



Textillian Reptilians

Semester: Summer

Times: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

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Course Description

Explore the great wide world of fabric art! This class will turn us into textillian reptilians as we explore several avenues of textile art. Learn to create original patterns and translate them into stuffed toys. Create a party banner and a custom felt pendant to learn basic hand sewing skills.

What will you learn?

Students will learn the basics of hand work, textile manipulation, and fabric color theory. Create your own felt banner, sew an original stuffie, tie dye a shirt, all while learning pattern making, basic hand sewing skills, and color theory of fabrics. We will look at contemporary artists such as Darci Lenker, Kendall Ross, OSC Press and great American quilters to draw inspiration from modern fabric artists.

Materials

All Materials provided by the Firehouse. Students are encouraged to wear clothes that can be stained as some projects can stain clothing.

Class Schedule

Class 1: Students will be introduced to handwork as they create their custom pennant banner of their name. Students will learn blanket stitch and running stitch.

Class 2: Students will finish their felt banners, and learn to pattern fabrics drawing inspiration from the American quilting tradition. Students will create their own block prints for this using original designs.

Class 3: Students will finish their block prints and test them on paper. We will also use stencil techniques today.

Class 4: Students will use their block prints to pattern fabrics, and create small projects using the fabric. Students will create a small project along with the instructor to prepare for our custom stuffies.



Class 5: Students will learn to draft their own patterns to create custom plushies. Students will be able to use their hand work, block prints, and other techniques to add more character to their plushies.

Class 6: Students will finish their plushies and banners this day.

Class 6: Mobile magic! Students will create a fabric mobile using block prints, plushies, and more to create a moving scene.

Class 8: Students will finish their mobile.

Class 9: It's time to start our class quilt! Students will be given a sheet of fabric to decorate to create our class quilt! This is a collaborative class project and at the end of the project we will do a quilt block exchange.

Class 10: We will tie dye our shirts this day, and at the end of class we will have an Art Show for parents and guardians to attend and see the students work!