TIPS FOR IMPROVISATION USING A SIZZIX DIE CUT MACHINE IN MODERN QUILTING:

Making fabrics can be scrappy like I share in my book, 15 Minutes of Play, or simply cut leftover blocks, old quilt tops, or blocks from other projects. Take the opportunity to try something new to shake up your creative process. Each time you do, your creative skill set becomes a little greater, and more ideas will come to you.

When using your Sizzix machine remember:

1. Sizzix Cuts 8 layers of cotton fabric at a time. If you have seams in your fabric, each seam layer counts. So count that you are not over 8 layers.
2. IMPROVISATION with die cutting. Creativity is taking risks! Cut it up! then decide what is next, how can I use it?
3. Trust yourself to work with the pieces you have, there are no mistakes!
4. The Eyes have it! Look at your fabrics each step of the way to see how are they cutting up, what new shapes and colors do you have to work with, and how can you build with what you have in front of you.
5. Each shape can be filled with multiple colors, how can you change the story by adding new eyes to old projects.
6. Using my Sizzix machine gets me out of my own box, forces me to try something new, which is good for shaking up your creative process.

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Square Dance - http://www.sizzix.com/660920/sizzix-bigz-l-die-square-dance-7-assembled

DIES OF QUILTS SHOWN:

Mini wave - http://www.sizzix.com/660528/sizzix-bigz-die-wave-3-7-8-x-4-1-2-finished
NORTHCOTT SOLIDS USED

520 LEMON
621 BAHAMA BLUE
281 PUCK UP PINK
451 LAPIS
201 MAKE ME BLUSH
832 WISTERIA
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