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LABELING YOUR QUILTS

Why should you label your quilts?

VALUE	Adds economic and sentimental value
PROTECTION	If lost or stolen
POSTERITY	Hopefully, your quilt will pass through generations, a few if not many. What a wonderful asset to know the history behind a treasured quilt, especially that of the hands which created it.

What do you put on your label?

WHO	Name of the piecer and quilter
WHAT	Name of the quilt pattern
WHEN	Date quilt was finished
WHERE	Where the piecer lived when the quilt was completed, should include the city, state, county and country
WHY	Provide an explanation of why you made the quilt, i.e. wedding, birthday, graduation, thank-you, etc.
OTHER	Name of recipient (if it is a gift) Interesting stories relating to the quilt New or central techniques used Washing and care instructions

How do you make a quilt label?

PIGMA PEN® You can simply sign the back of the quilt, usually in the lower right hand corner. Or write with a Pigma® Pen or print with an inkjet printer on a purchased fabric label.

MAKE YOUR OWN

- Be creative and design your own label. Print is on a treated paper-backed fabric sheet, i.e. Printed Treasures. Import web images or add digital pictures.
- Same as above but treat your own muslin or tonal cloth with Bubblejet Set & Rinse.

How do I attach a label?

After you have made your label, prepare it to be hand sewn to your quilt. Attach a same-sized piece of muslin or light weight iron-on pelon to your label to finish the edges and make it easier to hand sew onto your quilt. First, make a vertical slit in the center of your label lining. Pin label and lining right sides together. If using iron-on pelon, have the adhesive dot side face the front of the label. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around entire label. Clip corners diagonally in the seam allowance. Turn unit inside out. FINGER press seams. Either pin or heat set in position on the quilt. Hand sew in place with a blind stitch. Fusing the label to the quilt provides added protection against the label being easily removed.

SECURITY OPTIONS

- **Quilt through your label** Attach the label prior to quilting so it can be stitched all the way through, rendering it more difficult to be removed, replaced or lost.
- **Hide a signature** For security purposes, it is a good precaution to put your name in a hidden area that could be uncovered, if needed, to prove the quilt is yours. Choose a place that can be revealed without damaging your quilt. One suggestion is the space under the hanging sleeve. Use a Pigma® pen to write your full name, address and phone number directly on the quilt and then stitch the sleeve in place. You can also write your name in the seam allowance that will be inside the binding. You can also request that your long arm quilter, quilt your name and date directly on the quilt. Or you can do the same with free motion quilting.