

Blair Stocker
Wise Craft Handmade
Current Workshops and Lectures
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A former textile and apparel designer, Blair Stocker has been a prolific creative her whole life. With keen understanding of color, color value, and design, she creates quilts, quilt patterns, and design tools for the modern quilter. She has published two books, Wise Craft: Turning Thrift Store Finds, Fabric Scraps, and Natural Objects into Stuff You Love, and her newest, Wise Craft Quilts: A Guide To Turning Beloved Fabric Into Meaningful Patchwork. She can be found online at wisecrafthandmade.com.

Blair is inspired by vintage, forgotten, and collected textiles, and promotes her philosophy of “use what you have”, “show your hand in the work”, and “there are no mistakes”. She uses these approaches to teach a variety of quilt- related workshops. These sessions explore color and design with traditional sewing techniques, as well as how to apply them in modern quilt making, always incorporating concepts such as creative reuse and finding meaning in patchwork.

Lectures- Lectures are offered as both a virtual/Zoom lecture as well as in person lectures. All lectures are 45-90 minutes long according to request. At all of my lectures I bring signed copies of my books, Ruby Rulers, and select patterns and other product available for purchase.

In person- No cap on attendees.

Virtual-100 attendees max at current rate, but tiered pricing is available.



Lecture- My Journey as a Quilt Maker and Love of Upcycling

45-90 minutes

An eye opening lecture where Blair discusses her journey of discovering her love of upcycling all kinds of fabrics into the quilts she makes. Includes a trunk show of her quilts, many from her book *Wise Craft Quilts*, as well as her favorite tricks and tips on shopping, preparing, and using special textiles and upcycled materials in your quilts.



Lecture- Find the Value in your Scraps

45-90 minutes

Using scrap fabrics and making do is the very essence of quilting. Blair takes you through a practical exploration of color value in the old and new fabrics you already have in your stash. Not sure what color value is? Blair will demystify what it means and how to use it in your quilt designs. Blair will show you ways you've never even thought of to use your scraps and play with design in your quilts. A trunk show of colorful quilts that will inspire you to look at new ways to use your fabric stash.

Workshops- Workshops are offered either as a virtual/Zoom lecture or in person lectures at least until July 2021.

In person- 25 students max unless noted otherwise

Virtual- 50 students max at current rate, tiered pricing is available for more students.



3 or 6 hour workshop- Find the Value in Your Scraps

This workshop will open your eyes to new ways to play with fabric and color value in your quilt designs. Color value is very confusing to many (because it's really not about color at all!), but Blair has invented a tool called the Ruby Ruler™ that will quite literally open your eyes! Blair will lead the class through a fun exercise using fabrics the student's bring from their stash. This workshop focused on design concepts, the construction is basic units. The project is a large floor

pillow/mini-quilt size that can be made larger after class if the student desires. This is a half day (3 hour) workshop, but can also be adapted to a full day (6 hour) workshop.

Skill Level: Comfortable with the sewing machine they will be using for class, have made a quilt before, have an understanding of basic construction techniques.

Required purchase for class: Each student will need a Ruby Ruler™ for class (\$16 retail). This is not included in the class fee and Blair will have a listing and special discount code for students enrolled in workshop (must be enrolled to use this code).



3 hour Workshop- “Handstitched” English Paper Piecing

Discover the absolute joy and relaxation of the current trend of “slow stitching”.

The basis for this workshop is a project simply called “Handstitched”, from Blair’s book, *Wise Craft Quilts: A Guide To Turning Beloved Fabric Into Meaningful Patchwork*. Using the method of traditional English Paper Piecing (EPP), and a collection of your favorite small bits of scrappy fabrics, Blair will guide the class through how to do this process from the beginning (no sewing machine required!). She will share tricks she has learned, how to create a portable carry-along kit

for EPP stitching on the go. The unique finished piece be enjoyed either as a mounted wall hanging, or appliqued onto a base fabric to create a pillow. A truly relaxing, inspiring workshop.

Skill Level: Must have some familiarity with the concept of hand sewing, but other than that beginners or seasoned quilters are welcome.

Required for class: Each student will need a set of the “Handstitched” English Paper Piecing kit, (\$10 retail). This is not included in the class fee and Blair will have a listing and special discount code for students enrolled in workshop (must be enrolled to use this code).
