Brian Haggard - Creating Your Own Memories Quilt

For success with creating your own memories quilt [Brian Haggard | Members Area] offers these helpful tips:

- Select nonbusy fabrics so that your embellishments become the focus.
- The color palette you choose can create a mood. Keep in mind that all of the elements of the piece (fabric, ribbons, thread, buttons, beads, etc.) should be in keeping with the overall mood for a cohesive look.
- Make a story card. Use a 3" x 5" card with scraps from each fabric used in the quilt. Carry this card along when you shop for matching buttons, beads, etc.
- Don't be afraid to cut through an image (photo printed on fabric). Sometimes it makes the photo more visually appealing. (See photo on the cover of the book at right).
- Use found objects from around the house (spools, buttons, jar lids, cookie cutters, etc.) as the basis for your embroidery patterns. Using the shapes of everyday objects will also result in a more primitive feel.
- Ignore the boundaries of the fabric pieces by crossing the seam lines when adding your embroidery stitches will allow you to be more creative and give you more options.

For more ideas, tips, and stunning projects be sure to get your own copy of Crazy-Quilted Memories.