

Using the Computer With Quilting



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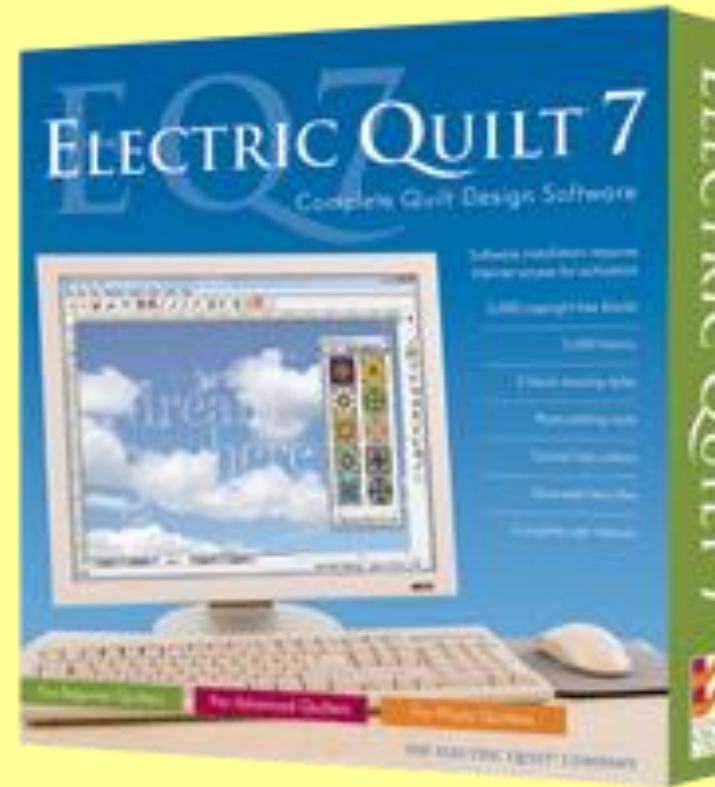
What Can You Do

- Find quilting designs
- Find quilting patterns
- Find help for making quilts
- Find pictures to inspire you
- Find groups to belong to for help & support
- Find blogs about quilting
- Find instructions for everything related to quilting
- Create labels for your quilts



What you can do

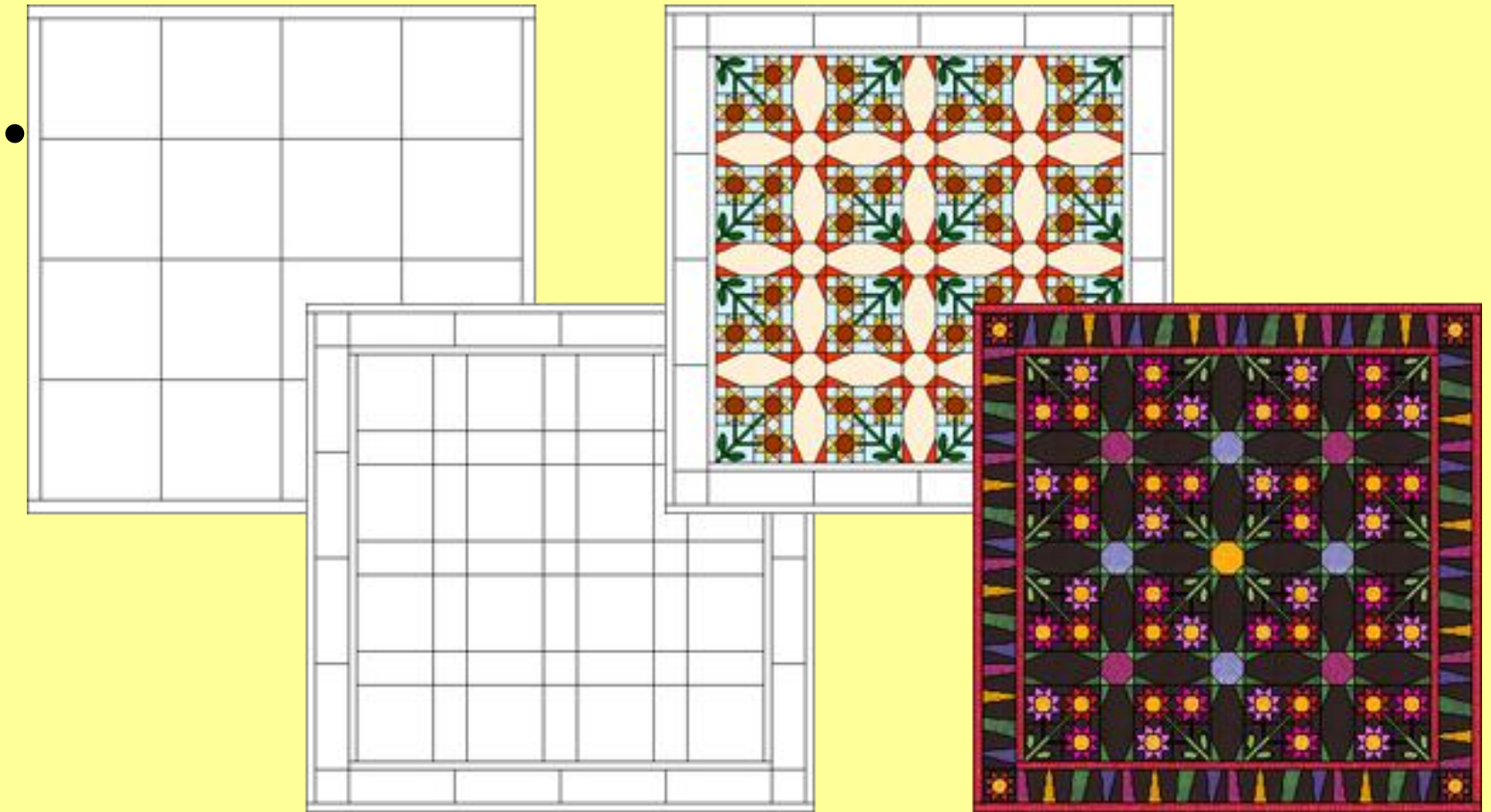
- Design quilts with software
 - Electric quilts
 - <http://www.electricquilt.com/>



