



RICE BAG DESIGN
JEAN & VALORI WELLS
THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
10 AM – 12 PM
ONLINE

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CLASS LEVEL **ALL**

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Join these two artists in a fun filled adventure creating a very unique Japanese Rice Bag featuring a collection of fabrics, block printing, and decorative stitching. These two ladies have made several of the unique bags for gifts and as keepsakes. The workshop will begin with tips on fabric selection, design ideas, and videos on techniques, then you will have time to prepare materials. The follow up zoom call will concentrate on construction and finishing. You won't be able to stop with making just one bag. The ideas just keep flowing.

INSTRUCTIONS

This is an online class beginning with a video "lesson" focused on techniques for completing the bag. Valori will be providing a video on how to make a simple carved block and how to print with the block on fabric for the bag. The following week the class will "meet" via Zoom to actually sew the bags and discuss different finishing design.

SUPPLY LIST

- Modern Japanese Rice Pouch pattern (available through the Stitchin Post)

The fabric amounts listed are the basic amounts needed to create a simple pouch. You may choose to add more fabric along the way. Recommended fabrics for the main portion of the bag are medium weight linen, linen blend, light weight canvas, or quilting cotton that has been backed with Pellon Shape Flex 101 woven fusible interfacing.

- 1/4 yd exterior fabric
- 1/4 yd lining fabric
- 1/8 yd fabric for drawstring handles (Jean usually uses the lining fabric or an accent color) OR 2 yds cotton or linen 1/4" wide drawstring or cotton twill tape
- Scraps of fabric or block printed fabric for decorative touches
- Embroidery threads for stitching' embroidery needle, large safety pin
- Basic sewing and cutting supplies
- Journal or notebook for note taking

KEEP GOING...YOU'RE ALMOST AT THE END!

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

SUPPLY LIST FOR THE DESIGN/CARVING/PRINTING VIDEO

- Pencil
- Tracing Paper
- Tape
- Small Ruler
- Carving Tool – Speedball
- Speedball Speedy Carve (the block)
- Xacto Knife
- Drop cloth – old sheet folded to add padding, a few layers of batting with fabric on top. Layers of fabric – it is easier to print with a little cushion under your printing area.
- 8x11ish Plexi Glass sheet or a cookie sheet (a smooth surface to roll out the ink)
- 3” or 4” roller
- Spatula
- Speedball Fabric Block Printing Ink
- Fabric to print on – quilting cotton, toweling, canvas, linen – just about anything can be printed. The more texture in the fabric, the more texture you will get in the printing. Smooth fabric will result in more solid transfer of ink.

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