

Handi Quilter Today

Thank you for taking some time out of your busy schedule to share some time with us. We know that you are busy with life, work, kids, grandkids and of course quilting! We hope that by sharing some time with you each month you will find inspiration, helpful hints and possible deals to make quilting more enjoyable. So sit back, pour yourself a nice warm beverage and enjoy our first newsletter.

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My 2011 HQ Story

“It is hard for an adult to be that excited and still act like an adult . . . I was quilting almost immediately”



Nancy Bogard
Murray, Kentucky

For the past couple of years we have encouraged all Handi Quilter owners to share with us your stories. We have shared laughs, heartwarming stories and even tears with many of you. We have learned through your stories that every quilter is as unique as the quilts she creates. We encourage you to continue to share your stories with us and we will continue to share some of them with you.

This month we wanted to tell you all a little about Nancy Bogard. Nancy is from Murray, KY. She has always sewn but her quilting was limited to hand quilting because she traveled for work and had to keep her work portable.

We will let Nancy tell you her story in her own words:

I am a retired car buyer and for years I traveled at least 4 days a week to Chicago and Wisconsin. I would take some hand work with me but never even thought about quilting on the machine until I retired in 2009. I tried quilting on a regular sewing machine but that just did not work for me. Too much material and too little space.

I was taking a class on piecing

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right after my retirement and a lady who was taking the class began telling me about her Handi Quilter. She has the HQ Sweet Sixteen but she made it sound like so much fun and her quilts were beautiful and she was able to do the whole thing herself.

After the class was over I continued to think about that machine. One day my DH and I traveled the 100 or so miles to Jackson, TN, to see this machine in action at Sew Many Ideas. Their floor model was the HQ¹⁸Avanté. I talked to them about it and even gave it a test sew and then went home to dream. That was on a Friday, last March. On Monday, Larry said why don't you just go back and get the machine it is definitely what you want. His encouragement was all I needed. I made the 100 mile drive back by myself, bought the floor model, HQ Pro-Stitcher and all. They delivered it on Tuesday, the very next day.

It is hard for an adult to be that excited and still act like an adult. I put the kitchen table in the garage, next to the car and put the HQ¹⁸Avanté in my kitchen. It was March, after all, and I needed to be warm in order to practice.

I was quilting almost immediately. When asked how I learned so fast I have said I think it was because I had been doing it in my mind for so long all I needed was the machine. And I got the machine that could make it so easy for me to learn.

Now my quilting studio is almost finished. It is where the patio once was and I am almost ready to move in.

I have done meandering for several customers and they are thrilled so you see I have the answer to subsidizing my social security check. It is the best of both worlds. I can do my own quilts from start to finish. I can do customer work for money to buy more fabric and batting. All is good.

I love my HQ¹⁸Avanté and I know I made the right decision. Thank you Handi Quilter, and thank you for being so much help whenever I have called on you. This is a wonderful company to do business with and my background in the car business allows me to make comparison. This is a good company with good people. OK.....back to quilting. DH is working on that new room. I think he wants to get that machine moved out there and get the dining room table back before Thanksgiving. Ha ha.....Happy Quilting
Click here to watch my video.

This month we wanted to focus on thread tension and some of the issues that may be solved with correct thread tensions. We hope by following these simple steps you will have beautiful quilts each and every time. Remember, whenever you begin to quilt, set your bobbin tension first!

Problem: Top thread lays flat on fabric.

Possible solutions:

- Upper tension dial too tight.
- Lint in upper discs.
- Machine is not threaded correctly.
- Lint in bobbin tension spring.
- Poorly wound bobbin.
- Thread not in bobbin tension spring.
- Bobbin tension is not set correctly.

Problem: Lower thread lays flat.

Possible solutions:

- Upper thread tension is too loose.
- Lint in bobbin tension spring.
- Poorly wound bobbin.
- Machine is not threaded correctly.
- Bobbin is not set correctly.

Problem: Bottom loops.

Possible solutions:

- Thread is not flossed in top tension disks.
- Top thread tension is set too loose.
- Machine not threaded correctly.
- Burr on hook.

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