

## KANDINSKY QUILTS

If Kandinsky had made quilts they would have been singing magic! Discover that magic and feel the color and line in Kandinsky's work as you heighten the sensitivity of your new quilts. In studying the work of this influential painter's extraordinary lyrical abstract compositions, discover how you can learn from his use of abstract shapes, symbolic glowing color and expressive lines. Learn how you can layer colors, vary your lines and make your backgrounds work in original meaningful compositions. You may piece, fuse, applique and stitch, but be warned: your quilts may never be the same again!

### **Preparation and Requirements.**

We will be focusing on Kandinsky's color and line work. Take time to find books or websites on his work. Look carefully to help you make color choices

You will have a choice of working in sheers/transparencies to get the effect of watercolour, or in solids and hand-dyes, or both. You may choose to piece, fuse, applique and stitch.

You will also need

- Basic sewing supplies for machine work.  
*Optional* – hand sewing needles.
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat. Scissors
- Sewing machine, cleaned, oiled and in good working order.  
Bring your instruction manual in case something goes wrong.
- Zigzag foot and knee lift (if your machine has one).
- Extension cord and adaptor/multi-plug.
- *Optional* - Desk lamp for extra working light. Cushion
- Thread – matching or neutral sewing thread  
*Optional* – machine / hand embroidery thread, cords for line making.

**Fabrics** – a **good** selection of solid colour and hand-dyed fabric of your choice. Make sure you include lights, mediums and darks as well as neutrals and saturated colors. Remember to look at Kandinsky's work to help you choose. Remember to look at the backgrounds he uses. Some are very dark, and some are almost white. As you will be working on a fairly small piece, fat quarters and scraps will do along with larger pieces.

*Optional* – a range of transparencies/sheers such as organza, tulle, net, etc. to get the look of water color.

*Optional*- Fusible web of your choice.

Batting – approximately 1 yard square.

Backing – same size

Any books, articles, pictures, etc. relating to Kandinsky and his work that will inspire you and other class members