

QUILTING WITH THE INTERNET

Miami Valley Quilters' Guild

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Recommended by Debbie Ginsberg:

A Wealth of Resources

- Pinterest - ideas
- Facebook Groups - Pat Sloan, Celebrate Hand Quilting, Free Motion Tutorials with Jeanne
- Instagram - lots of eye candy – not much written content
- Subscriptions – Craftsy/Blueprint, The Quilt Show, Creativebug
- Quilt-A-Longs – Christa Watson, From My Carolina Home, Leah Day, Moda Blockheads, The Splendid Sampler
- Mystery Quilts – Quiltville, Alycia Quilts, Kevin The Quilter
- Free Patterns (Moda Bake Shop, Quilter's Cache, maryquilts)
- You Tube (tutorials)

Blogs

- Designers – Quiltville (Bonnie Hunter), Pieceocake, Jo Morton, Corey Yoder, Christa Watson, Angela Walters
- Everyday Bloggers – kathysquilts, joscountryjunction, karensquilting
- Link-up Parties – Slow Sunday Stitching, Scrap Happy Saturday, Monday Making, Design Wall Monday
- Charity Quilts – Katandcatquilts, From My Carolina Home, Alyciaquilts (QOV Wednesday)
- Funwithbarbandmary – Barb Vedder (our September speaker)

Podcasts

- American Patchwork and Quilting – Pat Sloan (every Monday)
- Hello My Quilting Friends! - Leah Day
- Modern Sewciety – Stephanie Kendron
- While She Naps – Abby Glassenberg
- Crafty Planner – Sandi Hazelwood

Recommended by Beryl Binkard Collins:

There are three blogs I follow almost daily:

Country Threads Chicken Scratch: Country Threads was formerly a quilt shop in north central Iowa (near my hometown, and one of the owners was an acquaintance from high school days.) The owners did and still design patterns. They closed the shop a few years ago, but the one former shop owner still regularly writes the blog which has quilting information, sometimes quilt alongs, almost always stories about her chickens, goats, dogs, cats and plants on her acreage, and other interesting area information. I have made a table topper and a wall hanging from kits purchased at their store (their designs).

Jo's Country Junction: This blog is written by another Iowan, this person is from northeast Iowa. I read it for the connection to Iowa, quilting, and just the down to earth speaking of the writer. Jo, and her daughter, Kelly, have a book and several patterns published by various quilting magazines. Her blog covers quilting, her child care business, charity quilting, good reading (book reviews), her thrifting and antiquing hobbies. There are quite a few free patterns and recipes available on her blog. I've not made any of their patterns, but have several on my list of those I'd like to do some time. <http://www.joscountryjunction.com/>

Quiltville Quips and Snips: I'm sure you've heard from others that follow Bonnie Hunter. I'd not heard of Bonnie Hunter until she spoke to the guild, maybe 2012 or 2013. I was so impressed with her talk and her scrap quilts. At a later guild meeting, I heard someone speaking about her upcoming mystery quilt. I had to check that out. I got online and found the blog website. I guess this was October or early November 2013. I did participate in her mystery in 2013 and completed Celtic Solstice. Since then I have followed the mysteries and still have plans to make some of them. I do look forward to reading her blog daily. <http://quiltville.blogspot.com/>

Other that I follow sometimes: JulieKQuilts, Beryl the Pearl (I had to check this one with the same name as mine), String and Story, Quilted Twins.

Recommended by Karen Sipos:

Fandom in Stitches, Jennifer Ofenstein

This is mostly designers for paper piecing but the variety is really great. I did the Harry Potter Project of Doom (Pod) and it was so much fun. There are Tutorials, free patterns and Quilt Along groups. This site gives a number of designers a place to share their work on ideas from Disney, Minions and Muppets to Game of Thrones Sci-Fi & Fantasy and more.

Jennifer has a website and a blog and weekly webcasts. She is a great contributor to Project Linus. <http://www.fandominstitches.com/>

Angela Walters, Midnight Quiltshow (<https://www.facebook.com/MidnightQuiltShow/> and on [YouTube Midnight Quilt Show](#)) and Build a Quilt are great for ideas and sew-alongs. She is so entertaining and informative.

Lori Holt, [Bee In My Bonnet Co.](#) I found this site by chance and just love it. She introduces blocks with some of the history of the block. She has a blog most every month with a block tutorial and fabric ideas.

This is not a complete list of all that is out there online for quilters. Fabric designers, pattern designers, Quilt Shops share ideas and designs online. The key to enjoying being online is to just explore. It cost nothing to look at a site to see what is new and interesting. There are so many ideas being share it is sometimes hard to put it all away and start on a project. I am one of those who did not buy a lot of fabric online as I like to feel and touch my fabric. I like to get ideas and new block patterns on like then go to my favorite fabric shops to buy. They need to be supported as often as we can.