



ANNIE SMITH
LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS

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LECTURES

Annie brings a fresh, engaging perspective to quilting, offering lectures that inspire both seasoned stitchers and beginners alike. With a mix of humor, expertise, and passion, she explores everything from color theory and quilt judging to stash-busting and tech-savvy techniques. Whether you're looking to refine your skills, uncover hidden stories in fabric, or simply enjoy a lively discussion, Annie's lectures blend practical knowledge with creative inspiration—guaranteed to leave you excited for your next quilting adventure!

HELP! MY FABRIC STASH IS GROWING AND I CAN'T MAKE IT STOP!

Admit it—you're not alone in your fabric obsession! This lighthearted lecture tackles stash overload with humor and smart solutions. Get inspired to organize, downsize (maybe?), and love your collection even more. Leave laughing—and ready to conquer your stash!

HOW TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING THE WAY WE QUILT

From digital design tools to global online classes, technology is revolutionizing quilting. Discover how modern machines, software, and virtual communities can expand your creativity—without losing the heart of hand-made artistry.

UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF COLOR

Annie takes the audience through a journey of color and fabric, discussing what the key to your fabric choices really is. No matter what your skill level, learn how fabric choices can elevate your quilts through choosing fabric with a new eye on color. Learn to master color design principles and how to avoid common pitfalls.

IF OUR QUILTS COULD TALK WHAT WOULD THEY SAY ABOUT US?

Uncover the stories stitched into every quilt! This lecture explores how fabric, memory, and storytelling intertwine, turning quilts into personal legacies. Learn from quilters who document their creative journeys and discover how to preserve your own narrative through journaling and thoughtful design. Perfect for quilters of all levels, this session will inspire you to create quilts that speak volumes.

QUILTED COATS – THEN AND NOW

Quilted coats have gone from cozy to couture! Explore their bold evolution, from '90s nostalgia to today's high-fashion statements. This lecture includes a dazzling trunk show of quilted jackets, celebrating their artistry and innovation.

BEHIND THE QUILT POLICE: THE ART OF QUILT SHOW JUDGING

Ever wondered what judges *really* look for? Annie, a seasoned quilt judge, reveals the secrets behind competition critiques. Learn how to interpret feedback, refine your skills, and create show-stopping quilts—all while keeping the process fun and rewarding.

Note: All lectures are 60 minutes and include a trunk show of quilts and garments.

COLOR SENSE

Annie Smith's most popular workshop for guilds and quilt shops!

Do you struggle with color? The secret is in the fabric! This two-day workshop unlocks how to choose and combine fabrics for eye-catching quilts.

Day 1: Color Sense (No-Sew)

Learn design principles through demos, quilt examples, and hands-on fabric play. Build a personalized resource binder for future projects.

Day 2: Stitch the 1:10 "Magic Block" Quilt

Watch a single block transform with just ten fabrics! Master precision piecing and see how placement changes everything—every block shines uniquely.

This curriculum is designed to be adaptable, with the two-day workshop presented as the ideal experience for deep, transformative learning. In this format, Day 1 is fundamental theory and Day 2 applies the theory to make an eye-catching quilt.

To suit the needs of your guild or group, the event can be customized for shorter or longer sessions:

