

## **Hand-Piecing A Naturally Dyed Quilt**

2 days, 10 Hours, \$1600 for up to 8 people

Join Aaron Sanders Head Head for an exploration of naturally dyed, hand-pieced quilts.

On day 1, participants will explore natural dyes. We'll explore indigo and shibori to create beautiful, unique patterns on fabric, and beautiful varying shades of solid blue. The fabric created on day 1 will be combined with fabric scraps provided by Aaron and by students to create their quilts on day 2.

On day 2, participants will learn the basics of hand-piecing techniques, with a focus on the traditional technique of foundation string piecing. String piecing uses scraps of precious fabric, sewn on a foundation square, to create interesting, polished blocks. After learning the basics of string piecing, Aaron will demonstrate a few additional piecing and cutting variations to create a multitude of orientations, blocks and quilt designs.

Aaron will provide a yard of fabric per participant, along with backing fabric for each participant, and a bin of both naturally dyed and vintage scraps for use. Participants are welcome to use these, but you will likely want to bring several swaths of additional fabric that fits your personal aesthetic and that might be important to you. This can be cotton, linen, vintage fabrics, cut-up clothing—whatever you want to work with that you feel comfortable sewing. Scraps are wonderful for string piecing, so feel free to bring any scraps that are at least 5 inches long by 2 inches wide.

Depending on your sewing ability and goals, participants could either leave with a small finished wall-hanging, or a hefty beginning of a larger project.

### Provided by Aaron

- foundation fabric for blocks
- scraps for experimentation/learning
- hand-sewing tools for those hand-sewing their blocks
- iron, ironing surface
- clips/pins for sewing
- cutting mat and rotary cutter

### Provided by participants

- additional fabric that fits their personal goals or aesthetic of their finished piece
- any scraps from former projects that are at least 5 inches long by 2 inches wide.
- If you have quilting notions, like a rotary cutter, cutting mat, etc., you can bring those as well, but Aaron will also provide several.

