

Art Quilt Techniques ~ Pebbles

Supply list (1 page)

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Walk down any Oregon beach or stream and you will find tons of them – pebbles in all sizes, shapes and colors. Many are polished smooth from their tumbling journey from mountaintop to sea and many have inclusions of quartz or fossils; you can even find the occasional agate scattered in with the other stones. In this class you will make your own collection of astoundingly realistic looking dimensional pebbles scattered on a sandy shore or nestled in a rippling pool.



Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-888-9784 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Thank you, Helene

TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **A 10" x 12" (or larger) pre-quilted 'background' panel:** A top fabric, batting and backing, layered and quilted. This need not be fancy quilting – a rough all-over stippling or pebbled texture will be sufficient. The fabric for the panel should resemble sand or gravel – perhaps moss... or you can choose a fabric that resembles water and quilt wavy 'ripples'. The edges should be finished in some fashion: with binding or overcast stitching or even a hand blanket stitching.
- **A whole bunch of fabric pieces or scraps in sizes ranging from 2" to 5" or larger:** You will need a range of tints and shades of the colors you chose from light to dark and in colors and textures reminiscent of the pebbles you find at the beach or river; streaky and splotchy batiks are particularly good choices.
- **Pellon Peltex 71F:** This is an extremely heavy craft stabilizer with fusible adhesive on 1 side; you won't actually be fusing it but the fusible side does a particularly good job of clinging to batting. If you cannot find the Peltex 71F, non-fusible Peltex 70 or double sided Peltex 72F are suitable substitutes.
- **Batting:** scraps of thin, even batting. You will need very little so small leftover scraps from another project will do. I will have plenty to share if you don't have scraps of batting.
- **Fabric marking pen/pencil (optional):** Choose color(s) that will show up on the wrong sides of your pebble fabrics.
- **Scissors:** A pair of small to medium craft scissors suitable for cutting fabric, stabilizer and batting.
- **Hand sewing needle:** A hand appliqué ('sharp') needle will do but a longer Milliner's needle would be better.
- **Sewing thread:** Choose 100% cotton thread in color(s) to match your pebbles.
- **Mini hot glue gun (optional):** For a small pane and smaller pebbles, this will not be necessary but may prove helpful to tack the pebbles in place on the background panel before sewing. Choose glue sticks suitable for tacking fabric.