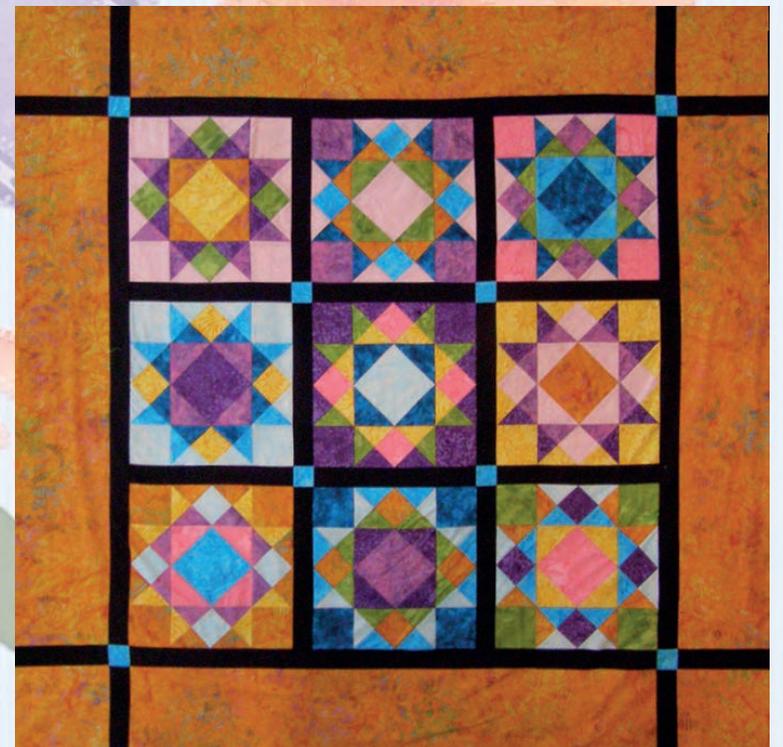
One-Day Intensive: A condensed version that covers the core fundamentals. Pick Day 1 OR Day 2.

Multi-Day Retreat: An expanded experience padded with additional projects, advanced techniques, and collaborative activities for a more immersive and social event.

All materials and agendas are carefully tailored to the chosen format. Please let us know your preferences, and we will work with you to create the perfect learning experience.

Guilds can add Day 2 for just \$200!

Pattern fee: \$17



AURIFIL THREAD MATTERS

Stitch with Confidence: Mastering Aurifil Thread

Join award-winning quilter Annie Smith and discover why Aurifil thread is a quilter's favorite! This hands-on workshop blends technique and inspiration to elevate your stitching.

You'll learn:

- The history of Aurifil thread and how different weights perform
- Hands-on stitching—test every weight with straight and decorative stitches
- Expert tips on needles, notions, and perfect tension

Plus:

- A captivating trunk show featuring Annie's quilts—crafted with Aurifil threads
- A **take-home resource kit (\$65)** with swag and materials for your reference binder. A binder and sheet protectors to organize your resource kit is \$20.

Bring your sewing machine and your basic sewing kit and leave with confidence!



MACHINE APPLIQUE



Absolutely Essential Machine Appliqué

Build confidence with foundational stitching techniques in a day!

Transform intimidating appliqué into achievable artistry. This focused workshop eliminates the pressure of a finished project, letting you master:

- Professional fabric presentation
- Polished stitching
- Easy learning curve

The \$28 student kit includes everything needed:

- Practice fabrics and notions
- *The Ultimate Appliqué Reference Tool* is the class textbook and is included in the class kit.

Ideal workshop for beginners and skill-refiners alike!

Modern Machine Appliqué:

Bold Designs Made Simple

Reimagine appliqué with fresh, graphic style! Annie Smith teaches you to:

- Master large-scale motifs with precision
- Layer fabrics like a pro using fusible techniques
- Create striking florals and nature elements

Why you'll love it:

- Contemporary designs with clean lines
- Techniques that guarantee polished, professional results
- Pre-workshop cutting to maximize sewing time

Kit Fee: \$38 includes pattern + fusible web + *The Ultimate Appliqué Reference Tool* book + notions. Pre-workshop instructions are given to the student with a list of supplies not provided in the kit.

No experience needed – just bring your modern vision!



MACHINE APPLIQUE *Continued*

Baltimore Machine Applique

Master Classic Elegance Without Hand-Turning!

Discover Annie's revolutionary prepared-edge technique that makes Baltimore-style appliqué achievable by machine.

In this workshop you will:

- Create flawless shapes without tedious turning
- Master precision decorative stitching
- Customize timeless motifs with the Carnation or Poppy Wreath block

Kit Options:

- Essentials Kit: \$25 notions only – students provide their own fabric from a supply list
- Premium Kit: \$48 includes luxurious Cherrywood hand-dyed fabrics

Choose your palette: Work with Golden Poppy vibrancy or remembrance red tones



A I S F O R APPLIQUE

A is for Appliqué

Stitch Your Initial in Bloom

Create an heirloom 18" square featuring your chosen initial crafted from floral, bird, and insect designs, encircled by a Baltimore-style Rose Tree block motif.

