



## beyond the reef

### Arts & Crafts

#### "Making a Connection"

You've heard it more than once -- let's take some time to make a connection with what we are creating! We are makers, so let's start by making a new basket of tools. Some hand quilting and appliqué tools. Then let's slow down just a bit.

Include some big stitch appliqué. With encouragement, you'll be adding appliqué to your list of things you've conquered!! And then let's add some big stitch quilting into our projects. Try a quilted binding. Finally, be sure to add "enjoy the company of quilting friends" while you're stitching....it's the final ingredient!

For this class, we'll make the table runner 18-1/2" x 54-1/2" pieced background of the soon to release Arts & Crafts beyond the reef pattern, then jump right in to learning how to appliqué. (instructor will show 54 x 54 finished quilt in Marcia Derse fabrics for more inspiration)



**experience level** established beginner and beyond

**tool box**

sewing machine, in good working order, with manual  
full size sewing scissors, small scissors, and some small snips  
medium cutting mat, 18" x 24"  
6-1/2" x 24-1/2" strip ruler, medium size square ruler - 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" e.g.  
rotary cutter with new blade (45 or 28mm)  
piecing threads in neutral grey, 2-4 loaded bobbins of the same thread  
pearle 8 cotton or \*\*aurifil #12 topstitch thread and embroidery needles #7  
a comfortable thimble  
\*\*light weight bendable cardboard (similar to soda can boxes)

pens, notebook, camera

**fabrics**

- a. 6 fat quarters black & white, grey and/or low volume background prints  
1/2 yard black & white, grey and/or low volume background print
  - b. 6 fat eighths of contrasting colors in warm and cool colors for pods and leaves  
1/2 yard contrasting color for "vase"
  - c. 20 x 60 backing and lightweight cotton batting
- note for fabric selections: you may bring more contrasting colors for the pods and leaves, if you like  
(for binding, refer to pattern)

**preparation**

please note the cutting instructions in the pattern for the pieced background  
preparing the cut pieces prior to class will give us more time for demos and  
perfecting the next step - big stitch appliqué

Note: Items marked with \*\* are not carried by The Stitchin' Post or the school store

bring any other items necessary for your own personal comfort  
we will be trying lots of different techniques with a lot of hands on machine time  
mixed with show and tell  
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