

Blair Stocker
Wise Craft Handmade
Workshop and Lecture offerings
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As a former textile and apparel designer, I have a keen understanding of color, the relationships between them, and how to apply them to our quilts. Colors, as well as meaningful fabrics inspire my quilt design. I also enjoy playing with the traditional idea of the “scrappy quilt” in a more modern way.

I have authored two books, *Wise Craft: Turning Thrift Store Finds, Fabric Scraps, and Natural Objects into Stuff You Love*, and most recently, *Wise Craft Quilts: A Guide To Turning Beloved Fabric Into Meaningful Patchwork*. I also am inventor of the Ruby Ruler®, a color value design tool and cutting ruler.

I would love to work with your guild or quilt shop. Here are the lectures and workshops I currently offer. Any questions please feel free to contact me at blair@wisecrafthandmade.com

Lectures

Fee- \$500

- 45-90 minutes long, according to request. Include slides, quilts, discussion, and q&a.
- No cap on in-person audience, current cap on virtual Zoom audience is 100.
- Lectures are offered in person or virtually (the fee is the same).
- Virtual lectures are held over Zoom



Find the Value in your Scraps

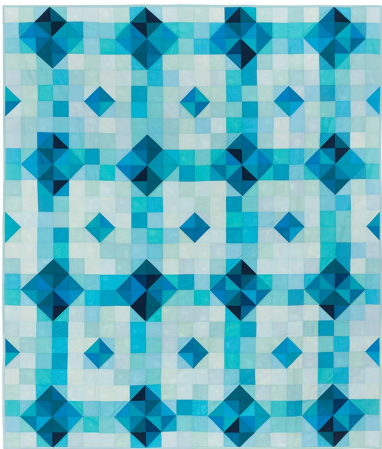
Understanding and using the color value differences between your fabrics in an intentional way can be a powerful design tool. It can create unique “sparkle” to your work. In this lecture, I’ll take you through a practical exploration of color value relationships between fabrics in your stash, how to understand it, and more importantly how to use it in your quilts. You will leave with brand new inspiration for your existing stash!

The World of Aurifil Thread



As a certified Aurifilosopher for Aurifil thread from Italy, let me show you how the right, great quality thread can make a big difference in your quilts. I will cover the basics of this beautiful thread, including information on weight and ply, spool positioning, needle recommendations, and tension settings. I'll share inspiring projects made with different types and weights of Aurifil thread, and offer helpful tips on choosing which thread for which use.

And bonus- each program attendee leaves with a bag of exclusive Aurifil swag!



Color Confidence in Quilting

Establishing a color palette for a quilt can be a daunting process. This lecture will help you to train your design eye to respond to your favorite colors and color combinations. Instead of relying on the "rules" of the color wheel, I will show you how to be more intuitive about color pairings. Learn about color relationships and create quilts with meaningful color palettes.



Meaningful and Unconventional Fabrics in Quilts

Have a special collection of textiles waiting for the right quilt inspiration? Maybe you have questions about whether a fabric is suitable to use in a quilt? Quilt with fabrics that have strong meaning are some of the most treasured quilts. Get inspiration and practical tips on how to use these fabrics in your work. I'll provide examples and guidance to give you confidence to use these types of fabrics. Give your quilts a story to tell with what you'll learn in this inspiring lecture.

Workshops

- **3 hour/half day workshop- \$350** (virtual or in person)
20 students max for in person workshop, 50 students max for virtual.
- **6 hour/Full day- \$700** (virtual or in person)
20 students max for in person workshop, 50 students max for virtual.
- Workshops are offered in person or virtually (the fee is the same).
- Virtual workshops are live on Zoom and cannot be recorded without prior consent.



Find The Value in Your Stash 3 or 6 hour class options

Let me open your eyes to new ways to play with fabric and color in your quilt designs! We will let experimentation and chance be our guide as I show you the magic of color value and how to use it. We will design our own scrappy quilt using our new color value knowledge. Easy for confident beginners, eye-opening for seasoned quilters.

*Note- This workshop requires the purchase of one Ruby Ruler® per student.



Light Fabrics Can Have Dark Color Values 3 hour

The lighter fabrics you love can be separated into dark and light color group categories. And they can be used to create some amazing quilt designs! There are ways to train your design eye to understand color value and trust your instinct on this beautifully pale fabrics.

*Note- This workshop requires the purchase of one Ruby Ruler® per student.



The Best T-shirt Quilt Ever 6 hour

Our favorite t-shirts (or the collection of a loved one) usually have lots of really special memories tied to them. Loved to death and ready to retire, I will guide you through turning your tees into the coziest quilt you've ever snuggled under. We will cover design ideas, how to treat stretchy and unconventional fabrics, and discuss design strategies to showcase the best part from each tee. Suitable for intermediate quilters.

The Starflake Quilt

6 hour



Let's divide your stash into 3 values and learn the design elements of complex color value relationships as we make the Starflake Quilt. Built using only green fabric scraps until I got tired of them and switched to pink, it is my most popular pattern and was exhibited at QuiltCon. We will cover concepts like using the same fabric for different values, how to set design parameters that inspire you, and making consistent design decisions in a complex design like this. Suitable for intermediate quilters.

Note: This workshop requires the purchase of the Starflake quilt pattern per student.

Boro-inspired Quilt

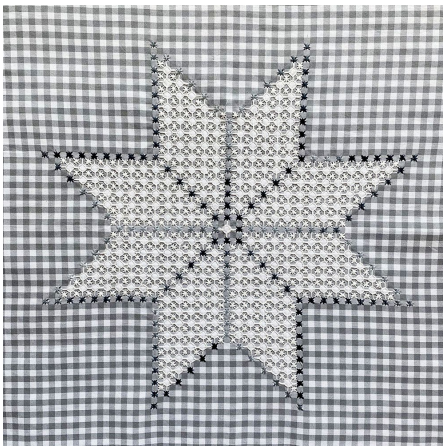
6 hour



Boro cloth from Japan is old cloth that is patched, mended, and pieced together with fabric patches and hand stitching to make it usable again. A popular project from my book *Wise Craft Quilts*, you will create your own Boro-inspired quilt with my direction, using your favorite fabrics and threads. Design prompts will get us thinking about patchwork composition, color palette, and placement of your patches. Suitable for students who are confident beginners and enjoy handstitching.

Modern Chicken Scratch Embroidery

3 hour



My newest workshop is all about the vintage craft of Chicken Scratch, or snowflake embroidery. Hand-stitched on gingham, this endlessly customizable stitching method creates a lacy optical illusion on your base cloth. Its magic! We will learn the basics of Chicken Scratch stitching and weaving as we make a 20" square star motif panel. It can be finished into a pillow or used as a quilt square when completed. Easy to learn for all skill levels, but experience with hand embroidery is a bonus.

Note- Kits are available for this class but not required. Email for details.