



Cabarrus Art Guild

Batik Class

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Time: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$70

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In this class you'll learn how to create custom batik fabric for a quilt, wall hanging, or garment. The batik process generates complex, stitch-able designs with wax resist and color layering on fabric.

Wax is applied to fabric with a stamp called a tjap (pronounced "chop"). Several choices of images are offered: turtle (see left), irises, dragonfly, or butterfly.



Colors are painted in layers alternating with wax. An optional crackling technique produces a marbled effect, it's seen as navy blue background lines in the turtle design above. Finally, the piece is ironed to remove the wax and set the paint colors.

Each student receives guidance for developing design elements and using subtle color concepts such as value contrast, temperature contrast and color passages to unify the design. Stitching suggestions for embroidery (shown in gold outlines on the turtles above) and quilting are offered, but we will not be stitching in class.

Class Fee Includes:

- Three 12 x 12 samples of Prepared for Dyeing (PFD) cotton
- Brushes and non-latex gloves
- Shared items (as follows)
 - Wax, heaters and brushes for wax, paint, iron and ironing board

Students need to bring:

- Iron, ironing board, plastic hangers and tons of newspaper

Extra fabric is available for purchase or students may bring their own.

Safety measures are emphasized throughout the class.

Extra donations of newspaper are most welcome. Instructor provides plastic to cover tables and drying area, one iron and ironing board, wax heaters, water bucket, hair dryer, two fans and hangers for drying.



Advance registration and payment are required. Register online at www.cabarrusartguild.org or call 704-795-1901 or stop by the gallery to register.