



## CLASS REQUIREMENTS

### Class: **The View from Above: Adventures in Textile Map Making**

Dates: Thursday 20 – Friday 21 April

Times: 10am – 5pm

Tutor: Alicia Merrett

#### **You must bring along the following:**

- Fabrics: a good selection of cottons in a variety of colours, in small quantities. Cotton fabrics in solid and tone on tone colours, batiks and hand-dyed fabrics, are all good. Select colours and designs which are suitable for making your map: a variety of greens for vegetation, fields and forests; warm contrasting colours for buildings and villages; blues for rivers and the sea; yellows, oranges, ochres, beiges, red-browns, browns, for desert landscapes, beaches, and other features of the landscape. If you wish to make a night time map, bring at least half a metre of either dark blue, navy, or purple, for the background. On the other hand, you are also free to make maps of your imagination with non-realistic colours.
- Fusible web: a small amount of either Steam-a-Seam 2, WonderUnder, Vliesofix, or any similar type.
- Batting/wadding: cotton is best; half a metre to a metre
- Backing fabric, half a metre to a metre
- Machine thread for piecing, in a neutral colour
- Machine quilting/embroidery threads – in colours to match your fabrics
- Machine needles to suit your threads

#### **Tools:**

- Rotary cutter with sharp blade. A spare blade is recommended
- Cutting mat
- Small embroidery scissors
- Pins
- Safety pins
- Quilters' ruler
- Sheets of ordinary paper
- Sheets of tracing paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Inspirational Material: bring any maps and aerial views you like – printed from the web, or photos, books, magazine cuttings, etc. Please keep them simple!  
PLEASE NOTE that we will not be copying exactly a specific map, but will use them as reference for our own simplified imaginary ones. Maps and aerial views will be our inspiration, and we will interpret the features that interest us. To make a map which is close to a complex original design takes a lot more time than what we will have available!

To complete the project at home (not required for class) you will need:

- Materials for binding and sleeve

If you need any more information please email Alicia at [alicia@aliciamerrett.co.uk](mailto:alicia@aliciamerrett.co.uk)

**Sewing machines** will be provided by sponsor companies so you don't need to bring your own. A technical assistant from that company will be available to assist any students who are unfamiliar with that machine. **If you prefer to bring your own sewing machine**, you may, but please ensure it is well maintained and that you bring the instruction manual, tools and accessories. Also, bring your 1/4" foot, open-toed embroidery foot, free-machine quilting/embroidery foot.

**Suggestions:** Please make sure you label everything with your name.

- We also recommend bringing a cushion in case your chair doesn't suit your height
- A water bottle helps you stay hydrated
- Don't forget to bring your glasses