

Saturday 8 March

Cathleen Derksema - The Happenstore

Cath Derksema is an Aussie legend in textile art. After graduating from university, Cath embarked on a career, landing a position with John Kaldor, a prominent fabric maker renowned as part of the thriving rag trade in 1980s Australia.

Seeking to carve her own path, she ventured into a partnership known as Art Park, a pioneering endeavour in niche design, crafting hand-printed homewares that beautifully captured the essence of sunny carefree Australian days, with products gaining popularity locally and internationally.



Her next collaboration, known as Prints Charming, produced stunning fabrics adorned with bright saturated hues and striking graphic patterns that sang on the surface.

It was in 2016 that Cath really and truly did her own thing when she founded the Happenstore, an extraordinary multifaceted space in Sydney's Inner West, combining retail workshops and events. Unlike anything seen before, it was a haven for creativity, learning and inspiration. With a rich background in fabric making and handprinted homewares.

Cathleen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this workshop.

Join her for an unforgettable workshop, "Painting with Indigo," especially curated for TEA. Immerse yourself in the ancient art of indigo painting on textiles and discover its mystical allure.

During the workshop, you will embark on a journey of creativity and exploration, as you witness the enchanting reaction between indigo dye and fabric. Experience the magic firsthand as various shades of exquisite blue emerge before your eyes.



Discover the art of using a bleaching technique to edit marks and add points of interest to your work, as Cathleen guides you through the process. The workshop will also have you painting and embellishing the indigo designs with thread and acrylic paint. Get ready to take home a masterpiece

Please dress comfortably in clothes that you don't mind getting a little messy, as indigo dye can be difficult to remove. Perhaps pop in an apron or old shirt.