

SASHIKO: JAPANESE QUILTING WORKSHOP

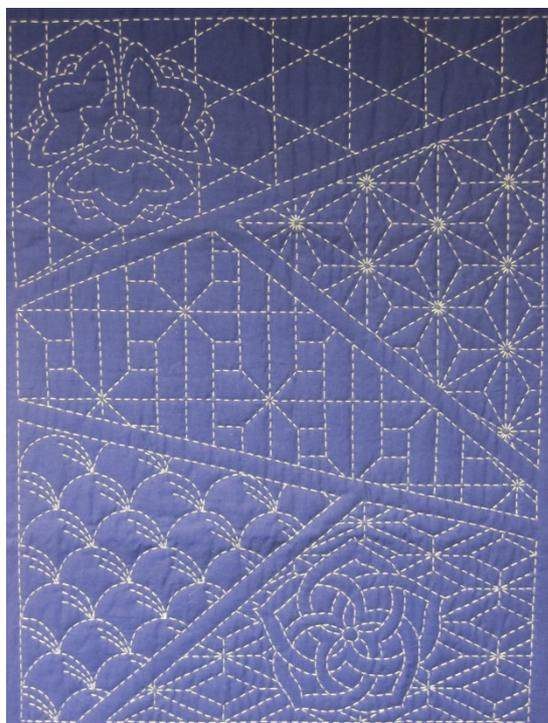
With Janice Gunner

Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November 2019

10.30 - 4.30

£200

Level: Suitable for all



THE COURSE

Sashiko, meaning “little stabs”, is a traditional Japanese form of stitching that was used originally on peasant clothing to strengthen weak cloth and to add warmth. The traditional colour of the fabric used for *Sashiko* is Indigo blue with white or off-white stitching [this stitching turns pale blue on washing because of the loose indigo dye in the cloth], but it can be worked on many different colours, including hand-dyed fabrics and with coloured threads. On the course you will work on a choice of two traditionally inspired panels or learn to design your own more contemporary projects

TUTOR

Janice Gunner is an internationally renowned textile artist, quilter, teacher and author, leading trips to Japan for a well-known specialist and has written a best-selling book on *Shibori* (Japanese Tie Dye). With over 30 years of teaching experience in textiles, Janice has recently returned to studying for an MA Textiles at UCA Farnham. She is a former President and Honorary Member of The Quilters’ Guild of the British Isles and has been awarded many prizes for her work, both as an artist and teacher. In 2018 she was awarded a coveted Medal for Excellence by City & Guilds in recognition of her work as a lecturer in Patchwork & Quilting.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE

- Your tutor has designed two small projects, each one sampling different *Sashiko* patterns. One design is simple, the other slightly more advanced; you may choose either one to begin work on during the class and may purchase the alternative pattern for further experimentation with the technique if you wish. Both patterns will be provided for you to choose from. In addition, please bring the following with you:
- 1 pack of **Prym or Burda Dressmaker's Carbon tracing paper** (sheets by other brands are too small)
- A knitting needle for marking the design (approximately 4mm or old size 8) or a Hera Japanese marking tool
- Hand-sewing kit to include pins, fabric scissors, tacking thread, thimble etc.
- Notepad, pencil, rule, paper scissors and masking tape
- **NB:** *Sashiko* is not usually stitched in a hoop, but you may bring one if you prefer.

Additional charges: Your tutor will supply a kit which includes authentic Japanese fabric, *Sashiko* thread, a specialist needle, Japanese marking pen and a pattern, at a cost of £20.00 which is payable directly to the tutor by cheque or cash at the end of the course. Additional patterns, fabrics and threads will also be available to purchase.

Lunch, tea and coffee is included for all students, please advise regarding dietary requirements when booking or on the booking form.

