

Blair Stocker
Wise Craft Handmade
Workshop and Lecture offerings
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As a former textile and apparel designer, Blair has a keen understanding of colors, the relationships between them, and how to apply them to quilting. This, as well as meaningful fabrics, inspire her quilt designs. She enjoys playing with the traditional idea of the “scrappy quilt” in a modern way.

Blair has 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*. She is also the inventor of the Ruby Ruler®, a color value design tool and cutting ruler.

Blair would love to work with your guild or quilt shop. Here are the lectures and workshops she currently offers. Any questions please feel free to email Blair at blair@wisecrafthandmade.com

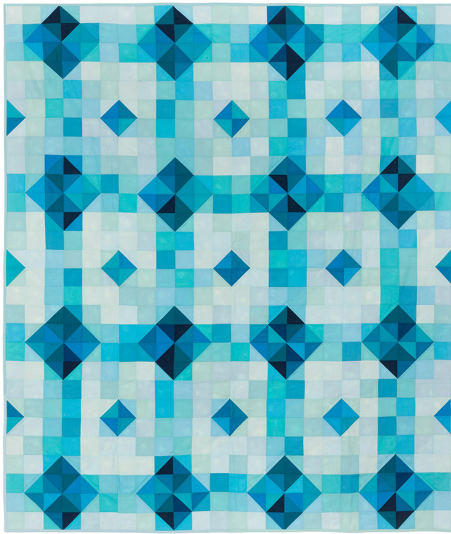
Current Lectures

- 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 Stash

Enhance your quilt designs by discovering the power of intentional color value interplay between fabrics. In this lecture, Blair will guide you through an exploration of color value relationships within your fabric stash. Learn how to identify these relationships and, most importantly, how to leverage them to infuse your quilts with a unique “sparkle”. Leave this lecture with a newfound appreciation for your fabric collection and a wealth of fresh design inspiration!



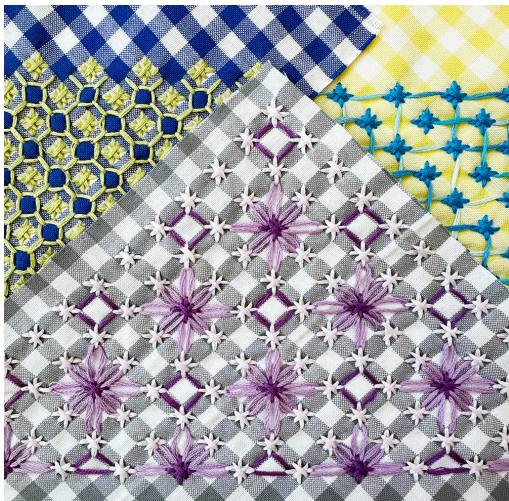
Color Confidence in Quilting

Develop your intuition for color selection in quilting, and learn to move beyond the traditional “rules” of the color wheel. Create meaningful color palettes that resonate with your personal style. Blair will guide you through understanding color relationships and teach you how to train your eye to identify and utilize color combinations that elevate your quilt designs.



Meaningful and Unconventional Fabrics in Quilts

Do you have a special collection of textiles awaiting the perfect quilt inspiration? Are you unsure if a particular fabric is right to use in a quilt? Quilts made with fabrics that hold deep personal meaning are often the most cherished. Find inspiration and practical tips for using meaningful fabrics in your own quilts. Blair will share examples and guidance to give you the confidence to incorporate these fabrics into your work. Discover how to give your quilts a story to tell in this inspiring lecture.



A Modern Look at Chicken Scratch Embroidery

This lecture explores the creative possibilities of this vintage gingham embroidery technique. Through inspiring examples, Blair shares how simple stitches and weavings can create rich, lace-like texture, pattern, light, and shadow on a surface of gingham check. Learn how fresh choices in gingham, thread color, motif, and composition can bring new energy to this meditative, traditional handwork practice.

Current Workshops

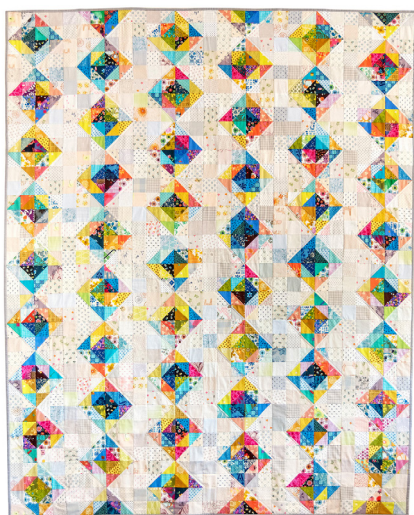
- All are offered as either in-person or virtual
- 20 students max for in-person workshop.
- 30 students max for virtual workshop.



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

Embrace the unexpected beauty of fabric and color in your quilt designs! Blair will guide you through using the magic of color value and its transformative impact on your quilts. You'll discover new ways to play with color and design your own unique scrappy quilt. This workshop is perfect for confident beginners and seasoned quilters alike – prepare to be inspired!

*Note- This workshop requires the purchase of one Ruby Ruler® per student, and workshop participants get a special discount code.



The Arda Quilt- a Low Volume Scrappy Quilt. 6 hour class

Pale or "low volume" fabrics offer a stunning range of possibilities in quilts, especially when thoughtfully separated into color value groups. While it may initially seem challenging to discern the subtle variations in light fabrics, training your eye to recognize these nuances opens up a world of creative potential.

*Note- This workshop requires the purchase of one Ruby Ruler® and one Arda quilt pattern per student. Workshop participants get a special discount code.



Starflake Quilt 6 hour class

Create the Starflake Quilt in this workshop and explore complex color value relationships between fabrics pulled from your stash and divided into 3 values. Previously exhibited at QuiltCon, making the Starflake quilt will stretch your design skills as you learn to use the same fabric for different values, set inspiring design parameters, and make consistent design decisions. Intermediate quilters welcome.

*Note: This workshop requires the purchase of one Ruby Ruler® and one printed Starflake pattern per student. Workshop participants get a special discount code.



Boro-inspired Quilt 6 hour class

In Blair's book *Wise Craft Quilts*, she shares a popular project inspired by Japanese Boro cloth, which is pieced together from patched and mended fabric. This workshop, suitable for confident beginners who enjoy hand stitching, will guide you in creating your own Boro-inspired quilt using your favorite fabrics, trims, and threads. Design prompts will encourage exploration of patchwork composition, color palette, and patch placement.



Modern Chicken Scratch Embroidery 3 or 6 hour class options

Learn the calming vintage stitching technique called Chicken Scratch embroidery. Blair will guide students through the basic supplies that will ensure success as you create a stunning square star motif panel. This handstitched technique on gingham produces a lacy optical illusion—it's pure magic! The finished panel can be transformed into a pillow or used in a larger project. This workshop is open to all skill levels, though prior hand embroidery experience is helpful.

*Note: This workshop requires the purchase of one Chicken Scratch Embroidered star pattern. Workshop participants get a special discount code.