

Art & Stitch Skill Builder Series

May 4-5, 2018 @ Accent Sewing

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Art & Stitch Retreat: 4 Skill Builder Classes that will take you from Beginner to Mastery

May 4th

Skill Builder 1 (9am-Noon)

Who is this for? For those with no experience or would like to get a refresher on the basics of Art & Stitch.

This hands-on class will cover basic features of Art & Stitch. You will learn how to draw, edit, apply stitches and save your designs to take to your quilting system. We will use the powerful vector tools to learn how to draw designs with quilting in mind. Don't worry if you can't draw, you will be taught how to use the backdrop tool to trace ordinary images and then turn them into extraordinary designs! You will then learn to manipulate the nodes and anchors on designs you have created. We will also look at how to edit existing designs you already own. We will end this session with the magic of Art & Stitch using the Magic Square, Magic Circle and Magic Ray features that turn simply doodles into award winning designs!

Skill Builder 2 (1pm-4pm)

Who is this for? Confident Beginners - those who are comfortable with the Art & Stitch drawing tools.

You now know the basics, let's build on those skills and learn advanced features of Art & Stitch. In this hands-on class, we will start by looking at the many different fill types such as; Cross Hatching, Creative Fill and Motif Fills. Fun with TrueType fonts will be next as we learn how to personalize a design or create artwork from object based fonts. We will then learn how to create continuous line designs, using features like; Connect, Combine, Merge and Exclude. We end this session by looking at the bread and butter of longarming, Edge to Edge designs with the Meander Anything and Power Copy tools.

May 5th

Skill Builder 3 (9am-Noon)

Who is this for? Designed with the confident Art & Stitch users in mind. You should have successfully digitized designs prior to this class.

This hands-on class is for those who want to digitize like a professional! You have learned the basics and have added some advanced techniques from the previous Skill Builder classes. Now we need to apply these skills and put it to work in your quilting projects. This class will start by providing ideas on where to look for design inspiration. From that inspiration, we will learn to create design sets that include blocks, borders, mitered corners and E2E. We will look at techniques such as interlocking designs, feathers, pearls, and more as time permits.

Skill Builder 4 (1pm-4pm)

Who is this for? For those who are comfortable with the basics of Art & Stitch and are curious how to use it with other hardware and software programs.

This class will get you thinking out of the box of traditional digitizing. We will look at how EQ7 can be used in conjunction with Art & Stitch. You will learn how to use both programs to audition designs on your quilt (or your customer's quilt) and reduce the time it takes to layout designs when you get to your quilting system. We will then go Beyond the Mouse! You will be shown how to use your iPad or Android tablet to draw designs and then send them to Art & Stitch ready to apply stitches. You will also learn how to create an e-Catalog of all of your designs and save it to your iPad or Android tablet to access where ever you go. We will finish this class by looking at how digital die cutters can be used with Art & Stitch. Designs created in Art & Stitch can be cut from a wide variety of media, such as template plastic and fabric just to mention a few. This dynamic duo make applique, mixed media and fiber art projects so much more fun!

Learn how to digitize with this wonderful software! Don't have the program yet? No problems, download the trail version and join us for a fun two days of Art & Stitch education!

