

100 Things Every Quilter Should Do Before She Dies

1. Visit a quilt shop.
2. Make a Nine Patch.
3. Make a Log Cabin.
4. Label a quilt.
5. Figure yardage for a quilt.
6. Learn about warp and weft.
7. Use a rotary cutter.
8. Use templates.
9. Paper piece a quilt block.
10. Hand applique a quilt block.
11. Make a yo-yo.
12. Embellish a quilt.
13. Try free motion quilting.
14. Stitch in the ditch.
15. Try hand quilting.
16. Bind a quilt.
17. Miter the corners of quilt binding.
18. Join the ends of quilt binding.
19. Sew diagonal seams.
20. Use a walking foot.
21. Attend a guild meeting.
22. Visit Houston for International Quilt Festival.
23. Have a quilt appraised.
24. Visit a quilt museum.
25. Go on a quilt retreat.
26. Try curved piecing.
27. Miter the borders.
28. Learn to do blanket stitch by hand.
29. See a local quilt show.
30. Put your quilt in a local quilt show.
31. Sell raffle tickets on a quilt.
32. Take a road trip with quilt friends.
33. Create a Pinterest board with quilt images.
34. Make a 3-D quilt block.
35. Donate a quilt to a good cause.
36. Make a sampler quilt.
37. Make an art quilt.
38. Try bobbin work.
39. Learn to maintain your sewing machine.
40. Add rickrack to a quilt.
41. Design a quilt. (Remember, you don't necessarily have to *make* the quilt.)
42. Change/tweak/alter a pattern to make it your own.
43. Make a color wheel with fabric swatches.
44. Chat about quilting with a stranger.
45. Talk about quilting with your family.
46. Give a quilt as a wedding/graduation/retirement gift.
47. Visit Paducah during the AQS Show.
48. Take a class with a nationally known teacher.
49. Use some fabric you dislike.

50. Participate in Show & Tell.
51. Volunteer for a job in a quilt group.
52. Use a color you detest.
53. Make a quilt inspired by nature.
54. Get up early or stay up late to quilt.
55. Make a scrap quilt.
56. Make a tote bag.
57. Make a postcard quilt.
58. Make a baby quilt and gift it to a newborn.
59. Understand the basics of caring for quilts.
60. Borrow a quilting book from the public library.
61. Teach someone else to quilt.
62. Creatively piece a backing for one of your quilts.
63. Apply a piped binding, or some variation of it.
64. Post quilt pics to Facebook.
65. Install quilty wallpaper on your computer.
66. Put a quilty bumper sticker on your car.
67. Cuss mildly when you realize you've been sewing air (because you ran out of bobbin thread).
68. Read your sewing machine manual cover to cover.
69. Learn to thread baste.
70. Learn to pin baste.
71. Use basting spray.
72. Help a friend make a quilt.
73. Make a quilt for a special child.
74. Make a quilt for a spouse or partner.
75. Make a quilt for a friend.
76. Include your quilts in your last will and testament.
77. Determine your favorite thread for piecing.
78. Understand the concept of value.
79. Understand the mathematics of quilt blocks.
80. Apply a bias binding.
81. Take a guild speaker to dinner.
82. Comment on a quilt-related blog post.
83. Make a mystery quilt.
84. Take part in a block exchange.
85. Write how-to instructions for making a quilt block.
86. Be able to state clearly what you learned from a particular quilt.
87. Know the difference between lengthwise and crosswise grain.
88. Know the parts of a sewing machine needle and why they matter.
89. Organize your stash.
90. Know the names of hand sewing needles used for different tasks.
91. Finish a UFO.
92. Purchase fabric on impulse.
93. Try sewing with precuts.
94. Trade fabrics with quilt friends.
95. Identify your ancestors who quilted.
96. Visit a quilt shop while on vacation.
97. Sew on a treadle for old time's sake.
98. Subscribe to a quilting magazine.
99. Become a regular reader of a quilting blog.
100. Go on a Shop Hop.