



## Artist Profile: DAWN HAY

1. *When did you first begin your adventure with needle and thread? What prompted it?* When I was 9 years old I picked up a book my mum had on sewing and I did a sampler of stitches... Also my Aunt was a dress maker and I used to admire her sewing clothes...
2. *What other crafts do you enjoy and is there a reason that patchwork is your favourite?* I do lots of other crafts, scrapbooking, smocking, embroidery, but patchwork is my favourite because I love the colour combinations, the design, the fabric, the cutting and all of the process of patchwork.
3. *What is your most useful crafty tool?* My rotary cutter, what a wonderful invention, so easy and sharp straight edges, love it.
4. *What is your favourite crafting technique and why?* I would say chain piecing. Where you sew continuous with thread in between and you can do it quite quickly. I do many sections and trim and press once I have done all of the pieces.
5. *Where do you get your inspiration from?* Usually my family, my surroundings and nature, also needs!
6. *What comes first the fabric or the design for you?* Always the design... the fabric then has to be considered from what is available at the time.
7. *What do you enjoy doing when you're not crafting?* Reading, cooking and spending time with my family.
8. *Who is your favourite designer?* I have many but today I would say Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree Quilts....Amazing designs and so romantic.. sort of.
9. *Tell us one random thing about you? (something non-craft related)* I love quality Street chocolates.... reminds me of my childhood... the smell, the taste... very English. And I don't like to share them.. he he
10. *What is your best Tip?* Always fill up 2 or 3 bobbins before you start a project... saves time..