

**CLASS TITLE:** KIMEKOMI BALLS      **DAY/TIME:** THU morning  
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**SKILL LEVEL:** BEGINNER      **FEE – \$2 for (1) 4” pre-marked ball**



**DESCRIPTION:** Learn how to make kimekomi balls and how to mark the balls several different ways. These balls are fun and easy to make. More complex balls are not harder to make, they just take longer. They make fantastic gifts and each one is unique and different. You have the option of using a pre-marked ball OR marking your own.

**NOTES:** *If you want to mark balls, bring your own Durafoam ball (see “Supplies” note below), a sharp-tipped marker, and a ¼” wide measuring tape (It’s useful to have metric on one side and inches on the other.) I will have a book with lots of cutting patterns to choose from. The balls are cut with a hot knife that has a sharp, pointed blade like an Exacto razor blade. I will bring mine, but it must be used outside the building. Also, I will have extra things with me, so if you don’t have everything, you can use some of mine.*

#### **SUPPLIES:**

- Fabric 2 to 4 different fabrics, each piece at least 9” square – **Do not pre-cut your fabric.** If you want a themed ball, fussy-cut motifs to fit in a 2” square.
- Aleene’s Tacky Glue (original)
- Nail file or something to use to tuck fabric into the groove [I like a metal nail file with a straight plastic handle about 6” long]
- Batting scraps [I use cotton]
- Rattail cording or decorative trim, no bigger than ⅛ inch. [Hobby Lobby sells it in the ribbon section for \$2 and will do several balls. Fiber Arts store in Lake City has lots as well, and a beautiful display of finished balls.
- Embellishments like small beads, sequins, jewelry findings, etc.
- Pins, pearl-headed or regular
- Straight pins
- Scissors, both fabric and small, sharp thread-cutters
- Durafoam ball – these are hard, solid styrofoam balls, not the regular “crumbly” type. [JoAnn’s and Hobby Lobby both sell a brand called “SmoothFoam.” I will have one pre-cut ball for everyone]

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