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**Supply List for "Branch Out"**

**Class Requirements:**

Basic sewing supplies for hand and machine work:

Pens and pencils for writing and marking fabric

Rotary cutter and mat

Fabric and paper scissors

A decent sized notebook or drawing book (i.e. not one of those dinky little things that fits in your top pocket!)

Paper for cutting up, in black, grey and white. Two sheets of each will be adequate but you may want to have a few different shades of grey or beige for tonal variety.

Glue stick

Machine with extension cord and suitable plug and adapter. Make sure your machine is in good working order, cleaned, oiled and serviced if necessary.

Fabric: VARIETY is important here, as big and varied as you can bring. Remember trees are not all brown and gray but have a stunning range of color in leaves and bark. Make sure you have a good tonal range of lights, mediums and darks including black and white. Among your fabrics try to include small and large patterns, dots, spots, stripes, checks, hand-dyes and commercial solid colours.

Threads: neutral colours in light, medium and dark, or to match your fabrics

Stabilizer: you may want to include some Stitch-and-Tear and some fine Vilene (plain and iron on). I find this very useful in preventing fabric puckering.

Fusible paper: your choice of the various products available.

Any books, pictures, poems or other inspirational material that the rest of the class might enjoy.

**Class preparation:**

Let's start having fun with this right now. Start LOOKING at trees around you and making notes and sketches of what you see. Take your camera everywhere and record what you are seeing. Along with the colour variations, try a black and white film to see the effects the starkness of bare trees against the sky or buildings.

Collect leaves and press them. Pile bits of bark, seed pods or cones into a glass bowl and enjoy their shape and texture.

The more preparation you do the more you will get out of the class and the more satisfying your work will be!