

Red Folk Art Basket, taught by Nancy Kerns

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Supply List:

Class fee: \$ 10 includes the printed overlay and freezer paper templates, special toothpick color photo of block, pattern, and all handouts. Please bring exact change, cash or check for the beginning of class.

Fabrics:

Background square at least 15". Come to class with the horizontal and vertical center lines thread basted. Use a thread you can see! Use a ruler to mark lines (I use the purple air disappearing pen) so they are perfectly perpendicular, then thread baste. Folding and creasing is NOT accurate. Block design area is 12.5" square

Fat quarter each of solid red, printed yellow and printed green (or your choice of colors)

Threads: I prefer the YLI silk # 100 thread to match the appliqué fabric, except for gathering ruching. If you sew with silk, bring a matching red and yellow in cotton also, to do the gathering. (or matching your choice of flower fabrics).

Scissors: sharp to the tip, small pair for paper and another pair for fabric and thread

Small ruler- I like the 1" x 6" or 12" Omnigridd because of the special markings they have.

Circle template- generally need the smaller sized circles, 1.5" and under

Straight pins (long fine ones work best for me)

Basting thread- junk poly thread is great, needle threader if needed. No silk for basting- too slippery!

Needles- I like the # 11 Straw needles, bring what you prefer.

Marking pens: My favorite is the fine white marker from Clover that irons off. Also bring a fine point pigma pen to mark ruching on pale fabrics (we mark on the back, don't worry!) You may also like to have the purple air disappearing pen handy

Personal lamp, magnifying is recommended, and extension cord (all optional)

Before class:

Sew basting lines on background square (see instructions above)

Precut strips for flowers. The best fabric for these is soft, lightweight cotton. Batiks and Kona cotton are too stiff or heavy. You will need 3 large red strips, 2 small red and 2 small yellow. Extras for practice?

Cut large strips 1.75 x 9" straight grain

Small- 1.25" x 7" straight grain