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Drawing with Thread

Supply List:

- Sharpies 2 fine point, 2 medium point
- Small color wheel
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Scissors
- Straight pins (ball head)
- Sewing machine with free motion foot
- Power extension cable
- A good range of colored machine threads (lights, medium, darks, warm and cool) and black, white, and gray
- Stitch ripper
- Spray adhesive or basting spray
- Quilts ready to quilt that you are struggling with. (see #5 below.)

1. Fat quarter colors: hand-dyed, dye-painted, and/or discharged cloth, in warm, cool, and your personal palette of colors.

2. From 2 yards black and 2 yards white, prepare 8 fat quarters sandwiched. Black cotton on one side, white on the other, and cotton batting in between. You will be doing exercises with strips and squares of color affixed to the fabric sandwiches.

3. With at least 2 of the fat quarter sandwiches you have made, add four (4) three-inch strips of color on the black side of the sandwich. Your sandwich will be approx. 18 x 22. Lay it out like a portrait. 22 inches from top to bottom and 18 inches left to right. Start at the top and lay one color strip down. Leave a few inches and do another color, leave another few inches and lay another strip until you are down to the bottom. Solid colors work best. On the second one you could use other colors. The strips can be sewn, fused, or attached with spray adhesive.

4. On another sandwich, on the white side, add four (4) three-inch squares in each of the following colors: 4 warm, 4 cool and 4 neutral. These can be done in landscape mode 18 inches from top to bottom and 22 inches left to right. Three colors in the same order, e.g., red

(warm), beige (neutral), blue (cool). The squares can be sewn, fused, or attached with spray adhesive.

5. Photos, black and white. We will do warm-up exercises using pencils and pens and then using the machine – black thread on white cloth.

6. Color photos – your own or out of magazines. Simple still lifes or subjects you would like to explore.

If you find this confusing just go to the following link and look at the pictures:

<http://artquiltsandmore.blogspot.com/>

If you want to make more sandwiches that is fine. They will never go to waste as they are handy for trying out new ideas or warming up when you start for the day.