

CHARLOTTE ANGOTTI



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While shopping with her mother in 1977, (really, that long ago!), Charlotte wandered into a quilt shop and everything changed from there. Educated in fine arts, speech and drama, she brings a variety of talents to the class and in a most humorous way.

She has been teaching quilt making since 1978 because someone asked Charlotte to teach her. Her first quilt was sold right after making it. She has sold many since. In 1981 Charlotte opened a quilt shop, Quilt Works, in Virginia Beach, VA. She sold the shop in 1999.

She has been teaching nationally/internationally since 1991 and now lives in the Lafayette, LA area, moving there in 2016.

Quilt Maker's Studio was started when Charlotte realized there were a few left over kits now and then. These class kits are offered for sale on this website along with her patterns and books. The kits are laser cut, come in only the colors offered, and are first come first served. If you see one you like, get it. They are wonderful to sew. (there are times when they aren't available, nothing leftover!)

It has been said many times, if you hear laughter coming from a room, there is a good chance Charlotte is in there. Charlotte is known for humor, her way with color and fabric, her pre-cut kits, and now a new book, [*Surprise Yourself!*](#) Charlotte is a fun person to have on a faculty or as a teacher coming to your guild. She believes her hobby is quilting and her job is teaching others to enjoy it as much as she does.

CLASSES AND SUPPLIES

#101– SURPRISE YOURSELF

Thursday March 16, 2017

All Levels

For years Charlotte has used her own methods for designing and cutting her kits for Let Me Surprise You! Now there is a book. She has written a book, along with her good friend, Debbie Caffrey. In this class, by the same name as the book, you will get her half of the train ride.

Both authors do mystery classes, designing quilts, choosing fabrics and making the quilts. Each have a similar yet very different approach to getting to the final destination. The book is written as if you are on a train. Following the Blue line for Charlotte and the Green line for Debbie.

This workshop will use the techniques for simple design, cutting and sewing techniques from the Blue line. Using easy units and an artistic eye you will be creating your own designs as well as not needing the crazy directions often found in patterns and books. With this freedom you can easily see how many quilts are broken down and put back together again!

Certain patterns are easier than others and using basic units you will begin to create instead of just copy. This class is full of information, real quilts and real solutions to everyday problems in quilt making. The book is not required for the class, but it sure is a great source!

Here are some pictures from the Surprise Yourself class.



Supplies:

- Seam ripper
 - Neutral thread
 - Pins
 - If sewing machine isn't provided, sewing machine and all that makes it run, new needle and bring extras.
 - Iron/ironing surface.
 - Be sure to put a new blade in your cutter before class.
 - 2 yards of background
 - 1/4 yard or fat quarter of at least 5 fabrics that go together.
 - Remember background doesn't always mean white. Can use scraps and new together.
 - Design wall...can be flannel tablecloth or yard of white flannel.

 - Mat, rulers, rotary cutter, Half Square Triangle tool and Tri-Rec tool (if you have them)
- * when picking out your fabric you can always bring more. Fabric listed is just a starting place. More is better!

#201 – THE CURE

(Taking the Mystery Out of Color)

Friday March 17 , 2017

All Levels

Over the years many students have asked me to teach a color class. I get more compliments on my color choices than any other aspects of my quilts. (I do love the fabric)

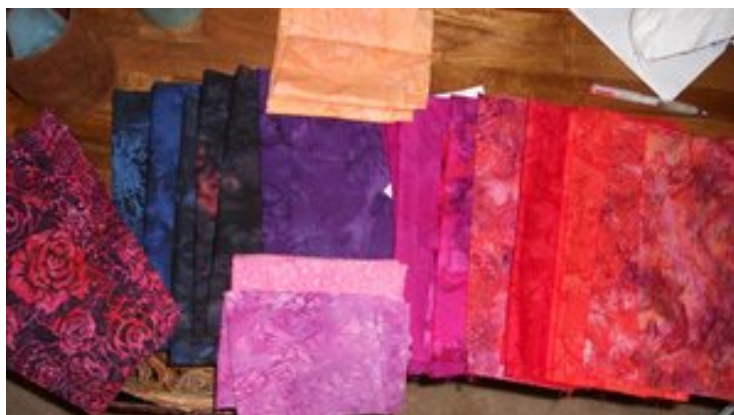
For years I hesitated teaching this because I feel that everyone has a color sense and should use it. Problem is, many are afraid to say what they like for fear of doing it wrong. Like there is a wrong way.

In this class you will learn about color in fabric and why it is different than just using the color wheel. After this workshop you should have a better understanding of color in fabric, value, and intensity. We will begin to train the eye to see past the large print. This class is not full of color theory and large words. It is in simple terms that you can understand and put to use.

There is no sewing in this class but there is a color exercise so check the supply list.

As in all classes quilts will be shown and color/design questions are encouraged.

Choosing Fabric



Creating a block



Putting it all together



Supplies:

- 1/4 yard or fat quarters of (10) or more different fabrics that read as a solid or are solid. Also 1/2 yard or more of a multi colored print. Please mark these fabrics in some way with your name so you can ID them later in class. They will not be sewn, but will be moved around the room and mixed up with others.
- Your favorite quilt book (with patterns)
- A favorite book or magazine with lots of color that you like.

#301 – LET ME SURPRISE YOU

Thursday March 16, 2017

All Levels

Kit Fee: \$105.00

Finally a class that you know you have brought the right things for! In this fun-filled class, a kit of CUT fabrics is furnished. This is a wonderful group workshop for those that just want to sew and not have any cutting or thinking to do.

This class is the most popular class Charlotte offers. It fills quickly and is a SURPRISE in more ways than one. It is a mystery type class. No one gets any hints and yet those who take the class will want to take another. Each class is a different quilt. Rarely are the kits repeated. All kits in class are the same, there is no choice for the students. A relaxed day of laughter and sewing.

NOTE: Anyone stuck in a color group, who needs to be in control or one who wants to learn lots of cutting tips most likely will not like this workshop. Someone who loves to sew all day with no worries, laughing and having a great time with a project worth finishing will love this workshop.

Supplies:

- Seam ripper
- Neutral thread
- Pins
- Sewing machine and all that makes it run, new needle and bring extras.
- Iron/ironing surface.
- Kit is required for this class.

SOME PREVIOUS LET ME SURPRISE YOU CLASSES



These previous Let Me Surprise You designs are now patterns that are available on website!