

MATERIAL GIRLS of the Program Team PRESENT:

Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter May 2011

Fabric for thought

Have you ever considered why you quilt? Most people dream in color. Or are you one of us?

We dream in fabric. We have an insatiable desire to create and express ourselves through our quilts. So they are not perfect. And NO they are not to be scrutinized. They are private pleasures put out to the public for others to enjoy.

I love the tradition quilts, so many beautiful patterns, designs and fabrics. But I don't so enjoy making them; I get bored. I would rather make an art quilt, exploring new horizons in quilting and challenging myself with each new quilt!

Is quilting therapeutic? We material girls believe this to be true. So we ask you to reflect on why you quilt. Below is a generalized list of why people around the world quilt. Are you on the list? Or do you quilt for an entirely different reason?

Seek personal satisfaction (*You rock!*)

Express personal thoughts and feelings (*therapy quilts*)

Provide us with new visual experiences (*GREAT SHOW-Thank you all!*)

Commemorate important people or events (*memory quilts*)

Reinforce cultural ties and traditions (*Honor those who have quilted before you*)

Seek social stimulation (*Q.U.I.L.T.S. Girls Unite!!!*)

Tell stories (*pictorial quilts*)

Help others (*service projects*)

Adorn themselves or their homes (*Oh how beautiful!*)

Create an illusion (*OMG!*)

Earn a livelihood ()

Do something no one else can (*or has yet done*).

To amuse one's self (*HAPPY HAPPY JOY JOY!*)

Quilters make ordinary things *extraordinary*. (*Astonishing, Amazing, Incredible things!!*)

*Some information in [Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter](#) may have been obtained from the websites listed in the [Wickedly Wonderful Websites](#), and is intended to encourage quilters to explore those links.

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Wickedly-Wonderful-Websites

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Dream in Fabric

Whatever your quilting therapy needs, you can still dream in fabric!

Fabric <http://www.sew-materialistic.com/>

Fabric <http://www.quilting-warehouse.com/>

Fabric <http://www.fabricblowout.com/>

Fabric <http://www.hancocks-paducah.com/Category--Quilting-Fabric--m-01>

Fabric <http://www.equilter.com/>

Fabric <http://www.keepsakequilting.com/fabrics.aspx>

<http://www.connectingthreads.com/Quilting.cfm>

Fabric <http://www.fabric.com/quilting-fabric.aspx>

Art quilt intro <http://www.suite101.com/content/introduction-to-art-quilts-a142549>

Layered pieces <http://www.sulky.com/project/layeredpiecings/>