Your Kit Includes (\$23):

- Pattern with your choice of alphabet letter
- Fusible web, pencil & notions

Fabric Options:

- Bring your own (supply list provided)
- Premium Kit (+\$55): Hand-dyed Cherrywood cotton OR wool

Versatile Finishing:

- Frame as a wall hanging
- Stitch into a decorative pillow
- Machine or hand quilt



I A M HERE

I Am Here – Improvisational quilt mapping

Story Maps in Stitched Memory

Turn meaningful places into textile wall hanging—from your childhood neighborhood to a continent that shaped you. This 2-day workshop guides you in:

- Transforming any map scale into semi-abstract appliqué
- Using raw-edge techniques using a machine or confident hand-stitching
- Layering embellishments to weave personal stories

Create: A deeply personal wall hanging

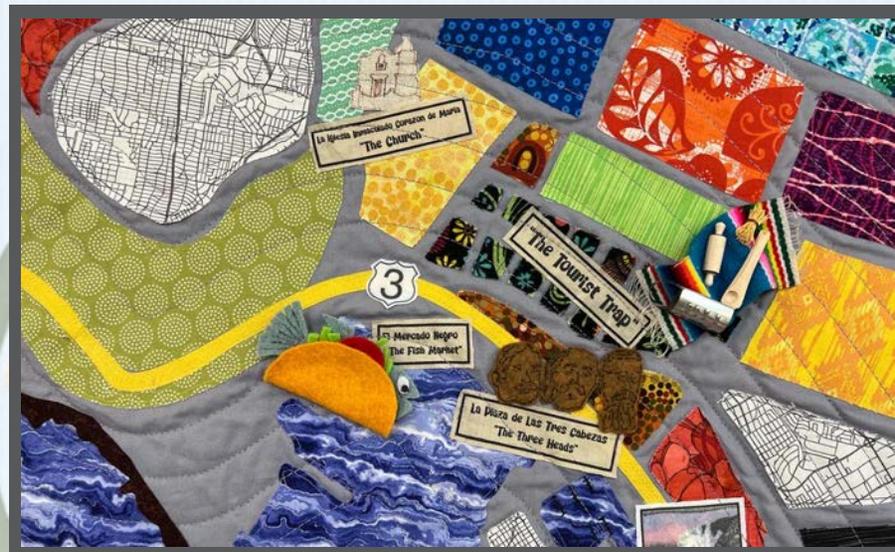
Ideal for:

- Memory keepers & art quilters
- Both machine and hand-stitchers
- First-time mapmakers with a detail level that is up to you!

Why 2 Days? Ample time to develop composition, add emotional details, and leave with an heirloom.

Prior to class, students will receive instruction to enlarge their maps using a large format copier like those found in office supply stores.

Project kit: Includes drafting supplies, fusible web, and other tools: \$35



FEE SCHEDULE FOR QUILT GUILDS

IN-PERSON **AND** REMOTE VIDEO LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

One-hour lecture: \$550 when booked *without* a workshop
\$475 when booked *with* a workshop

Full-day, six-hour workshop: \$650

Two-day, two six-hour sessions: \$850

Half-day, three-hour workshop: \$450

- All lectures are 60 minutes and include a slide show presentation, a quilt trunk show, and conversation with attendees.
- Remote lectures support up to 100 online attendees.
- Hosted interactive online services for remote events are provided by Annie at no additional charge. Attendees must provide their own devices and internet access.
- For in-person events, travel, meals, and accommodations are an additional charge.
- Workshop fees are based on 18 attendees with an additional \$25 for each additional student up to a maximum of 22 students.
- Depending on the workshop, a kit fee may also apply.
- For your selected workshop, Annie provides the appropriate advertising collateral in your guild and online.
- Annie provides her contact information to registered attendees for consultation prior to the workshop.
- All invitation contracts must be completed within two weeks of the invitation or the date will not be held.



Did You Know?

Annie Smith is also a quilt judge. She has judged quilt competitions since 1984 and continues judging several shows annually. For more information, contact her directly by phone or email.

Also, please consider Annie as a guest artist for your organization's quilt show or retreat!