

Happy Villages™
Fabric Collage Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

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 – BRING PRE-CUT TO WORKSHOP!!!! Cut a 6½" square and a 6½" x 2" rectangle from each of the ten colors

- 10 Colors*** (look for 'textures' or 'solid-like' / 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. STRIPES AND "SHINGLE" PRINT FABRICS ARE GREAT FOR ROOFTOPS*

PLEASE BRING EXTRA FABRICS TO INCLUDE OPTIONAL SKY, TREES, WATER, ETC...

(fabric requirements for a Seaside Village, a Fairytale Village, a Halloween Village, etc... are in the book "Happy Villages")

Supplies

- Sewing Machine OPTIONAL (*for LATE afternoon with walking foot and/or free-motion foot and thread*) *If you want to work slowly leave your machine at home. If on the other hand you work quickly bring your machine to quilt your piece during the last 1-2 hours of class.*
- 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 applicator tip
- 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*