

NUNO BEAD MEDITATION WORKSHOP

2 ½- 3 day with Nancy Ballesteros, Perth, Western Australia



There is something especially wonderful about concentrating on one small intimate object at a time. Slowly recognizing the path you will take to release its beauty, to create something really unique. Each bead has this potential to be seduced out by the slow methodical meditation of creation. Hand stitching felted fabrics cultivates our creative spirit.

In this class we will be digging into our fabric stashes to find exotic and unusual fabrics to nuno felt into a mosaic – I call this ‘extreme felting’ – there is hardly anything we can’t felt! This mosaic will form the basis from which our beads will emerge. Design elements will be discussed to focus your choices. Techniques will be developed to manipulate structural elements of the beads. Spontaneous hand stitching and beading will be applied. The final stringing of each unique bead will be pondered. Cording is an essential element of good design. Several methods of cord making will be explored as well as a discussion of purchased materials. A heightened sensitivity to your materials will be nurtured. No previous felting experience is necessary. Basic hand stitching skills needed.





Nancy Ballesteros (Perth, Western Australia) -

Nancy Ballesteros has passionately worked with fabric all her life. She spent most of her childhood sewing and then was introduced to spinning, felting and dyeing during study breaks at university. These elements quickly took over as her life's passion and she hatched a fibre business called Treetops Colour Harmonies in 1987. Since moving to Australia in 1990, Treetops continued to grow into a successful international web-based company offering felting supplies for discerning felt makers. She has taught felting for many years before taking a break to raise her two children and run Treetops. Nancy was instrumental in developing the technique of Silk 'Paper'. She has written about felting in numerous publications and participated in many workshops and master classes.

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