

Accidental Landscape™: Mountain Views



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Here's another surprisingly simple quilted scene using Karen's layered topstitching technique. Gentle rolling hills of green fabric strips combine with distant peaks to create peaceful vistas. Include a lake or a field of wildflowers. The variations are endless! You will also learn how to embellish the landscape with beads, yarn and Angelina fibers to give it sparkle.
Finished size: approx. 9" x 12" without borders (size varies)

To view color photos of this workshop go to pages 8-13 and 50-51 in the *Accidental Landscapes* book.



Fabric

- Sky:** ¼ yard “dramatic” fabric with clouds, or sun, or a hand-painted fabric. The sky fabric sets the mood for you entire scene, so be sure you love it!
- Rolling Hills:** ¼ yard 5-7 greens gradated from light to dark (look for small scale prints – not necessarily “landscape” fabrics. For example: irregular stripes, random dots, mottled, etc.
- Distant Mountains:** scraps or 1/8 yard each of white, gray, medium purple, or gray blue
- Wildflowers** (optional): ¼ yard small scale floral that looks like growing flowers
- Lake/River:** blues OR use a section of the sky fabric (the reflection of the sky is usually visible in the water)
- Outer Border:** ¼ yard your choice – dark neutrals, such as black, brown and gray work nicely as borders that act as picture frames or a window frame to surround the scene.

Supplies

- Sewing Machine (Featherweights are fine)
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Iron and ironing pad (mini iron will work)
- Threads for topstitching – select threads to match fabrics or use variegated threads
- Neutral thread for bobbin
- Fabric scissors
- Pins (I recommend the long flower head pins)
- Fabric glue (for adding optional details)
- Ruler for rotary cutting borders
- Quilter's Square for squaring piece (only if you already own one)
- Book: *Accidental Landscapes* by Karen Eckmeier \$21.95 (highly recommended but not required)

Most students get to the quilting stage in both the 3 hour and 6 hour workshops, this is what you will need:

- Threads for quilting (machine or hand)
- Needles for machine quilting or hand quilting
- 100% cotton batting (approx. 18" x 22") + half yard fabric for backing
- “Walking Foot” and/or Darning Foot for Machine quilting
- Pins for Basting (for tiny quilts like these, pins are great)