



## Newsletter Fall 2004

# Black Forest Quilting

Personalized Machine Quilting

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## T-Shirt Quilts

In the fall our kids return to high school or college and resume all their activities. In every activity it seems they get a T-shirt! Turning those T-shirts into a quilt makes a great memory gift for your kids.

The best way to start is to back the T-shirts with Perky Bond. This is a woven interfacing available at any quilt store that gives the knit fabric the body required for quilting. Once you iron on the Perky Bond, which comes in white, grey, or black, cut the T-shirt to the desired size. Most people choose to make 12 inch blocks. Use a good quality woven cotton for the sashing and corner stones. When making your borders, don't forget to average the width and length of your finished top to get the correct border size.

These are wonderful quilts to have custom quilted, especially if there is a theme to all the T-shirts. I have quilted a megaphone on a cheerleader's quilt and oars on a rowing team shirt. There are lots of fun patterns that can be quilted, and the resultant quilt is one that will always be cherished by the person who received it.

## New Features On Website

We recently added some new features to our website. **First**, our entire pattern catalog is now viewable. Just click on the "Patterns" link and you will see the Catalog link. **Second**, we have added a new Thread Catalog. All the colors we offer are displayed. Remember the color displayed may vary slightly from the real color due to differences in your computer monitor. Just click on the "Threads" link.

## Christmas Deadline

Many of you are working on projects that will become Christmas gifts. We want to help you get your project finished on time, so we are establishing November 1 as our deadline this year. When you bring us your project, just let us know that it is for Christmas. Also let us know how much time you will need to ship the quilt. For military (APO) addresses, please check with the post office. If you don't need it for a Christmas gift, just let us know that too, and we may schedule your project for completion in January.

## Shipping Insurance

If you are shipping your quilt tops to us to be finished, please be aware that UPS automatically insures a shipment for \$100. If you want to purchase additional insurance, it costs \$1 per \$100 additional insurance. If you wish us to add additional insurance when we return it to you, just let us know and we will add that to the invoice.

## King Tut has arrived

We have recently added King Tut thread to our inventory. Made from the cream of the crop cotton in Egypt, King Tut Quilting Thread is 100% Extra Long Staple (ELS) Egyptian cotton. Only a small percentage of Egyptian cotton is classified as Extra Long Staple. The staple fibers are 10% longer than Long Staple cotton which means less lint and extra strength. There are sixteen beautiful variegated colors, each with a one and a half inch color-change interval, meaning the colors will flow through your quilt. King Tut Quilting Thread has the least lint and is the strongest of any cotton thread. We guarantee you will love this smooth thread. You've never seen anything like it! There is an extra \$5 charge for using King Tut in your project.

## New Patterns

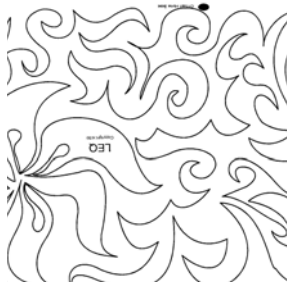
We have purchased several new patterns for you to choose from on your project. These are:



Arabesque



Butterfly & Rose



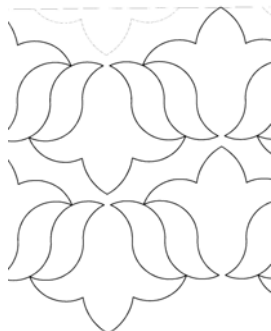
Folk Lily



Pansy Garden



Pansy Garden with Butterflies



Tulip Time



White Oak Leaf Meander



Sailboat with Dolphin



Solitude

## Design Center Update

We have just received an update to our Design Center attachment. Just to review, our Design Center is a "mechanical computer" that we program to make various patterns with our Gammill Quilting Machine. With its set of 10 cams, the Design Center™ works in much the same way as a "spirograph", creating an elaborate series of circles, stars, swirls, interesting shapes and ellipses. Each cam (or gear) creates patterns with specific numbers of sections or "petals". When alternate settings are selected (by adjusting placement of the guide pin), the patterns can be rotated, modified and combined, creating even more design choices! The Design Center™ can be locked at ¼" intervals as it slides along a special tabletop made for it.

Most of the patterns we have been able to make are 12-14 inches in diameter. With our updated Design Center, we can now make much smaller patterns to fit into the blocks of your quilt.

We also have the Work Station, which can make perfect circles from 2-9 inches in diameter at 1/4 inch intervals, as well as ovals and fans that can be rotated from various angles. It also comes with a tool for doing perfect zig zag lines. Ask for a demonstration next time you come over.

## Learning about Long Arm Quilting

As most of you know, there are some things about Long Arm Quilting that you should plan for before you start your project. We have put together a free presentation including videos that discusses the process of long arm quilting and all the things you should plan for before you bring your project to a long arm quilter. We will be happy to make this presentation at your quilt group meeting, or perhaps a gathering of your quilter friends. Just call us at 495-9471 to schedule. It takes about 30 minutes.