



Words to Quilt By!

From words of appreciation from friends and family for our quilts to phrases of encouragement when we hit a hard spot, the spoken and written word have a lot of influence on quilting! Let's explore some connections between quilting and the world of words...

Perfect Idioms for Quilting

The literary world is filled with similes, metaphors and idioms! So many of these old adages apply nicely to the masterful creation of a quilt. See if any of these resonate with your quilting efforts!

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From "Sooner begun, sooner done" to "A stitch in time saves nine", many idioms pertain well to quilting!

Free Pattern: Autumn Table Runner

With fall celebrations getting nearer, create a unique autumn table runner using machine applique and quilting motifs of your choice! This pattern provides a way to use up scraps that are in autumn colors. Experiment with free motion quilting to fill the inside of the runner and the edges around the leaves, or quilt with the presser foot on in parallel or meandering lines. Your table will be graced with your creativity!

[Click here](#) to view and print the pattern pieces for the leaf shapes.

[Click here](#) for the pattern directions, with step-by-step photos included. This document is best viewed on a computer or tablet.



Arizona State Fair Results

My daughter, Amanda Ryan, and I decided to enter some items into the Home Arts division of the Arizona State Fair. Amanda is an avid crochet enthusiast. I was so proud to see that Amanda earned a First Place for her crocheted baby blanket!



Amanda with her crocheted baby blanket

I was honored that the quilt, Chrome Rhino in Color, created for my son Jay as a gift, earned an Honorable Mention in the category Original Design. The quilt was inspired by the Phoenix rock band, Chrome Rhino, for which Jay is the drummer. The group's name also inspired my website name and design, Quilted Rhino. :)



It was also an honor to see that Arizona Canyons had earned a Second Place in the category Machine Pieced/Machine Quilted!



Until next time

I wish you all the best in your quilting adventures!

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