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“HAPPI Coat - A jacket for all seasons”

FEATURING VAL AHINA

OCTOBER 6TH - 7PM VIA ZOOM - GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Happi Coats are traditional lightweight cotton jackets worn mostly during Japanese festivals. Historically, *happi* coats are a type of uniform. Identical coats were worn to identify a specific group or clan, such as the retainers of a feudal lord, fire fighters, or currently, a cultural group.

They usually come in plain colors, although contemporary designs are in a rainbow of colors. Inspiration taken from popular anime and manga culture and are one-of-a-kind.

Join us on October 6th, via ZOOM, as Val Ahina - takes us on a journey to learn how to make our own *happi* coat. Val is an experienced quilter and instructor at Kuni's Island Fabrics. She has been teaching since 2015.

Val grew up in the Pearl City/Waipahu area and graduated from Waipahu High School. This 32 year retiree from the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture, learned how to sew at the Honpa Hongwanji the summer between the sixth and seventh grades and has been sewing ever since.

With the encouragement of a girlfriend, she started quilting in 1999. Having taken classes here and there at Kuni's Island Fabrics, but began weekly quilting classes with Hiroko Ono in 2011. When Hiroko retired in 2015, Val was asked to take over her classes and has been teaching ever since. She also makes *happi* coats and *chanchankos* along with other craft items for sale at Kuni's.

The Happi Coat pattern we will be using for her demonstration is available for purchase at Kuni's Island Fabrics. Kuni's is located at 2563 South King Street, in Moiliili. Contact us, if you wish to join this exciting educational program with Val.



Join us by contacting hsfagzooms@hsfag.com by October 5, 2021.

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