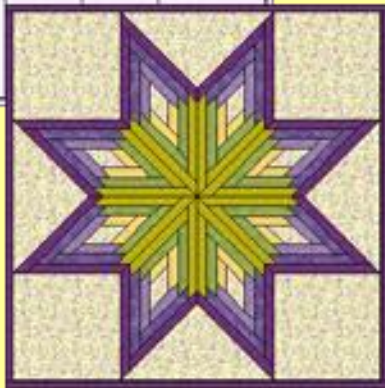
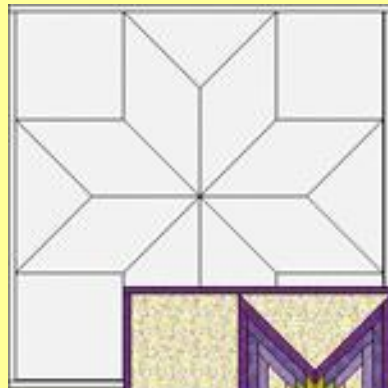
Electric Quilt

- Quilts can be as simple- or Complex
- horizontal quilt with plain squares, or
- intricate custom quilt with blocks of all different sizes.
- 10 automatic layouts,
- 540 pre-designed layouts by size & by style, popular quick-quilts,
- Or you can draw your own layout.
- The possibilities are endless.

Automatic Layouts



The Layout library has over 540 pre-designed layouts
for you to fill with blocks and fabrics



Fabric

- New fabric is added monthly
- <http://www.electricquilt.com/Users/Downloads/palette.asp>

Fabrics of the Month

Thanks for voting last month! The winner is: **Batik Palette!**



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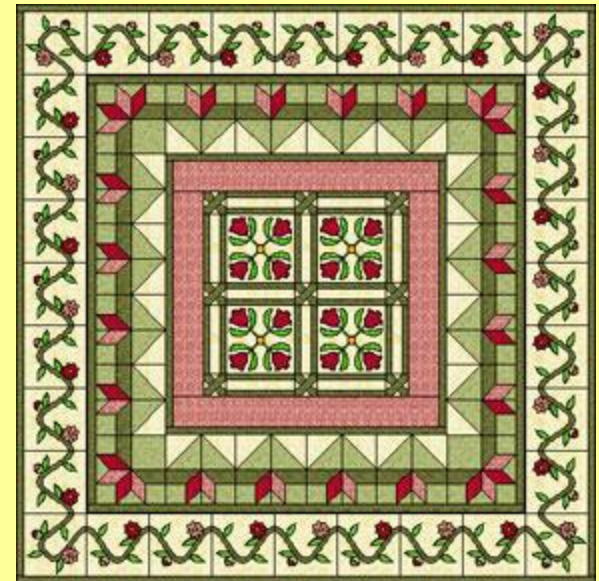
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Borders & Sashing

- You can set any pieced or appliqué blocks into your border or sash spaces.
- Choose from over 290 pre-designed Auto Borders, or create your own.
- Have as many borders as you like.
- You pick the width -- EQ7 does the math, fitting borders perfectly for you.
- Central Medallions only take a few clicks to design

Borders

Add borders to your quilts and either fill the borders with your own blocks or use the Auto Borders for quick and amazing results.

