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A "Montessori Ball", or "Puzzle Ball" or "Amish Ball", is a wonderful learning toy for babies, toddlers and even older children. Fabric segments are sewn with openings that allow for babies to easily grab it and pass it hand-to-hand. The ball facilitates

hand-eye coordination with rolling, grasping, catching and throwing. The Montessori believed that children who are at liberty to choose and act freely would act spontaneously for optimal development. However, this simple developmental toy in the hands of a creative artisan, can become a work-of-art.

Aileen Chong will show us step-by-step show us how to create our own Montessori ball. An experienced crafter, Aileen started sewing from the 7th grade and hasn't stopped learning. Her talents include sewing, embroidery with floss and silk ribbon, sashiko, shibori, fabric beads, zentangle, blackwork, quilting, kumihimo, beading, tatting, quilling and so much more. Aileen has been married for over 50 years to her high school sweetheart. They have three children and five grandchildren.

On March 3rd (Japan's Girls Day), Aileen has selected to demonstrate how to make a Montessori ball. A handmade fabric toy, when made, can become an art piece or a fun toy. Choice of fabrics can include a high contrast in colors and patterns as well as tactile stimulation (flannel, satin or textured).

The pattern, with instructions, will make a 6" Montessori ball. Both will be provided upon registration. Deadline to register is March 2nd, but do it early to receive the pattern. Contact Lei Batty at hsfagzooms@hsfag.com. Hope to see you there.

MARCH 3RD - 7PM

VIA ZOOM - GUESTS ARE WELCOME

MEET AILEEN CHONG

"LET'S MAKE A MONTESSORI BALL"



To enter ZOOM meeting, contact Lei Batty at hsfagzooms@hsfag.com by March 2nd.