

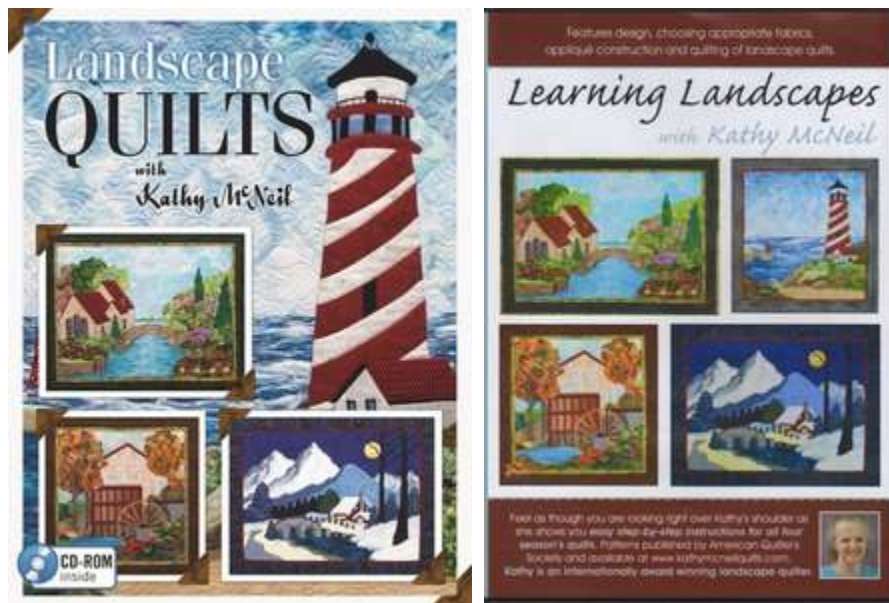
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Happy Spring,

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, my new book "Learning landscapes" **is at the post office ready to ship to you.** We got them this morning. They were re-packed and are now at the post office. Priority Mail should take 2-3 days. Those of you who got the combo sale, of book and over my shoulder step by step DVD, they are in the same package. We are so excited with them and can hardly wait for your pictures to start rolling in as you make one or more of the 4 patterns. Please do send me pictures!!!



Click below to purchase. Of course you can buy the book alone too. Book - \$22.00. Two hour DVD - \$26 **Combo sale \$42.00**

<http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/shop/item/learning-landscapes-dvd-and-book-combo/>

We are home from the very stormy Fall "Down Under".

We missed part of New Zealand's south island on the quilting cruise due to weather. It did not dampen the spirits of my wonderful quilters though. The Koala Kapers workshop was so much fun. We all went to the big Australian Quilt Show in Melbourne, Australia. It is so much fun to see the diversity of styles around the world. The Sydney Zoo was my last stop. I almost got a

kiss from this little Koala. (They really are knock-your-socks-off- cute!) Don't miss my 11 day teaching cruise to the Panama Canal, Costa Rica, and the Caribbean this coming November. [See quiltcruises.com](http://quiltcruises.com) for more details.

Kimberly Einmo, Karen Combs, & Gyleen Fitzgerald will be teaching on that one also.



Thanks to Johnny Hayes for the Quilting joke of the season.

She had lived a long and happy life dedicated to her family and quilting. Her only regret was all the quilts she still could have made. St. Peter met her at the gate and offered to show her some of the possibilities she could choose in the after life.

"Well, I would be delighted", she said. "You get to choose you know", he reassured her. So...pop! off they descended falling downward. The door opened to a bright & cheerful room stocked to the brim with colorful fabrics, threads galore, and the latest sewing machines. The ladies all looked up with big smiles of anticipation. "This is for me, you don't need to take me any farther. Thank you so very much", she said. St. Peter says are you sure lass? "Yes, of course", she responded. Pop... off he went and she turns back to all the ladies who say-

"You did bring the needles, didn't you?"

Free Tip of the month. Please remember I have several free educational videos on my web site and many more on my Youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/user/kathymcneilquilts>

Thank you to Karen Vosen of MT for asking if I had tried using Hug'n Kisses water soluble applique paper? One side is fusible and you can trace thru the semi transparent paper. **One of my jobs is to try some of these new products out for all of us and report back with any tips.** The

paper is 8.5 x 11 sheets. A little more expensive than the Apliquick paper, water soluble, and you can print it in your printer.

I love the Apliquick interfacing, but I suppose there could be situations where you might want to print template shapes or a situation where you might want it to wash out the interfacing paper. I wanted to let you know if this was another option for turning your edges using your Apliquick tools that was water soluble.

The Hug's N Kisses paper says it is water soluble. That was not my experience. First of all you must use the mirror image of any shape when printing using your computer. Do not print on the fusible side; your ink will be all over your hands and fabric.

#1 sample. After rinsing it gently for several minutes under the water, the paper DID NOT dissolve. #2 sample. I let my hand applied sample float in the water for 20 minutes. The paper liner remained. The water soluble glue from my pen had dissolved leaving the paper liner crumpled and free. Not dissolved.

(I cut the back of the sample out so we could see what happened with the paper). I don't normally do that. Why would I, when the Apliquick interfacing is so thin and soft? It adds just a little extra loft to each shape. I would be concerned about this paper liner bunching up or leaving ripples under your shape. So this is not a product that I would use. #3 sample. You can print Apliquick paper in your printer too. Cut it to 8.5 x 11. Print on the non-fusible side. It would be great for things like Hexies.



I love these questions though. Keep them coming. Occasionally we do find really great new products that I want to share with you. For Apliquick supplies click below.

<http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/shop/item/aplick-kit/>

Have a great spring. Thanks to all of you who stay in touch. If you can get to the AQS Des Moines show this year, I'm teaching and would love to say hi.

Follow me on Facebook too. Lots of hugs. Prayers accepted, too, as my oldest son Aaron, gets admitted to the hospital tomorrow for testing to consider brain surgery for his intractable epilepsy.

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