

Fun Quilts: Learning Through Play

Introduction

Pasquale De Marco is a passionate quilter with over 20 years of experience. She has taught quilting classes to people of all ages and skill levels, and she is the author of several quilting books. Pasquale De Marco is also a member of the American Quilters Society and the National Quilting Association.

In her book *Fun Quilts: Learning Through Play*, Pasquale De Marco shares her love of quilting with readers of all ages. She provides clear and concise instructions for a variety of quilting projects, from simple to complex. Pasquale De Marco also includes tips and tricks for making quilting easier and more enjoyable.

Whether you are a beginner quilter or an experienced quilter looking for new ideas, *Fun Quilts: Learning Through Play* has something for you. Pasquale De Marco will inspire you to create beautiful quilts that will be treasured for years to come.

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In *Fun Quilts: Learning Through Play*, Pasquale De Marco provides everything you need to get started with quilting. She covers the basics of quilting, including choosing fabrics, cutting fabric, and piecing fabric. She also provides instructions for a variety of quilting projects, from simple to complex.

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Book Description

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- Step-by-step instructions for a variety of quilting projects, from simple to complex
- Clear and concise instructions that are easy to follow

- Tips and tricks for making quilting easier and more enjoyable
- Beautiful photographs of finished quilts to inspire you

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Chapter 1: Quilting Basics

Fabric Selection

When choosing fabric for your quilt, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- **The type of quilt you are making.** Are you making a quilt for a baby, a child, or an adult? The type of quilt you are making will determine the type of fabric you need to use. For example, if you are making a quilt for a baby, you will want to use soft, cuddly fabrics. If you are making a quilt for a child, you can use more durable fabrics. And if you are making a quilt for an adult, you can use a wider variety of fabrics, including more delicate fabrics.
- **The colors you want to use.** The colors you choose for your quilt will have a big impact on the overall look and feel of the quilt. If you want a bright and cheerful quilt, you can use bright

colors. If you want a more subdued quilt, you can use more muted colors.

- **The prints you want to use.** The prints you choose for your quilt can add a lot of personality to the quilt. If you want a quilt with a lot of visual interest, you can use fabrics with bold prints. If you want a quilt with a more subtle look, you can use fabrics with smaller prints.
- **The texture of the fabric.** The texture of the fabric you choose for your quilt can also add to the overall look and feel of the quilt. If you want a quilt with a soft and cuddly feel, you can use fabrics with a soft texture. If you want a quilt with a more durable feel, you can use fabrics with a more durable texture.

Once you have considered all of these factors, you can start choosing fabrics for your quilt. When choosing fabrics, it is important to keep in mind that the fabrics will need to be able to withstand the wear and tear of

being quilted. You should also choose fabrics that are colorfast, meaning that they will not fade or bleed when they are washed.

Here are a few tips for choosing fabrics for your quilt:

- Start by choosing a few fabrics that you love. These fabrics will be the focal point of your quilt.
- Once you have chosen a few focal fabrics, you can start adding in other fabrics that complement the focal fabrics.
- Be sure to use a variety of colors, prints, and textures to add interest to your quilt.
- Don't be afraid to experiment with different fabrics. You may be surprised at what you can create!

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Cutting Techniques

Cutting fabric is one of the most important steps in quilting. Accurate cutting will ensure that your quilt blocks are the correct size and that your quilt top comes together smoothly.

There are a few different ways to cut fabric for quilting. The most common method is to use a rotary cutter and a cutting mat. A rotary cutter is a sharp, circular blade that is mounted on a handle. It is used to cut fabric quickly and accurately. A cutting mat is a thick, self-healing mat that protects your work surface from the rotary cutter blade.

To use a rotary cutter, first place your fabric on the cutting mat. Align the ruler or template along the desired cutting line. Hold the rotary cutter perpendicular to the fabric and roll it along the ruler or template. Be sure to apply even pressure to the cutter.

Another way to cut fabric for quilting is to use scissors. Scissors are best used for cutting small pieces of fabric or for making intricate cuts. To use scissors, simply hold the fabric in one hand and the scissors in the other hand. Cut along the desired cutting line, using small, even snips.

No matter which method you choose, it is important to use sharp blades. Dull blades will tear the fabric and make it difficult to cut accurately.

Here are a few tips for cutting fabric for quilting:

- Always use a sharp blade.
- Use a ruler or template to guide your cuts.
- Apply even pressure to the cutter or scissors.
- Cut slowly and carefully.
- If you are cutting a large piece of fabric, use a cutting mat to protect your work surface.
- Take your time and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

With a little practice, you will be able to cut fabric for quilting quickly and accurately.

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Piecing Methods

Piecing is the process of sewing fabric pieces together to create a larger piece of fabric. It is a fundamental skill in quilting, and there are a variety of different piecing methods that can be used.

The most common piecing method is called plain piecing. This method involves sewing two pieces of fabric together with a straight stitch, using a 1/4-inch seam allowance. Plain piecing is used to create simple quilt blocks, such as squares, rectangles, and triangles.

Another common piecing method is called strip piecing. This method involves sewing strips of fabric together to create a larger piece of fabric. Strip piecing can be used to create a variety of different quilt patterns, such as log cabins, rails, and nine-patches.

Piecing can also be done using fusible web. Fusible web is a type of adhesive that is applied to the wrong side of

fabric. When the fabric is heated, the fusible web melts and bonds the fabric pieces together. Fusible web is a great option for piecing small pieces of fabric, such as appliqué pieces.

No matter which piecing method you choose, it is important to be accurate and consistent in your stitching. This will help to ensure that your quilt blocks are the correct size and that your quilt top is smooth and even.

Here are some tips for piecing fabric:

- Use a sharp needle and thread. A dull needle can snag the fabric and cause puckering.
- Stitch with a 1/4-inch seam allowance. This is the standard seam allowance for quilting, and it will help to ensure that your quilt blocks are the correct size.
- Be accurate and consistent in your stitching. This will help to create a smooth and even quilt top.

- Press your seams open after you sew them. This will help to reduce bulk and make your quilt top more pliable.

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