all in one like batiks...Alexander Henry does these often and so does Timeless treasures and Robert Kaufman...I will show you.

If we have time, we will do the fun critters that go with the flowers too.

Birds can be blue, or any other colors and need orange or yellow for beaks. Bees could be yellows and something dark...imagination is the key.

Once you begin this fun process, you will see that the sky is the limit.

Don't forget flower pots too (fabric for fun)

I can't wait to show you how to begin a truly fun and stunning quilt!