

**Lakeside Quilting Guild
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Maya Textiles: Colorful Tradition

Brightly colored, dramatic wearable art, the indigenous clothing of Mexico and Guatemala displays embroidery and weaving skill that encompass historical symbolism, consummate expertise, and artistic beauty. The ancient techniques of construction and embellishment continue today with modern materials. Still, the textiles contain the designs and patterns that have held meaning in the culture for centuries.

The tradition of beautifully woven and embroidered Guatemalan fabrics and their connection to Maya culture intrigues me, especially because our local community has welcomed Guatemalan refugees for a number of years. In this presentation we will follow the journey of one small village to bring back textile traditions to their young people, and experience a visit to two rural indigenous communities where women are weaving for a Fair-Trade organization.

