

## Laurie Shifrin



Quilt designer Laurie Shifrin feels fortunate to live in the lush Pacific Northwest, where her love for the colors and textures found in nature is constantly fed and nurtured. Her previous career as a professional violinist has given her a sensitivity for elegance, richness, vibrance, and rhythmic patterns. Though she enjoyed her former career, Laurie will tell you that this phase of her life has definitely been the most creative and rewarding!

Laurie has authored three popular books featuring batik fabrics: *Batik Beauties and Batiks* and *Beyond* for Martingale & Co., followed by *Batik Gems* for C&T Publishing. Her patterns are published under her own name — Laurie Shifrin Designs. Her Antelope Canyon pattern was one of 2017's top-selling patterns and she recently premiered her newest design, *Mirage*, a play of line, shape and color.

As a published author, designer and quilter with more than 40 years experience, Laurie has enjoyed traveling far and wide to teach, share and inspire. Many of Laurie's students praise her ability to share her signature love of color, and a craftswoman's approach to technique. Her most rewarding moments come from sharing her wealth of knowledge, tips, methods and insights with quilters of all levels.

For many years Laurie was the manager of the legendary Seattle quilt shop *In The Beginning*, which closed its brick-and-mortar doors more than a decade ago. She continues as wholesale manager and technical editor for books and patterns published by *In The Beginning*. Laurie worked with well-know quilter Marsha McCloskey, editing her book, *Feathered Star Quilt Blocks II*. Laurie's other quilting endeavors have led her to design two block-of-the-month patterns for Hoffman California Fabrics: *Ripples and Reflections*, and *Nature's Jewels*. She has contributed quilts to numerous books, and over the years Laurie's quilts and quilt designs have been featured by Hoffman, *Island Batik*, *Princess Mirah*, *Timeless Treasures* and others at *International Quilt Market*. A special highlight of her quilting career was her appearance on Alex Anderson's television series, *Simply Quilts*.