

## Grandma Ginger Penn "Wool is my real love"

Our Grandma Ginger has two loves: her pampered Luci Lu Fu Fu and wool.

New wool or patterns don't escape her attention, and she's tops at knowing what's in the Wool Department, even though she spends most of her time in the back room doing lots of this and even more of that for customers and staff alike. She's also our secret Willy Wonka, keeping the various baskets of chocolate that are scattered around the shop full.

Grandma Ginger has been on staff since Always in Stitches opened in August 2007. She often spends her weekends with the shop manager and machine technician because they're her daughter and son-in-law. She adores her granddaughter, grandson and grandson-in-law.

**Specialties:** Wool appliqué, hand embroidery, small quilted items, garment sewing, simple (really simple) knitting projects, binding quilts for others – I enjoy finishing works of others who make some fantastic quilts.

**Favorite fabric:** Grunge is my most very favorite fabric but wool is my real love, especially pieces felted from old garments and sweaters that I can repurpose.

**Most memorable project:** A wool bracelet -- it combined my love of buttons and hand needlework on wool – and my success as an "artist" in the watercolor classes at the shop.

**Best way to spend \$30:** Take a class to learn a new modality or buy wool or fabric..

**I can't live without** the Always In Stitches staff and their support on an "I created that" project.

**My next project:** They are stacking up, but all are wool appliqué! I enjoy making table runners and placemats that have some quilting in them. I will usually make hot pads and an apron to match.