~ Carol Best
Certified Art & Stitch Instructor



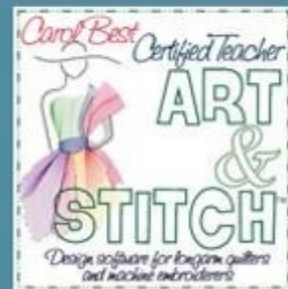


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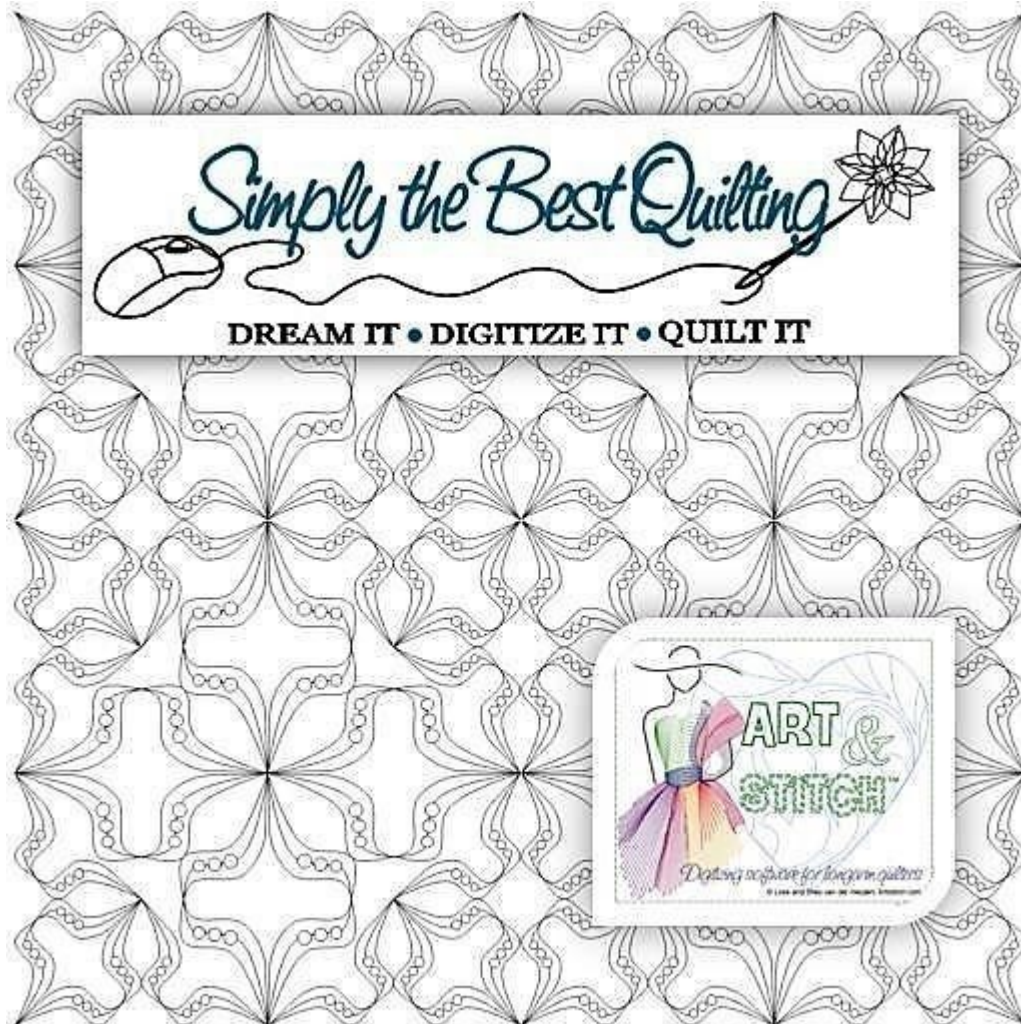
Carol Best, a computer geek with a quilting problem, is the owner of Simply the Best Quilting based in Rochester, Minnesota. She has been quilting for 23 years, but being a computer geek, the addition of a Gammill Statler Stitcher and Art & Stitch in 2008 was meant to be!

Carol has won ribbons in multiple categories throughout her quilting history. She has also published several of her award winning quilt patterns.

Carol is a Certified Instructor of Art & Stitch and teaches nationally and internationally. This powerful, user-friendly digitizing software, created for long arm quilters and machine embroiderers, provides you the flexibility to create your own quilting and embroidery designs in a snap!



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Class fee is \$85.00 per class. There is a preparation list before class. Lunch will be provided both days.

Call 843-357-3228 to sign up as space will be limited.