

V&A Academy

IN PRACTICE:

PATCHWORKING PLACE

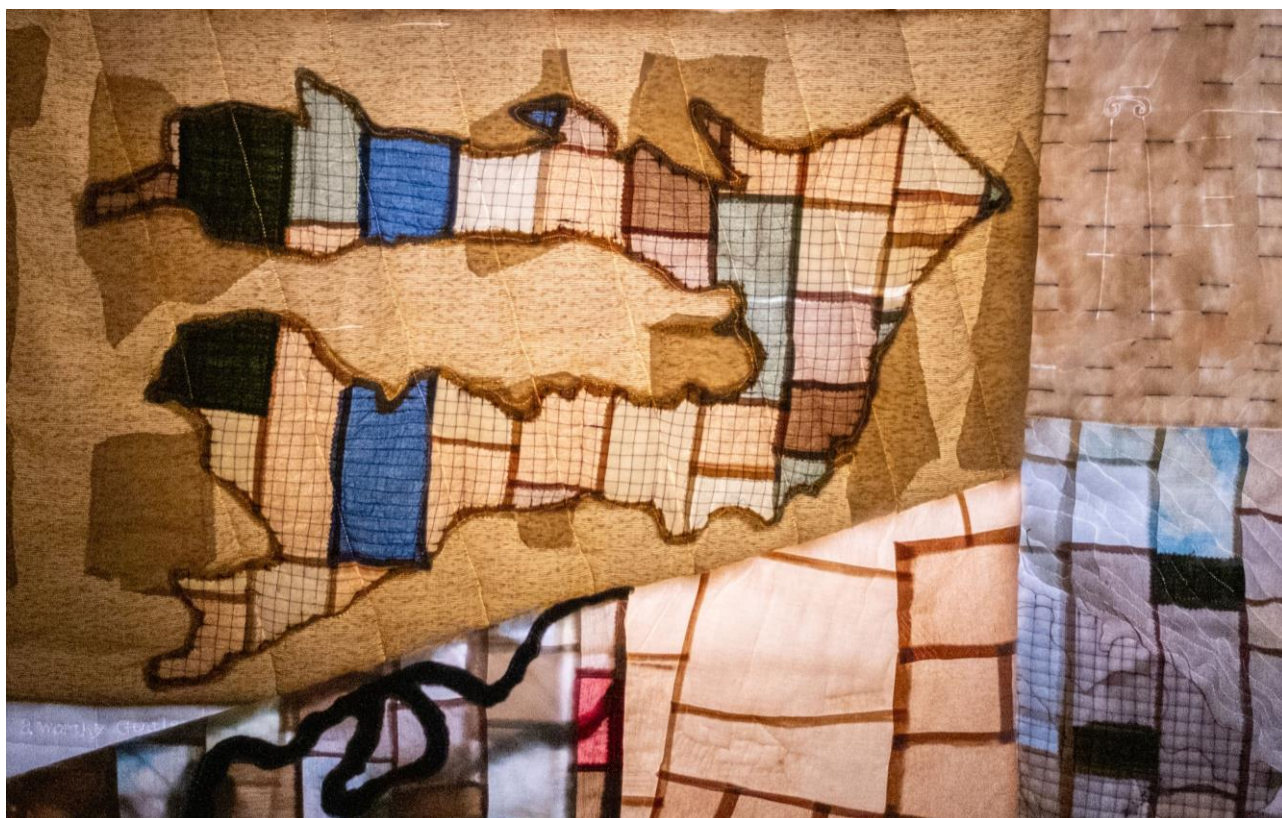
WITH

CHRISTIE SWALLOW

Friday 13 November 2026

14.00 – 15.30





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Learn to use patchwork to create maps and tell stories with artist and designer Christie Swallow. Through upcycled fabrics we will explore how to create illustrative maps with patching, applique and embroidery.

Join the Young V&A Designer in the Shed, Christie Swallow, as we explore the techniques of patchwork, appliqué and machine embroidery to create textile maps, inspired by the V&A collection. Working with scrap fabrics, Christie will demonstrate how to use patchwork to tell stories: patching pieces to create mapping shapes, using appliqué to add depth, and embroidery to annotate details. The session will outline some examples from Christie's art practice, and how they have drawn inspiration from the V&A Collection. By the end of the session, you will have a grounding in using patchwork for storytelling and mapping, learning three distinct techniques and how to use them.

This workshop is suitable for all levels of experience, and is suitable for participants aged 18 and over.

This session will be held live on Microsoft Teams and will also be recorded. The recording will be emailed to ticket holders after the live event, and will be accessible for 5 days until midnight on Wednesday 18 November.

Information



Christie Swallow

Christie is an artist and designer. Their work explores ecology through workshops, co-creation and textile storytelling. With a background in architecture their practice emphasises joy and engagement, creating tactile objects that carry stories. Christie thinks-through-making, using quilting as a space to explore ideas and communicate their thinking process. Christie is currently Designer in the Shed at the Young V&A.

Materials

Domestic sewing machine (optional: with embroidery foot)

Fabric (can be scrap)

Wadding (can be foam or any scrap)

Iron

Scissors

Thread

Pins

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