

NSQG Faces of Hope Challenge Quilt

Are you ready to get reacquainted with your stash and get your wonky on? Boy, I sure did! Once I began pulling fabrics from their bins and shelves, I discovered new applications from their pattern design. Rather than thinking about the fabric as a whole, fussy-cutting became my focus.



This challenge provides you with a self-guided and self-paced class taught by Alex Anderson.

During COVID lockdown, TheQuiltShow.com lost the ability to produce shows with speakers, and one of the co-hosts, Alex Anderson, began regularly scheduled half-hour Facebook Live videos leading sewing projects and teaching skills for all levels. She lovingly calls followers her *online guild*.

In late fall of 2020, Alex showcased her dear friend, Freddy Moran's daily production of wonky faces (Avatars). Freddy is a colorfully creative quilter! Her studio is amazing! And "Red is a Neutral" is her mantra. I know we can all appreciate one of her quotes, "When it comes to fabric, more is better and excess is never enough."

Let me introduce Freddy Moran via a couple videos:

Alex introduces Freddy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfZwQUAIV_k

The introduction to Freddy, her house and quilting style runs from 5:50 – 17:00 in the video.

Freddy, her house and some of her *faces* quilts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YeUnm378_s

This is around 6 minutes in length.

**Alex asked me to suggest that on show 2705, Freddy was on and it was an amazing field piece! People can sign up for a free one-week membership to view it. Go to: <https://thequiltshow.com/> Enjoy!

Instructional videos from Alex Anderson's Facebook 'Faces' Tutorials:

Intro: Faces Quilt Class Introduction

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-As7eMMF-o&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=37

Faces 1: The Background

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8bsxveYftc&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=36&t=16s

Faces 2: The Base and the Face

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icGjcZVcEJU&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=35&t=1809s

Faces 3: Customize the Face

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7mlzPC6vN4&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=32&t=645s

Alex provided us with examples of facial features: <https://thequiltshow.com/learn/classroom/alex-anderson-s-classroom-alex-live/faces-alex-anderson-menu/alex-anderson-faces-lessons>

Faces 4: Sewing it All Down

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jmJ1BTroe4&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=31

Faces 5: Quilting it

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MGVru0ZEpk&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=30

Faces 6: A Wonky Quilt

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ14NYEJJPE&list=PL2KgrcjsmR_ip2sdztQm0IH9M0_Dfd1jf&index=29

Guidelines for completion:

Technique: Fused applique

Size: one Fat Quarter dimension, so approximately 18" x 22"

Label(s) on back explaining the hidden additions to your quilt

Why did you select those materials?

What is the significance of the items you placed on your quilt?

What memories are attached to this quilt?

Completion date: 2023 TBD