## Jennifer Houlden

## About Jen



Growing up in Saskatchewan, I always had my hands on one type of craft or another. Despite my mother being a skilled seamstress, I was never going to sew. However, never say never as fate had other plans for my creative journey.

It wasn't until I found myself in the Canadian Arctic working as a flight nurse that I stumbled upon the wonderful world of quilting and was hooked. Little did I know that this newfound passion would accompany me across continents.

In the remote expanses of the Australian Outback, my sewing machine hummed, I stepped into the world of designing and soaked up all kinds of inspiration from my unique surroundings.

Returning to Canada, I developed my label, Quilts by Jen. I am a designer, teacher, speaker, pattern writer, blogger and magazine contributor. I draw inspiration from the world around me, infusing my quilts with color, texture, and movement. My art combines traditional and non-traditional techniques, utilizing various textiles and embellishments.

I have an obsession for colour, value and fabric runs. I can spend hours in my studio creating fabric runs and making a mess. Using all the colours under the rainbow I infuse these fabric runs into much of my work whether it be in a block, border, Bargello or an art quilt.

From my off-grid studio in the Canadian Shield, I teach and share my passion for quilting surrounded by the beauty that inspires me. My classes are not just lessons; they are immersive journeys into the heart of quilting, where art meets technique, and passion meets joy.

You can find out more about my quilting adventures at quiltsbyjen.ca.