Design Your Own Applique with Annie Smith

Whether your choice of applique is by hand, machine, wool or in-the-hoop, you can create your own designs. Award winning applique artist, Annie Smith, will walk you through how to design, turn your design into a line drawing and then flesh out your design in fabric. You'll be able to choose any style of quilt you want - traditional, traditional modern, folk, novelty, children's - to name a few. We'll design blocks and borders.
No artistic or drawing talent necessary!

This is a Design class, not a working applique class – so we won't be working with fabric, except where you want to utilize the design of the fabric into your applique design.

There will be a kit for the class which includes, but is not limited to:
- Sketch paper roll
- Pencil
- Permament Marker
- Eraser
- The Ultimate Applique Resource Tool, which we'll use as a textbook for the class (If you have the book already, please email me.)

I'll bring my resources of design books and marking tools for you to use, my designed blocks and borders and trunk show of applique quilts and any other supplies that we need for the class. I'll also have a list of design books for you to take home so you can choose which may be important to you in the future.

You need to bring:

- Any ideas for applique that you have
- Photos that you have taken as resources for design
- Smartphone and charging cable (or camera)
- Any fabric that you want to incorporate into an applique quilt, or are inspired by.
- Quilting ruler (12" or 18")
- A Flexible Curve design ruler (this will allow you to bend any shape, draw the shape and repeat it without losing the curve. These are not expensive.)
- Optional: compass, geometric drawing templates that have multiple sizes of circles, a dinner plate (this can be paper)

One thing I'd like you to keep in mind is that I won't allow copying of another applique artist's work. You can be inspired by them, but you cannot copy their work, put your spin on it and call it yours. I'm very aware of copyright violations. After all, you won't want someone to copy what you have created and try to call it theirs.
There are all kinds of design elements that are in the public domain that you'll be able to use so you won't have to "reinvent the wheel" so to speak.
If you want to be really safe, take photos of flowers, or animals, or architectural designs on buildings to use for your creations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at annie@anniesmith.net.