

LABEL YOUR QUILT

Any quilt or wall hanging that you make deserves a label. Labels are valuable documentation tools for now & for the future

*The label should contain at least:

your name
machine quilters name
date quilt is completed
state you live in

*Other information to add :

Person or purpose it is made for
title of piece
type of quilt or special techniques
a poem or verse
hours to complete
of pieces or fabrics in quilt
any other pertinent information
that would be of historic value

*Use archival quality

“Pigma Pens”

available in black, brown or blue. Machine or hand embroidery can also be used to add information to your label.

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STORE YOUR QUILT PROPERLY

Proper storage will extend the life of your quilt for future generations

*Never leave your quilt in direct sunlight fading can occur very quickly

*Never store in a black plastic garbage bag this can end up in the trash

*Never store in a plastic box- moisture can be trapped & accumulate in the fabrics

*Never store in a cardboard box- the acid can discolor and deteriorate the fabrics

*Always refold your quilt in different ways to avoid permanent creases

DO store in acid-free buffered fiberboard quilt & textile storage boxes.

Place acid free tissue paper around quilt & between folds to prevent creases and wear.

Not enough storage space for boxes?

Try 100% cotton

STORAGE & GIFT BAGS

With drawstring & info pocket

WASH YOUR QUILTS GENTLY

New quilts that need laundering need special care **NEVER DRY CLEAN A QUILT**

“ORVUS” or “Quilt Care”

Will gently wash out daily use & keep your quilts bright & fresh.

Older quilts may have stains or rust spots.

“Vintage Textile Soak”

Will gently remove most of these stains and discoloration, leaving your quilts refreshed & renewed. (consult an expert before washing fragile quilts)

Labels, Pigma Pens, acid free storage boxes, Storage Bags & quilt wash available at

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There are many ways of making labels:

- * Simply write on the back of your quilt with Pigma pens
- * Use an extra block from the front of your quilt- Press under edges and hand sew to back of quilt
- * Write on a light piece of fabric and fuse it to the back for wall hangings only
- * Write on a piece of fabric and appliqué it to the back of the quilt
- * Make a label on your computer- use pre-treated computer fabric sheets or bring it to a copy center that does T-shirt transfers

* Use your fancy stitches on your sewing machine to embroider a patch or hand embroider one

* You can convey the feeling of the front of the quilt into the label- for instance if you have appliquéd flowers on the quilt put one on the label also. If you have embroidered snowflakes on the front of the quilt, embroider some on the label also.

Don't forget to add a label to document your work of art.

At the very least you need to include is:

your name

machine quilters name

address

date completed

You may also wish to add:

the occasion it was made for

who it was made for

a poem or verse

a hand sketched picture or border

Labels can be cross stitched, embroidered by hand or machine, hand printed with Pigma pens, done on the computer or any other way you can imagine that is permanent!!