

MAY CHALLENGE

May Challenge Rules: *Upcycling Story Challenge*

Now is your chance to find that unique fabric or textile and up-cycle them into a Modern Quilt. Don't buy anything, find something you have and recycle it. Use garment fabric (an old shirt), maybe a tablecloth or something really fun.

Your design should incorporate **ONE** or more of the hallmarks of modern quilting;

- **bold use of color** - use intense colors like fiery reds, electric blues, and deep purples, often paired with high contrast, neutrals, or complementary shades to create dramatic, high-energy designs.
- **high contrast color** - pairing opposites such as light vs. dark, or warm tones vs. cool tones.
- **improvisational piecing** - a "no rules" approach to sewing where quilters create without traditional patterns, templates, or precise measurements.
- **minimalist** - focuses on "less is more," featuring clean lines, large-scale piecing, and significant negative space to create graphic, uncluttered designs.
- **maximalist** - "more is more" approach featuring bold, high-energy designs with vibrant colors, dense patterns, and intricate, often improvisational, patchwork
- **negative space** - intentional, large, and often solid-colored areas of a quilt that serve as a background or backdrop to the "positive space".

Requirements:

- Your fabric can be recycled or vintage, garments, old textiles...even vinyl, plastic or wool. ANYTHING!
- Write a story about your creation. Where did the materials come from? What was your creative process? What is your inspiration? What construction and quilting methods did you use? 200 words or less.
- Maximum Size of 30" x 30" or 120" perimeter. No minimum size for this challenge.
- We will share at our July 14th Meeting.