

Workshop Supply List & Class Information

Carl Brown's workshop will be based on his quilt “New Beginnings,” the yellow and green quilt pictured on the workshop website.

The day will begin with a 30-minute lecture introducing Carl's improvisational quilting techniques. After the lecture, everyone will begin sewing. Throughout the day, Carl will demonstrate five different improv components from “New Beginnings.” After each demonstration, participants will create that technique themselves.

During the morning and early afternoon, you'll build a collection of improv quilt components. Later in the afternoon, you'll arrange your pieces on a design wall and begin experimenting with an original improvisational quilt design.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutter with a sharp, new blade
- Sewing scissors
- Cutting mat
- Basic sewing supplies

Fabric Requirements:

Choose a Main Color

Before class, select one main color family for your project, such as red, green, orange or any color of your choice.

Bring a variety of light, medium, and dark values within your chosen color family. The different values will create depth and visual interest in your design.

Fabric Selection:

Carl recommends:

- Primarily solid fabrics
- One or two small-scale print fabrics to add movement and texture
- A small amount of black and white fabric to provide contrast and additional visual movement

How Much Fabric?

There are no specific yardage requirements.

Bring a selection of:

- Fat Quarters
- Scraps
- Any size fabric in your chosen color family

The purpose of this workshop is to learn improvisational design techniques rather than complete an entire quilt. You'll have plenty of opportunities to expand your project after the workshop.

Color Inspiration

In his quilt “New Beginnings,” Carl chose acid green as his primary color. He combined it with light, medium, and dark shades of yellow and green, then added a small black-and-white print to create movement and energy throughout the quilt.

Use this as inspiration as you select fabrics for your own unique color palette.