

Finding a new reason to get up and go is putting drive in my day.

My 25-year-old dear friend on four wheels is history. She was traded in for a modern and safe vehicle. After years of guiding her up and down hills and around numerous round-a-bouts, she was losing her git-up and go. However, I had not finished reading the car manual, yet so it was a tough decision to release her. But I did by sending her to the roam in pastures with other horse powers.

So, now there is a new vehicle manual to thumb through and comprehend. This volume weighs on my mind, like the nightmare of a high school term paper yet to be written. This manual is thicker than the one printed 25 years ago for a Sebring with a tape deck AND a disc player. Never used either, I confess. How could I? I never got to that chapter.

Now, more techy information is taunting me. I read only as far as starting the engine with a pointer finger pushing a button thinking all the while “do I Need a key?” And, oh yes I skimmed: How to put in the gasoline, but have not had to do the feeding, yet. Sometime soon I will get around to reading how to turn on the air conditioner. Desire to learn is key.

In the meantime, though, quilt pattern books are at my fingertips, too. Finding a new pattern to read, understand and follow is a huge task. Since the pandemic I am stymied as to what to create. Perhaps there is quilting vitamins? Maybe an intake of Vitamin A for Action is needed. Vitamin C for Create might help. And coupled with Vitamin D for decisions would help launch a wonderful quilt. I yawn at the prospect of all that cutting.

Reading the 25-year-old Marsha McCloskey’s *Quick Classic QUILTS* is no easy read, either. There is mathematics involved. How to manage a ruler and cut accordingly for a diamond shape or for a rhomboid shape, not to mention a kite shape is mind boggling. I am a kind of “watch me, do as I do” student. A teacher needs to be at my elbow in a “waiting” pattern to answer questions, serve tea, do the unsewing.

While searching for a new quilt pattern I discovered that I had made three of the author’s patterns. My quilt history surfaces.

Now, to continue my drive by finding a quilt pattern to rev up the weeks ahead.

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