# **Supplies**

- Pencil and eraser
- Color ball point pen or thin sharpie
- Ruler
- Freezer Paper
- Tape (ie: painters tape, drafting or artist tape)
- Light Box or Pad
- Extension Cord
- Small iron for applique
- Ironing mat/pad
- Applique' sheet
- Light weight Fusible Adheasive. (Soft Fuse is suggested)
- Small paint brushes (size from 0-10)
- Small jar or cup for cleaning brushes
- Scissors (small that cut to a point)
- Paper towels (not the whole roll)

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Hard Copy of your Image

### Water Soluable Inks:

Tsukeniko Inks (my preference). These come in a variety of colors and can be found at art supply stores and online (ie: Blick Art Supplies, Dharma Trading Co). You may also enjoy using water soluable ink pens

#### Fabrics:

Fabric Choice is very important!! *Batiks and/or Hand Dyes only*. Select Fabrics in a variety of hues, tones & shades. Batiks with varigated colors also work well. Stay away from batiks that have been block printed with patterns. We will be cutting out small shapes, so fat quarters and remnants work well. Since you are traveling, you don't need to bring large pieces of fabric. Small in size and a large variety is the best way to go.

# **Choosing your Image**

- 1. Be an Original! Work from your own photograph. Not a great photographer? No worries! You can purchase high resolution stock photography online at sights shuch as shutterstock.com or istockphoto.com.
- 2. Just remember, the simpler the design, the easier the construction will be. Pick something you will enjoy staring at for several days.
- 3. Subject matter: Still lifes and florals work well. Landscapes and faces may be a little challenging for beginners.
- 4. Choose a high quility image.
- 5. Dont wait until the last minute to find your image. You need time to get acquainted with your subject and find fabrics.

## **Print your Image**

6. You will need to enlarge your photograph and have a color print on paper. The larger the photo, the easier the construction (fewer itsy-bitsy pieces). I recommend enlarging your photo to at least 22"x 34". This size can be tiled (printed in pieces) on four different 11"x 17" color copies. Just take your jpeg file to your local print shop (such as Kinkos) and they will be able to print this for you. The copies don't need to be printed on the highest quality paper. The thinner the better.

Thanks for enrolling in the workshop!

Since everyone will be working at their own pace, there is no pressure to finish the project. We are there to have fun, try new things, get messy and make mistakes along the way. I promise you will be amazed at what you produce.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at <u>msdesigns@live.com</u>

Clarity of purpose, supplies and preparation will go a long way in making our time together run smoothly.