

## Kawandi Quilts

Kawandis are improvisational, hand-quilted scrappy quilts originating with the Siddi people of India. Several of us in the Quaking Aspen Quilt Guild's Kawandi Small Group learned to make Kawandis from quilter Sujata Shah, who writes:

"A Kawandi is a utility quilt made by African Diaspora/Siddi community of India. A spool of thread and a needle, few scraps, and mindful stitching combined with a simple technique are the only elements needed for this age-old art of quilting."

- You can find out more about Sujata and take online classes with her at <https://therootconnection.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>.
- You can also find out more about Kawandis in a video produced by Joe Cunningham featuring Margaret Fabrizio at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jw1MwU7DRMg> on You Tube.
- Marsha Loewenberg shares the following link to a video about the efforts to revive kawandi quilts in Siddi culture.

<https://30stades.com/art-culture/anitha-n-reddy-art-historian-reviving-siddi-quilts-kavands-culture>

