## Workshop: How Do I Spell That? Improv Pieced Letters

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Sarah will teach a variety of improvisational piecing techniques and show numerous ways to put those skills together to create improv pieced letters. Students should come to class with a short word or phrase in mind that they would like to create. Skills introduced in this class can be used beyond the creation of letters. Join us for an opportunity to play while building your improv skills.

## **Notions and Tools:**

- Sewing machine (with foot, power cord, and needles)
- 1/4-inch presser foot
- Neutral thread
- Scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Acrylic cutting rulers (I like to have one long ruler and one square ruler.)
- Small design wall (optional)
- Straight pins
- Pencil and paper for notetaking (you may find graph paper helpful)

## Fabric:

- Please choose 6-12 fabrics in fat quarters or larger.
- Choose solids, blenders, and/or small-scale prints.
- Consider value (the relative lightness or darkness of fabrics).
  - Option 1: lights for background and darks for letters
  - Option 2: darks for background and lights for letters
  - Option 3: choose a wide spectrum of values for scrappy compositions
- Scraps of all sizes, layer cakes, or jelly rolls can be utilized.
- No precutting is necessary.