

## Getting Started

If you need a little help getting started, use the following questions as a guideline, or simply reply to each, but with much more than yes or no answers, please. Write just as much as you wish and **long is good** where possible! **Short stories are equally as good** and as welcome!

Do not be concerned about your writing, or writing style! Stories used in the newsletter and/or book, will be edited where and if necessary, and you will be sent the final version for approval before use. My intention is to be sure that you are pleased with what will appear in print.

I will contact and request permission from those whose quilt stories I would like to add to my newsletter and/or book. For both, your full name (or if you prefer, your initials, or just first name and last initial - whichever you are most comfortable with) and province, state, or country will accompany each printed story.

## Questions

1. Did any of your family members create things with their hands? What did they make? Have their creations or stories about them been passed down in your family? Did this influence you?
2. Are their quilters among your family members? Were there quilters in previous generations? Do you have stories that have been passed down in you family about them and their quilts/quilting? Was it this quilting heritage that led you to become a quilter? How did it influence you?
3. If you are the first quilter in your family, how did you become interested in quilting? When did you learn to quilt, how, and at what age?
4. What is it about quilting that you love and enjoy so much?
6. In what ways has quilting changed, affected, or made a difference in your life?
7. What kind of quilts do you most enjoy making?
8. What do you do with the quilts you make? Do you sell them, give them as gifts? Are they for family members and/or friends?
9. How do the recipients of your quilts react to them? I'm sure there are many wonderful stories there to share!
10. Do you quilt for charitable purposes? If so, please tell all about your experiences.

11. Please share anything else that you would like to add about how quilting has been a part of your life and your family's.

12. If you think of other questions which can be added to this list, please send them to me at [quilt.stories@rogers.com](mailto:quilt.stories@rogers.com) .

## **Photographs**

In all cases, your quilt stories and any available pictures to go with these can be sent to me via email. If you have them, photos of the quilters included in your story and their quilts, or the quilters with their quilts, will make your stories come alive in a special way and be a valuable addition to your stories

Be sure to include your name and email address when you send photos separately from your story, so that photo labels will be labelled accurately.

If you need to share your photos through the mail, please contact me first for instructions and the mailing address.

Quilt stories are interesting, exciting, inspirational, humorous, dramatic, and heartwarming. Do not think for a moment that your story will not fall into one of those categories! What seems commonplace to each of us is of great interest to others, so do not hesitate. I am greatly looking forward to your story!

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Email your quilt stories and photos to: [quilt.stories@rogers.com](mailto:quilt.stories@rogers.com)

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