

Townscapes RC

On this workshop students will be able to make a wall hanging of a set of houses that could be a row of Yorkshire cottages (if brown fabrics are chosen), a row of Italian houses or perhaps Mexican (if bright and colourful fabrics are chosen)

I have a basic pattern that can be adapted, changed and additional details eg washing, window boxes and plant pots added

We will discuss how I made the pattern, so that students will have the ability to design their own townscapes panel in the future

This workshop includes some innovative design and technical skills also some contemporary approaches to appliqué, print and machine embroidery along with some useful shortcuts that will be transferable to other projects

The resulting textile piece can be a fun and cheerful wall hanging for displaying at home.

On a one day class Students may not even get to the sewing machine stage, but I will give a sewing machine demonstration so that the wall hanging can be finished at home.

There is an option to paint the sky or blue fabric could be used

Requirements

Fine cotton fabric in shades or patterns of similar colours,

A piece of pale blue fabric for the sky – the sky could be painted in the class. I can bring the paint, paint brushes and the most suitable fabric to use but this will need to be ordered before hand

Dark grey fabric for windows

Heat'n'bond lite – fusible web

Sewing machine plus darning foot

Assorted thread – grey, black and white are useful

White or clear baking parchment (I will bring this)

Backing fabric - plain white cotton fabric 12" x 24"

Wadding – 12" x 24"

Back of wall hanging fabric 12" x 24"

Spray baste (or it can be pinned and tacked) It is unlikely that students will get to this stage on a one day class

Pencil, fine black pen

Iron and ironing board

Graph paper and tracing paper if you wish to redraw and change my pattern

Scissors- paper and fabric – small scissors are essential for cutting tiny pieces

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