

Plaid to Meet You

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This class discovers the lovely light that only plaids can exhibit. Plaids can be printed and woven and though in the past most plaid quilts were made of country style colors and fabrics, Mary Lou has been using brights along with those to create new and exciting, creative and fun quilts.

We will be doing piecing and leaving room for appliqué later on.

You will get ideas for houses, flowers, trees and other fun things to add to your Plaid to Meet You quilt. Embellishments will be discussed.

Please bring

A sewing machine in good working order

Thread, scissors, pins, needles, ripper and anything YOU use to sew with

A bag and Masking tape for your scraps –you will use the tape for a technique later

A rotary cutter with new blade, cutting mat and ruler (I prefer 3 ½” square, 9” square, and a longer ruler-I prefer Omnigrid but you bring your choice

Please bring a light value background fabric 2 yards (this goes fast so 3 yards is better)-this will be in the back of all of your blocks to pull your quilt together-you may also bring solid black which will make your plaid blocks pop! NO medium fabrics for background please. I use mostly black.

Now for your palette. Please bring lots of plaids. 1/3 yard pieces is enough but please bring a large array. Bright plaids, old plaids, country plaids etc. I have plaids in all of my lines that are light giving. You can find a few on my website Marylouquilt designs.com and also by going to Tennessee Quilts online. Equilter also has a great selection of plaids.

NOTE- I do not buy plaids that have a lot of white. White draws attention to itself and you want your quilt to meld and work together. If a plaid has a teeny bit of white and not a lot, you can work with this.

We will be also making some fabric out of your stash for a scrappy and fun look. This adds more light and more interest.

I also use checkerboards, stripes and some graphics in these quilts (Kaffe Fassett has a few graphics that are plaid “like”) and as an added spot of fun, I mix in some great and colorful polka dots. Throw in anything that you love with good color to work with your plaids (even some flower prints if they are graphic). This class is all about color and fabric discovery. We will be discussing what fabrics make a sensational quilt and what your stash may be missing that you hadn't thought of. For your palette, more is better than less.

Come with a desire to have fun, laugh and enjoy this great class.