

Imagining Maps with Alicia Merrett

Quilt National 2021 Workshop

Tools & Materials List: (participants are responsible for providing their own materials from this list)

Recommended size for the map quilt to be made in this class: between 20” and 36” per side. It can be portrait, landscape or square.

Tools:

- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter: with a sharp blade, and a spare one.
- Sewing machine
- Machine feet: ¼” machine foot, and a free-machine quilting foot
- Scissors
- Pins: a few dressmakers’ pins
- Safety pins for joining layers
- Quilters’ ruler
- Iron and ironing board or ironing surface

Materials:

- Fusible web (WonderUnder, Steam-a-Seam, Mistyfuse, or similar) – a small piece
- Batting: a piece of cotton batting, about the size of the quilt you may make.
- Backing: a piece of fabric a little bigger than your batting
- Thread for piecing: either neutral, or in colours to match your fabrics
- Thread for quilting: in colours to match your fabrics, some variegated ones if available

Fabrics: YOUR FABRICS ARE YOUR PALETTE!

- Hand-dyed cotton fabrics are particularly suitable, but solid commercial colors, tone-on-tone fabrics, batiks, etc. are just as good.
- Small prints are preferred to large ones. Stripes can be useful on occasion.
- Select colors you want to make your map in: a variety of greens for fields, warm colors for houses and buildings (such as reds, oranges, purples, yellows, etc), blue for water; contrasting colors for the roads – suggested colors are a range of greys, navy, brown, beige, etc.
- If you want to make a night map bring a good size piece of a dark color such as navy. However if you want to make your map in different, unusual colors, feel free to make your own color choices!

Inspirational Material:

- The artist will show examples, but you are welcome to bring images of maps, aerial views (not angled views) – from the web, or photos, books, magazine cuttings, etc. – but keep them Simple!



PLEASE NOTE that we will not be copying a specific map, as that takes a long time. We will be creating our own imaginary map; we will use existing maps as reference and inspiration, and interpret features as we wish.

For very simple sketching:

- Some sheets of paper; ordinary printer paper will do.
- Pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener; colour pencils if wanted.

OPTIONAL: If you think you may want to add TEXT to your map, you will need a computer, printer, and prepared fabric sheets at hand, as well as fusible web to appliqué the words.

- **Notebook and pen**, and anything else you think you may need.