

# Textiles

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The structure of a quilt, stitched layers of cloth, offers an exciting framework for considering new ways of creating art with cloth, needle and stitch. Many of you, like me, are cloth keepers. You have stashed away worn clothing, domestic linens, scraps of favorite fabrics and other textile wonders because they hold meaning for you, contain the seed of an idea, or because they speak to you in some way. During our week together we will be using a few of those textile treasures to explore a direct, collage-like process for making a quilted artwork, and then we will hold all the pieces together with thread and stitches. Our focus will be to rediscover the pleasure and potential of hand stitching to create a rich surface design and a strong visual element in our work. We will share insights and discoveries and expect the unexpected. After sampling and experimenting with a range of textile materials and hand sewing techniques, we will begin to transform some of our own textile "keepings" into a highly personal hand quilted piece.

## MATERIALS LIST

- \*Scissors (I like to have a small pair for snipping threads and sewing shears)
- Assorted \*needles, in a range of sizes
- Box of quilting pins
- A \*thimble if you use one
- 1 yard of a medium weight woven cotton or linen to use as a backing. Any color you prefer for your quilted artwork.
- **The following items are from your own collection. Don't buy anything, just bring what is practical for your travel situation. Our ethos will be to use what we have.**
  - A few special pieces of clothing, household textiles or cloth.
  - Assortment of embroidery threads, crochet cotton, floss, perle cotton, darning cotton, etc. Any color, any thickness, any fiber content.
  - Small bits and pieces of fabric, lace, trims, yarn, anything that can be stitched on. A gallon size plastic zip bag full is enough to get you started.
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store***

## COVID-19 UPDATE

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

## SUPPLIES

- Brushes, assorted
- *Please see above*

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

**MATERIALS FEES: \$10.00-\$20.00**

**Instructor will collect fees directly and accepts cash or check for payment.**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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