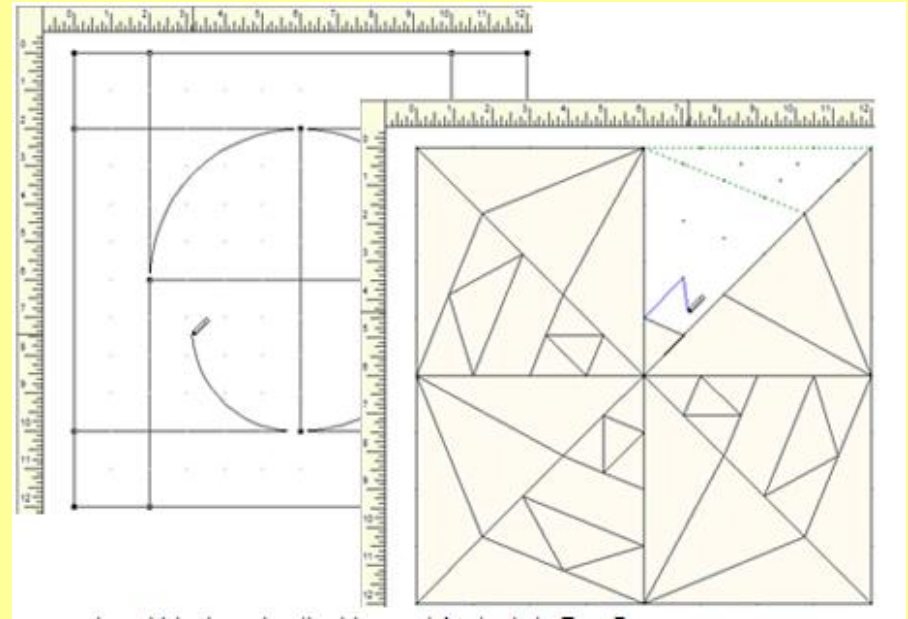


Working with Images

- You can apply more than one to an image for a truly unique effect.
- Print these images onto printable fabric to use as whole photos in your memory quilts,
- or chop the printed images up to make one-of-a-kind fabrics for your piecing.
- You can make fabric to repair a quilt

Draw Blocks

- Draw beautiful, original blocks and stencils, or let EQ7 create new blocks for you.
- Pieced PatchDraw has click-and-snap grids, designed to simplify drawing complex blocks like New York Beauty, Wheel, Kaleidoscope, and Eight-Point Star blocks.



Coloring Quilts and Blocks

- Over 5000 scanned fabrics.
- Scan your own fabrics, then crop and "tweak" them right in EQ7. Save them and "notecard" them in your own My Library to use and re-use.
- EQ7 scales the fabrics for you -- no matter what size your quilt or block -- so what you see in EQ7 is what you'll get in your finished quilt.

Block Patterns

- over 5,000 copyright-free blocks. Use and re-use blocks as patterns or quilting stencils. Choose any size.
- Or use EQ7's new Serendipity tools to magically turn any block into a new original block.
- You can Search for blocks by Name or by Category.
- Searching by Category allows you to find blocks by theme, piecing style, or difficulty level.



Search Block Notecard

Find all the blocks with this notecard text.

Log

Search the Name field

Search the Reference field

Search the Notes field

Find at most items.

Block Category Search

Click on a picture button to add the category to your search criteria.
Find at most 500 blocks.

