

Laundry Room Quilt— by Ellen Eastman



The Early Bird education project for our January meeting is a Laundry Room Quilt. This skill builder

will focus on color, precise sewing and design ~ and be just a plain fun activity! We will start promptly at 10 AM.

Supplies to bring:

- 120 assorted squares of cotton fabric cut 1 1/2" square. Yes, they must be assorted for the scrappy look. This is a great time to use those small scraps you have hanging around. Cut several at once by stacking 3-5 scraps together, make sure your cut squares measure 1 1/2" no less.
- A piece of flannel or thin batting to use as a design wall at least 25" x 21", or 1 1/2 fusible grid, 10 squares by 12 squares. (Fabric Depot might carry fusible grid.)
- Lightweight board to support design wall or fusible grid. (Heavy cardboard, portable pressing board or a lightweight wood board.)

Plastic bag to wrap over the design wall to keep your squares from falling off on the way home.

Put your fabric squares in a paper sack—shake it up real good! Just for fun custom cut some zinger fabric (think faces, objects, pets.)

We will put the paper bags on a table and pull from each bag until everyone has 120 squares (12 rows of 10 squares) on their design wall or grid. You will place the squares on the grid as you pull them, working left to right, top to bottom. After everyone has pulled 120 squares you may move ONLY 6 squares to improve on the scrappy design.

Precise sewing techniques and ideas on how to finish your Laundry Room Quilt will be given at the meeting to participants.

NOTE: It took me only just under 30 minutes to cut 25 squares from the bits of fabric that are in my scrap bag. If cutting 120 squares is overwhelming break the cutting into 20 or 25 squares at once, keep track of the number of pieces on a post-it note attached to your paper bag.