

Internet Resources for Quilters

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The Star Quilters Guild website: <https://starquilters.org/>

Check out the FAQ [Frequently Asked Questions] link from column on the left side of the home page: <https://starquilters.org/category/faq/>

Check out the Article Archive link from the top of home page:
<https://starquilters.org/article-archive/> (articles and photos back to 2010 - including this article, with hot links!)

How to search with google at <https://www.google.com/>

- (1) Use quotation marks for exact searches
- (2) Limit your search to items posted in the last day, week, month, or year here:
https://www.google.com/advanced_search
- (3) When you get hits, choose Images - Shopping - More (videos, books)
- (4) There is so much out there that it pays to be *specific*. Example: "singer touch and sew 758" yields machines and parts for sale, a manual download, and tips for servicing.

How to enlarge online text or images Press CTRL and the + sign simultaneously.

How to save text and images

- (1) Use the download option if there is one. You will need the pdf reader here:
<https://get.adobe.com/reader/> Note: Unless you "uncheck" the boxes, you will also get 2 McAfee security programs
- (2) Copy & Paste. Right-click on image and choose Save Image As. Name it and save it.
- (3) Email text to yourself. (Open your email. Keep finger on left button and move across text to highlight/choose it, Right-click to copy, then paste into an email)
- (4) Make a pdf file of a webpage <http://webpagetopdf.com/> or <http://pdfmyurl.com/>
Download it to your computer.

SOME RESOURCES TO BEGIN WITH ...

Virginia Events and Resources <https://quiltersresources.com/virginia-1>

One example: Quilters Quest Shop Hop in Maryland and northern Virginia, November 9-18 <http://www.quiltersquest.org/>

Pinterest - A search for "quilting" yields SO many images --

[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=quilting&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=quilting%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=quilting&rs=typed&term_meta[]=quilting%7Ctyped) (Notice options at the top for narrowing your search.) You may have to join Pinterest to see much or to click on an image and go to the original site.

Just looking ... at accomplished quilters' sites

Sue Reno <http://suereno.blogspot.com/>

Miriam Nathan-Roberts <http://www.miriamnathanroberts.com/quilts.htm>

Mimi Dietrich <http://mimidietrich.com/home/index.html>

Michael A. Cummings <http://www.michaelcummins.com/>

Ricky Tims <https://www.rickytimes.com/quiltgallery>

(and many more - just search for them by name)

Free-motion Quilting - free designs to download

<https://www.patsythompsondesigns.com/free-downloads/>

<https://leahday.com/pages/quilting-design-gallery>

Hints for quilting better

Craftsy <https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2015/01/ultimate-quilting-resources/>

has articles on these topics: Quilting basics, Tools for quilting, Color combinations, Appliqué, Hand quilting, Machine quilting, Free-motion quilting, Longarm quilting, Art quilting, Modern quilting, Quilting inspiration, Block of the month, Fast & friendly quilting, Mini quilts, Tips and tricks, and Pro finishing.

McCalls Quilting <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/lessons/index.html> has lots of free lessons. There are links to videos here:

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/search/index.html?sites_idx=3&search_criteria=video

Quilting Blogs

<http://heartstringsquiltproject.com/> (String Quilts made for charity)

<http://www.lazygirldesigns.com/blog> (Joan Hawley)

<http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/p/quiltblock-tutorials.html> (Amanda Jean Nyberg)

Free Quilt Patterns - thanx to <https://piecemealquilts.com/quilting-resources/>

<http://www.free-quilting.com/>

<http://www.quiltingdaily.com/free-ebooks> (free eBooks from Quilting Daily)

<https://andoverfabrics.com/FreeQuiltPatterns.php> (Andover Fabrics)

<http://www.artgalleryfabrics.com/projects/> (Art Gallery Fabrics)

http://www.benartex.com/fabric-gallery.html/?is_free_pattern=1 (Benartex)

<http://www.inthebeginningfabrics.com/in-the-beginning-fabrics---free-patterns.htm> (In the Beginning Fabrics)

<http://www.lecien.co.jp/en/hobby/patterns/index.html> (Lecien)

<http://www.northcott.net/search.aspx?text=free%20pattern> (Northcott)

<https://www.rjrfabrics.com/basics-patterns/> (RJR)

<https://www.rjrfabrics.com/collection-patterns/> (RJR fabric collections)

http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/free/?type=Quilt&by=newest

(Robert Kaufman)

<http://studiofabrics.net/php/catalog/fabricshop.php?a=lacp> (studio e)

<http://www.windhamfabrics.net/cgi-bin/fabricshop/projects.cgi> (Windham)

<https://www.quiltinaday.com/freepattern/> (Eleanor Burns)

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns> (quilt magazine publisher)

Quilt Block Patterns - some classic, some modern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html> (Marcia Hohn)

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/Block_Reference.html

Mail Order Fabric and Quilt Supplies

<http://www.connectingthreads.com/>

<https://www.keepsakequilting.com/>

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/> (yardage and all kinds of precuts)

<https://www.fabric.com/quilting-fabric>

<https://www.fabricdepot.com/quilting-fabrics/>

Watch how-to videos online

Search for free quilt videos (or) Log Cabin Star quilts (etc.)

Examples: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekYpJzHoW6E> Fast and Easy Pinwheels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JNB5dMk2lg> Tumbling Blocks Quilt Pattern

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_vcboKbB1I Beginner's Guild to Free-Motion

Quilting on a regular sewing machine

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk_c_Qbx-t4 Making a Tee-Shirt Quilt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GO-EW0exM7U> Using a Walking Foot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QosmqitTW6w> Raw-edge Applique

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/tag/sewing-secrets> Sewing Secrets

If you have a special ruler or other tool, don't just let it sit in a drawer! There are videos out there that can show you great ways to use it. One example: the Wacky Web Template

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubaCTtzKfRO&feature=em-uploademail>

Having a computer with internet access is like having

quilt teachers in your home

and **hundreds of quilt shows**

at your fingertips.

If you don't have a computer at home,
spend some time with one at your public library.

It's almost as much fun as buying fabric!