



ADULT WINTER 2023 WORKSHOP CATALOG

Online Registration opens Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 AM at www.wesleyanpotters.com

SASHIKO with Rachel Barclay

Materials Notes & Fees:

The \$25 First-Timer Basic Class Kit should be purchased if you have never taken any of our Sashiko classes with Rachel before. The kit includes: one pair of Olympus Sashiko needles, one skein of thread, needle threader, mini-ruler, fabric pen, grid & templates, and a pattern guide. (If you are signing up for more than one of the Sashiko classes, you will only need one First-Timer Basic Class Kit.)

Communal Materials and Tools: colorful Sashiko threads, rulers, fabric markers and pencils, thimbles, thread conditioner, and scissors. Returning Sashiko students, please bring your needles, ruler, threader, grid, and circle templates.

F101: Sashiko Basics

Saturday, February 4 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$72*

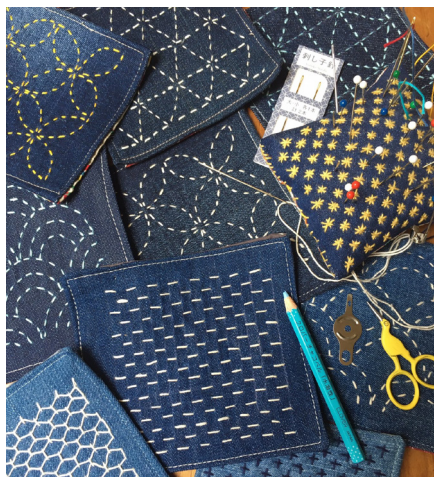
Materials Fee: \$15

(Optional) First-Timer Basic Class Kit: \$25

8 student max.

Wheelchair accessible

***10% Discount on tuition when you sign up for F101 & F102 in the same order!**



Sashiko is a Japanese embroidery practice which uses a simple running stitch to create bold and geometric patterns on textiles. This stitching practice has been used for centuries and continues into our current times to mend, patch, strengthen, quilt, and embellish garments and home goods for longevity and beauty. With focus on exploration of the craft, workshop participants will learn how to handle thread, layout a simple grid, draw patterns, employ a Sashiko needle, and use “small stabs” to stitch designs onto their patch samplers.

Students will choose from six patterns; tiny ten cross, linked steps, flower stitch, squares and diamonds, ocean waves, and seven linked treasures. The beautiful stitched squares can later become a patch, a pocket, a framed textile, a tiny bag, or a coaster.

The \$15 Materials Fee is required for all participants and includes sustainably sourced Sashiko Sampler squares and one skein of Sashiko thread.

F102: Sashiko Decorative Mending

Saturday, February 4 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$72*

Materials Fee: \$15

(Optional) First-Timer Basic Class Kit: \$25

8 student max.

Wheelchair accessible

***10% Discount on tuition when you sign up for F101 & F102 in the same order!**

Decorative Mending celebrates resourcefulness and sustainability by showcasing hand stitching rather than hiding it. This workshop will highlight the act of mending and textile repair with Sashiko Japanese Embroidery. With humble beginnings in rural Japan, Sashiko’s running stitch insulated work garments for warmth and longevity. Moving into contemporary times around the globe, the bold, geometric beauty of Sashiko continues to both strengthen and decorate fabrics.

Students will learn how to patch and repair a rip or hole, reinforce a worn area, and prepare their distressed textile in order to draw a Sashiko grid and pattern of their choice. Participants will employ the “small stabs” Sashiko stitching technique to repair or embellish their project!

Bring in one or two garments to assess for mending or decorating. Ideally, areas to repair will be no larger than four inches. Medium-weight, woven cotton fabrics work best; such as denim jeans, cotton or linen shirts, pants, cotton dresses. If desired, students may simply practice a Sashiko pattern or two on sampler patches provided.

The \$15 Materials Fee is required for all participants and includes sustainably sourced mending patches and one skein of thread.



F103: Hanafukin (Flower Cloth)

Saturday, February 11 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

8 student max.

Wheelchair accessible

Tuition: \$144

Materials Fee: \$15

(Optional) First-Timer Basic Class Kit: \$25

Hanafukin translates as “flower cloth”. It is an embroidered cotton tea towel or kitchen cloth intended to be both beautiful and utilitarian. Stitching lore teaches that hanafukin were stitched by mothers as reference to pass along Sashiko embroidery patterns to their daughters.

