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Allie McCathren is an artist with a background in marine biology. She lives in Houston, TX with her husband and three sons. Her love of science and nature tends to find its way into her work, whether she intends it or not.

Allie works primarily with fabric and thread, but is also a painter, working with acrylics and watercolors. She uses fabric as if it were paint, working with color arrangement and texture to create her art quilts. Allie is a modern quilter who uses a lot of improv techniques in her work. She teaches online classes on various techniques, including her Seaglass Quilting method.

Lecture: approx 45 minutes - 1 hour
Fabric “Painting” with Scraps
\$275

Allie is a quilter who loves working with scraps of fabrics that may not typically be thought to work together. As someone that saves every scrap, she has learned how to look at fabric as color, as a painter looks at paint.

It can be difficult to figure out how to use scraps efficiently, especially if they don’t seem to “work” together. In this lecture, Allie guides you through her process of organization and usage of scraps so that you may learn to look at fabric in a new way.



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Workshop: 5 hours + 1hr break for lunch

Seaglass Quilting

\$500



In this workshop, Allie will teach you how to make a seaglass art quilt. These small quilts are meant for display, but the same process can be used to make a larger quilt that is used.

Seaglass Quilts are a kind of improv quilt that uses scraps to make something new and beautifully unexpected. A combination of raw edge appliqué, free motion quilting, and a method of laying out the pieces in a specific way creates dynamic movement in a soothing piece.

Allie will teach her method of preparing and cutting the fabric, talk about different design layouts, and help guide participants through the making of their quilts, including free motion quilting basics.

There is no one pattern for this technique. Participants will need to bring supplies.

Required Equipment: One sewing machine for each participant, 2-3 irons and ironing surfaces, one table for every 2-3 participants, depending on table size. Extra table surfaces if possible for participants to use in laying out their designs.

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Workshop: 3 hours

Foundation Paper Piecing: Deco Tiles Quilt Mini

\$300

In this workshop, Allie will teach the basics of Foundation Paper Piecing as participants make her Deco Tiles Quilt Mini pattern. The pattern is designed so that it can finish at one block or several, so participants may choose to make 1-3 blocks (or more) and end the day with a finished quilt.

Allie will teach how to make the smaller piecing areas in the pattern, as well as teach how to use directional prints effectively in this pattern, and in Foundation Paper Piecing in general.

Participants will need to purchase the Deco Tiles Quilt pattern PDF (\$12) and have printed out the template on foundation paper. She will bring extras as a backup. Participants will need to bring supplies.

Required Equipment: One sewing machine for each participant, 2-3 irons and ironing surfaces, one table for every 2-3 participants, depending on table size. Cutting mats and rotary cutters for people to use and share.