New Year's Mother's Day Thanksgiving

Valentine's Day Father's Day Hanukkah

St Patrick's Day Fourth of July Christmas

Easter Halloween Kwanzaa

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DIFFICULTY & PIECING INFO

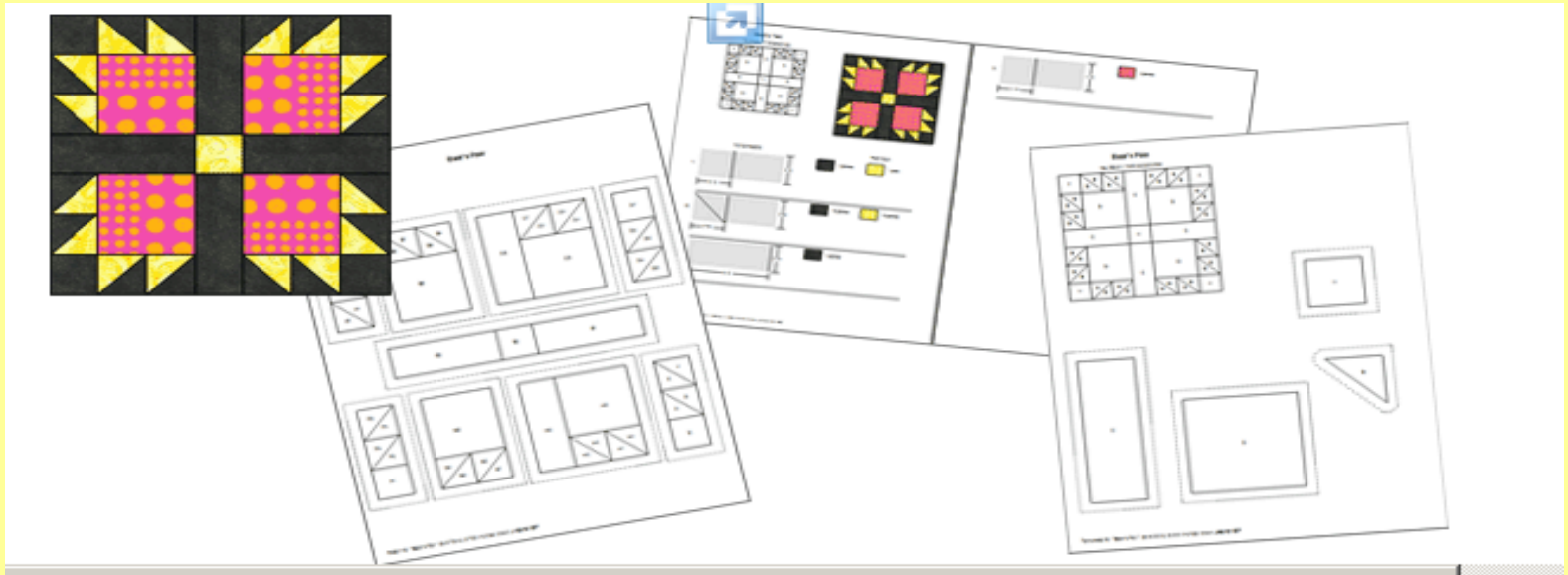
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Printing Patterns



- Print Templates, Foundation Patterns, and Rotary Cutting Charts. Choose any pattern style, and any size. Or print right from the quilt. EQ7 remembers the size on the quilt, and the block's orientation too -- so perfect for skewed blocks.

Find quilting designs

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1. Christmas Stars Runner
2. Four-Patch Christmas Star

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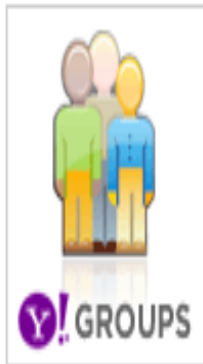
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Quilting Blogs



- Quilting Blogs are web sites that share stories and photographs from quilters about their projects and lives.
- Some are written to be interesting to a small circle of specific quilters and some are written for the quilting community at large.
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Although there are a lot of them out there, actually finding good ones on the internet can be fairly difficult. That is what

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- <http://www.quiltuniversity.com/>
- <http://www.longarmuniversity.com/>
- <http://www.quiltstudy.org/>
- <http://www.quiltcampus.net/>
- <http://www.academyofquilting.com/>
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- <http://www.quiltingweekly.com/>
- <http://www.quilterscache.com/>

Quilt Shows

- <http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/quilt-shows.html>
- <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/index.php>
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See pictures of Shows that you
would like to attend

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- <http://www.quiltstudy.org/>
- <http://www.historyofquilts.com/aqsg.html>
- <http://quilting.about.com/>

Quilt Magazines

- [McCalls Quilting](#)
- [Fons & Porter](#)
- [All People Quilt](#)
- [Quiltmaker](#)
- You will find lots of information on the magazine's sites. Be sure to check them out. Lots of lessons also on sewing.

Local quilt shops

- Be sure to check the shops in the area for classes and special sales.
- Signup for their emails

Quilters sites

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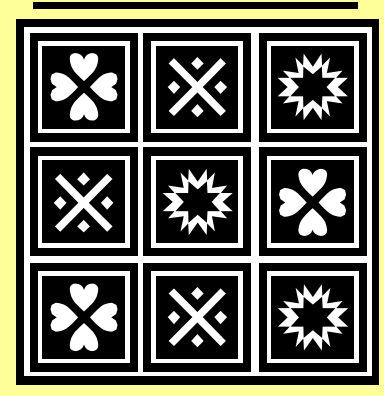
Organizations

- VCQ <http://www.vcq.org/>

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- Fabric
- Thread
- Quilting Books
- Patterns
- Use Ebay to find almost anything – used or new

Summary



- I would be lost without my computer
- I am on many groups and have learned so much over the years.
- I look for free stuff and share sites with you
- Take time to explore – you will be amazed the things you find.
- Search and share great sites.