

Happy Villages™

Fabric Collage Workshop



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Explore the freedom of fabric collage! No seams to piece or match, no lines to trace...just free form cutting of step and window shapes. Step by step your little village will magically come to life. A layer of tulle and machine stitching will complete your fabric collage project. Finished size: 16½” square.

To see *Happy Villages* made using this collage method please visit my website: www.quilted-lizard.com and look under the “Villages Gallery” and the “Student Gallery.”

Fabric

Cut a 6½” square from each of the ten colors
**BRING THE TEN SQUARES
PRE-CUT TO WORKSHOP!!!!**

- **BUILDINGS:** 10 Colors*** (look for textures, tone on tones, monochromatic, small prints/ NO large scale prints)
 1. Dark Purple
 2. Lavender
 3. Dark Blue
 4. Medium Blue
 5. Light Blue
 6. Red
 7. Yellow
 8. Orange
 9. Deep Pink
 10. Medium Green

***OR TEN COLORS THAT YOU LOVE, AS LONG AS THERE IS A RANGE OF VALUES.

- **ROOFTOPS:** Scraps of STRIPES, BLACK & WHITE PRINTS, “SHINGLE” PRINTS, SOLIDS
- **WINDOWS:** Scraps of PLAIDS, CHECKS, SOLIDS, ARCHITECTURAL PRINTS
- **SKY, TREES, WATER, ETC...** 1/4-1/2 yard depending on direction of print

Supplies

- Sewing Machine *OPTIONAL: for LATE afternoon (last 2 hours of class) with walking foot and/or free-motion foot and thread. If you want to work slowly leave your machine at home.*
- Rotary Cutter and mat
- Rotary Cutter with wave/pinking/scallop blades (optional: but you’ll love playing with these!)
- Ruler (6½” x 24” or long ruler to square piece)
- Roxanne’s Glue-Baste-It™ or fabric/tacky glue with long applicator tip (glue sticks are awkward)
- Large and small fabric scissors
- Long Pins for basting (bring basting thread and needle if you will be finishing by hand)
- 16½” x 16½” square of 100% Cotton Batting (**BRING PRE-CUT TO WORKSHOP!!!!**)
- Tweezers with a long handle
- Marking pencil or chalk
- ½ yard tulle (bring a couple different colors to ‘audition’...black works surprisingly well!)
- ½ yard Backing Fabric OR 20” x 20” Black Felt
- 2 yards Multi-color Yarn (optional)
- Happy Villages: Expanded & Updated Edition* - \$22 (highly recommended – but not required)