With our cotton cloth as a canvas, we will use a simple running stitch to create a Sashiko pattern sampler of bold, geometric patterns and thematic floral stencil motifs. Participants will; use a Sashiko grid and stencils to layout designs, draw with circle templates and rulers to create patterns, employ “small stabs” to stitch geometric Sashiko, and learn strategies for avoiding or hiding knots. All skill levels welcome!

The \$15 Materials Fee is required for all participants and includes 14”x14” Japanese cotton Sarashi fabric, access to all the colorful threads, and supplemental pattern instructions.



ADULT WINTER 2023 WORKSHOP CATALOG

Needle Felting with Linda Schiwall

Materials for the needle felting classes are included, except for those items the participant will need to bring to class themselves which include:

- Felting mat: Overview of types and DIY suggestions at <https://www.acornfelting.com/what-can-you-use-as-a-felting-mat/>
- Soft finger protectors for your left hand: You can buy silicone or leather finger guards online but I like to cut off the complete fingers of used leather gloves. Used kidskin are my favorite, about \$10 a pair on eBay, and I usually order a size down so they are snug.
- Needle nosed pliers

F104: Intro to Needle Felting

Saturday, February 18

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$75 12 student max.

Wheelchair accessible

Dip your toe in the enormously fun and rewarding craft of dry needle felting in this 3-hour introductory workshop. The instructor will guide you through the steps to create a small colorful and creative creature that springs from your own playful imagination. Topics such as how felting works, types of wool as well as felting needles and their purposes, and simple wire armature will be presented.

This introductory workshop is designed to equip you with the basic skills required for the intermediate/advanced "Crazy Critters" workshop offered on the following three consecutive Saturdays. Make sure to sign up for "F105: Crazy Critter Needle Felting" to keep the fun going!

This workshop will take place in our classroom space in our house next door located at 356 South Main Street, Middletown, CT.



F105: Crazy Critter Needle Felting

3 consecutive Saturdays: February 25, March 4, March 11

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bench Time: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$215

12 student max.

Wheelchair accessible

If you have taken the Introduction to Needle Felting workshop at Wesleyan potters, you know just how addictive this craft can be! Broaden your needle felting skills in this intensive workshop on 3 consecutive Saturdays. We will explore ways to jump-start your creativity and learn how to create a substantial, personally expressive Critter that incorporates the use of colored and core wools, sturdy wire armature, animal and human anatomy, and a unique approach to making hands and feet.

This workshop will take place in our classroom space in our house next door located at 356 South Main Street, Middletown, CT.

Weaving & Embroidery with Claudia Mathison

S101: Meditative Potholder Weaving

Saturday, January 28 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$45 Materials Fee: \$15

8 student max.

Wheelchair accessible



What's old is new again! The humble pot holder of our youth has grown up. Explore weaving with contemporary patterns and a sophisticated color palette on an 8" square loom. 100% recycled cotton loops and metal looms will be provided. Weaving is a great way to reduce stress and feelings of overwhelm as you focus on each rhythmic movement.

S102: Embroidered Fabric Books

Saturday, February 11 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$60 Materials Fee: \$15

8 student max.

Wheelchair accessible



Linen fabrics, vintage quilt scraps, antique buttons, beads and more! Stitch, embroider and design unique fabric books to hold memories, sewing necessities or your favorite teas. Students will explore basic embroidery, collage and applique techniques.

COVID-19 Vaccination & Mask Policy

Proof of full Covid-19 vaccination and at least one booster as eligible will be **REQUIRED** for class registration for all sessions going forward. Mask wearing will be optional.

If Middlesex County COVID positivity rates increase into the Red Category, the loosened rules on masking may be modified for the health and safety of our community. Note that everyone has the option to continue to wear his or her mask during the semester. If you feel the need to continue to wear a mask for your own protections, or to protect someone close to you, you should do so. An email providing more information regarding our cleaning procedures will be provided before the start of class.

Please bring proof of vaccination to the office soon after registration and **before your class begins**. It can also be sent electronically to **Wespots2021@att.net**. In the subject heading, write your First name, Last name and your class.