

Bee Artful Meeting

April 9 at Clarkesville First United Methodist Church 9:30 A.M.

The theme of the Bee Artful meeting in April is Upcycling. In the class we took in Paducah, Luke Haynes demonstrated how to make a small quilt using thrift shop clothing.

There were two components to his workshop. Cutting and sewing. Sound familiar. We are doing the same. Please bring your rotary cutters, mats, straight edge rulers. Then for the sewing - bring your machine, neutral thread and scissors. There is no topstitching involved so thread color is not that important. Seams can be ironed or finger pressed. A small iron may be useful.

The fabric items Luke Haynes used for his class and we will use at the Bee meeting are the fabrics from 3 men's shirts plus a contrasting fabric. Check your local thrift stores. If you are lucky you will be able to buy a shirt for under \$3. Look for the XXL long sleeve cotton. Don't get rayon or polyester. The pattern cuts better if the shirts are similar and the contrasting fabric is a high contrast to the shirts.

After taking the class we feel strongly that the contrasting fabric (fat eighth or fat quarter) is the key to success. If you notice in the picture the contrast fabric from Silke's stash makes her quilt top "sing." You can audition more than one contrast fabric so bring what you think might work.

We would like to save time at the beginning of the meeting so please cut off the collars, cuffs, button hole placket and yolks of the shirts. We will not use them. We guarantee you will never look at a man's shirt in the same way. If you have any questions please call one of us. Bring a lunch and \$3 for the Church. Doors open at 9:30. There will be show and tell.

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