

Denyse Schmidt Workshops 1/2022

Hand-Stitched Improvisational Patchwork Primer

Join Denyse for an inspiring day of meditative and companionable hand-stitching! She'll share everything you need to know about improv patchwork – a practice that keeps you creatively engaged and in-the-moment. (Skip the tedious and repetitive cutting and planning required when working with traditional patchwork patterns!) Learn to work intuitively, piece by piece, and create a totally unique patchwork block, while honing your hand-sewing skills. This is a fun and liberating workshop for beginners as well as experienced stitchers.

Materials & Tools

If you have your own thimble, bring it! If you don't, some will be on hand to borrow. Each participant will be supplied with all the fabric you need for the day (plus some to take home), along with a hand-sewing needle and thread to keep.

About Denyse Schmidt

A former graphic designer and graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, Denyse Schmidt has been sewing since she was a young girl. As a professional seamstress, she worked on everything from tutus and bishop's mitres to fine clothing. Today, she brings these eclectic influences together in patchwork quilts characterized by simple graphics, rich color and quality workmanship. Firmly rooted in the techniques of American quilting, Denyse Schmidt reinterprets tradition to make modern functional quilts that are fresh, lively and offbeat. Denyse's signature modern quilts are pieced to order in her studio and hand-quilted by Amish women in the mid-west. Denyse Schmidt Works is collection of machine-quilted quilts and upholstery fabrics with an industrial-chic aesthetic, developed in 2003 for the design trade and retail markets. Denyse's licensed quilt designs were featured in shops and catalogs such as Pottery Barn, Sundance, and Garnet Hill from 2004 to 2008. Since 2006, Denyse has supplied a growing audience of design-savvy quilt enthusiasts with easy-to-use patterns, colorful, vintage-inspired fabrics, and books including *Denyse Schmidt Quilts*, *30 Colorful Quilt and Patchwork Projects* (Chronicle Books), *Modern Quilts*, *Traditional Inspiration* (Abrams). Considered a leading inspiration of the modern quilt movement, Denyse teaches and lectures about her work around the world.

Denyse Schmidt's studio is located in a historic factory building in Bridgeport CT.

