

Lesley Riley wears many hats. She is an internationally known artist, art quilter, teacher, writer and Artist Success coach and mentor who turned her initial passion for photos, color and the written word into a dream *occupassion*.

Her art and articles have appeared in too many places and juried shows to keep count. As former Contributing Editor of *Cloth Paper Scissors* magazine, Lesley developed a passion for showcasing new talent in mixed media art. Her first book, *Quilted Memories*, brought new ideas and techniques to quilting and preserving memories. A second, *Fabric Memory Books*, combined fabric and innovative ideas with the art of bookmaking. Two more books, *Fabulous Fabric Art with Lutradur* and *Create with Transfer Artist Paper*, introduced versatile new materials to the quilt and mixed media art world. A fifth book *Creative Image Transfer* debuted July 2014. Her 2013 self-published, Amazon best seller, *Quotes Illustrated*, will be expanded and republished November 2014 by F&W Publications as *Inspiring Quotes Illustrated*. Lesley is currently at work on her eighth book.

Lesley has experience in online media as a columnist for Create Mixed Media, and an experienced webinar presenter for Quilting Arts, Quiltmaker and Cloth Paper Scissors, all divisions of F+W, a Content + eCommerce Company.

In an ongoing effort to find the best ways for quilters and mixed media artists to get permanent photos on fabric, Lesley introduced Transfer Artist Paper™, named the Craft & Hobby Association (CHA) 2011 Most Innovative new product, the state of the art technology for iron-on transfers.

Lesley is the former host of BlogTalk Radio's Art & Soul show, recording over 75 podcasts on art and the creative process through in-depth interviews with contemporary artists. Her passion and desire to help every artist reach their creative dreams and potential has led to a growing specialty as an Artist Success coach and mentor where she draws from her own experience, insight, and a knack for seeing the potential in everyone to provide guidance and solutions for artists of all levels.

Lesley creates her magic on an idyllic horse farm in Frederick, MD, where she lives with her high-school sweetheart husband and two of her six children. You'll find her in her studio from sunup to sundown unless, of course, any of her seven granddaughters come to visit.