Workshops with Dorene Joyce

Dorene Joyce Designs

Most of my workshops are a 1-day course (up to 6 hours of instruction) designed for a minimum of 8 participants at $45 per person, with a full-size pattern included.

Stained Glass Wall Quilt

Key details of the workshop include:

Technique: Participants learn a specialized method to create an art quilt that emulates stained glass using fabric. Instead of lead lines, the technique utilizes a black background alongside an easy appliqué placement method.

Design Options: Students can choose from options like *My Roses*, *Iris Dreams*, *Hydrangeas, Daylilies or Tulips*.

Customization & Ease: The pattern offers "paint-by-number" ease to achieve realistic, stunning results while allowing students to customize their own color palettes.

Class Outcome: By the end of the session, students complete much of the appliqué work and leave equipped with tips, techniques, and ideas to finish their faux stained-glass art quilt at home.

Sizes vary: i.e. 18 x 20 - 24 X 26

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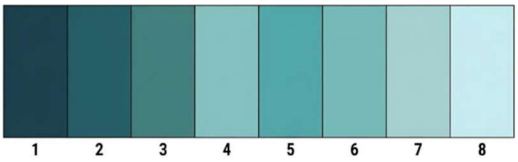
Undersea Creatures



Practice & Learn to Use Value to create depth.

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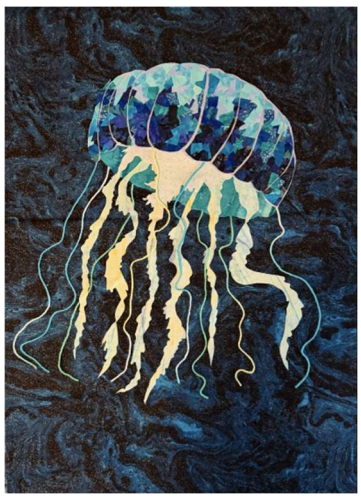

- **Technique & Style:** Projects feature a collaged fabric appliqué style combining mixed-media techniques with raw-edge appliqué.
- **Creature Options:** Participants select from designs including the Humpback Whale, Blue Crab, Discus Fish, Hawksbill Sea Turtle, or Jellyfish, each provided with full-size patterns.
- **Fabric Blending & Depth:** Students learn hands-on "fabric blending" techniques, using strategic placement of color values and layered fabric pieces to create visual depth and dimensionality in their marine motifs.
- **Color Customization:** Quilters can choose realistic, natural tones or vibrant, whimsical palettes to bring their selected sea creature to life.
- **Included Extras:** The workshop features step-by-step guidance and bonus sections for each creature to assist students as they assemble and finish their artwork.

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AI Portrait Art Quilt Workshop (People or Pets)

Transform a Photo into a Work of Art using AI and Fabric!

Skip standard patterns and turn a favorite photo of a person or pet into a custom art quilt. Dorene teaches you to merge AI technology with textile art to transform your photos into ready-to-sew patterns, providing personalized patterns for class along with guides to create your own at home.

Key details of the workshop include

Customization: Participants will create a portrait of *either* one person *or* one pet.

What's Included:

- Full-size, generated-pattern printout. (From student photo)
- Training on AI-assisted posterization.
- Tips, techniques, and unique finishing ideas.

Preparation: This workshop requires critical preparation, specifically selecting a clear high-contrast photo. Specific directions and fabric requirement worksheets will be provided upon registration. (Pre-class homework is essential!)

Style and Ease: This pattern uses 3-5 step value approach, making it easy to achieve realistic, stunning results. You can use your imagination to create your desired color palette and fabric mood for the background to match your portrait.

Size approx.: 18 x 20 depending on photo

LAYERED APPLIQUÉ & SLOW STITCH – NATURE INSPIRED!

Bring a Splash of Everlasting Botanical Color to Your Home

Ideal for quilters and slow-stitchers, this nature-inspired workshop celebrates botanical beauty through mindful stitching. Dorene guides you step-by-step to create rich, layered textures using accessible appliqué and simple stitches. Designed to let your fabric scraps and threads shine, it seamlessly merges fabric collage with hand or machine embroidery.

Key details of the workshop include

- **Layered Appliqué Techniques:** Discover how to build dimension, depth, and organic movement by layering botanical motifs onto a background base.
- **Fabric Scrap & Texture Auditioning:** Learn how to select, blend, and pair scrap fabrics, batiks, and thread weights to create subtle shading and vibrant contrast.
- **Expressive Stitching & Embroidery:** Incorporate slow-stitching details using hand embroidery or machine techniques to define outlines, add fine details, and bring your nature-inspired piece to life.
- **Relaxed & Mindful Process:** Enjoy an approachable, stress-free creative process that encourages artistic freedom, unique color palettes, and individual style.

- **Fabric & Thread Requirements:** Bring your favorite scrap basket, fusible webs/stabilizers, and a mix of specialty threads (such as Perle cotton, DMC embroidery floss, or decorative threads). *Fabric requirement sheets are available*

2 day Workshop with Dorene Joyce

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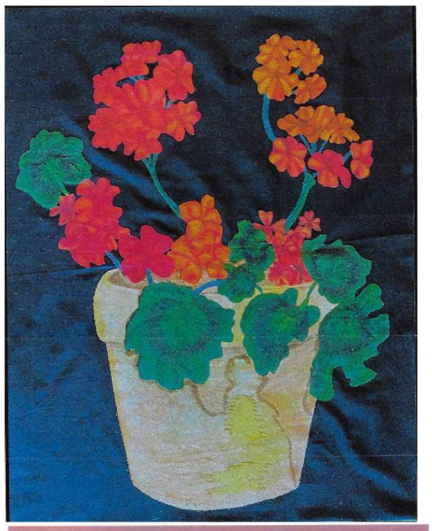
Artful Collage

Large-Scale Botanicals (2-Day Workshop)

Collage Fusing, Painterly Accents, & Finishing

Size approx.: 34 X 25 -**depending on pattern selected**



Transform your favorite botanical subjects—Choose from *Sunny Sunflower*, *Pansy*, *Geraniums*, or *Glad Glads*—into striking fine art quilts! Over two full days, Dorene guides you step-by-step through custom background fabric painting, raw-edge fusible collage, painterly accenting after assembly, and expressive finishing techniques.

Over two full days, you'll learn to paint custom textile backgrounds, assemble raw-edge fusible floral collages, and add hand-painted accents directly onto your fused piece for extra depth and realism. Finish with expressive thread work and professional edge-finishing techniques to make your masterpiece canvas-ready.