



Artist Profile: Fiona Ransley

1. **When did you first begin your adventure with needle and thread? What prompted it?** As a young child I spent many hours with my maternal grandmother who was my mentor in hand crafts. From an early age I was taught to knit and sew and have loved it ever since. We would sit in front of the open fire of an evening after dinner and she would teach me new techniques.
2. **What other crafts do you enjoy and is there a reason that patchwork is your favourite?** Patchwork and stitching are number one for me but I am also a keen knitter. I also enjoy iris and tea bag folding and small children's sewing. I am passionate about fabric so patchwork is a perfect fit with that.
3. **What is your most useful crafty tool?** I would have to say that I adore my light box.
4. **What is your favourite crafting technique and why?** I love chain piecing – It saves so much time and I love the fact that there is not as much thread wasted.
5. **Where do you get your inspiration from?** My home, garden and family mostly.
6. **What comes first the fabric or the design for you?** Usually the fabric. Fabric usually speaks to me – we then come to an understanding about what should be made from it. Trouble is I have so much of it and not enough time to make everything that I want to make.
7. **What do you enjoy doing when you're not crafting?** I love to read and garden and adore spending time with my family. In the winter I like to watch aussie rules. I am a keen Geelong Supporter – Go the cats !!
8. **Who is your favourite designer?** Anne Sutton – Bunny Hill Designs
9. **Tell us one random thing about you? (something non-craft related)** I am allergic to dust !!
10. **What is your best Tip?** Measure twice, Measure again and then cut.