

Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation with Martha Nordstrand, Appliqué Expert

Our telephone conversation will begin at:
5pm Pacific Time, 6pm Mountain Time, 7pm Central Time, 8pm Eastern Time
on Wednesday, May 14

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Greetings –

We are very excited to have Martha Nordstrand join us for our Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 5pm Pacific Time.

Martha has been sewing since she was three years old when her grandmother placed a needle in her hand. She has worked in crochet, knitting, embroidery and needlework.

Her quilting adventure began as she made simple little nine patch quilts for her daughter, baby quilts for friends, and a log cabin.

She has wandered through every type of appliqué style...English piecing, paper piecing, freezer paper, needle turn and many more conventional methods before she found her own style of designing and interpreting flowers into fabric. Inspired by her late dear friend, Jessie Harrison, she developed a technique using glue sticks and label paper that was simple and precise to create the fine lines and delicate petals and leaves.

After much experimentation, she implemented a **new way to prepare and apply appliqué pieces to background fabrics**. She loves teaching and sharing this method with all levels of quilt makers. In some ways it is revolutionary and in others, it is very simple. Appliqué is still her favorite style of quilt making.

Her website is <http://www.morequiltsplease.com/>

Martha will be teaching at The Quilt Camp in the Pines, July 13-18 in Flagstaff, Arizona. You can get more information online at: <http://www.quiltcamp.com/>

Happy Quilting!

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If you are not going to ask a question, please mute yourself out. Everyone can hear you sew, eat, talk to your dog, husband and kids. It is very distracting.

Several topics will be covered during the call, and we have provided a list of them so you can jot your questions down before the call, take notes during the call, and be prepared to ask any of your unanswered questions during the Open Phone time at the end of the call.

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1) Please describe your special method for appliqué.

2) What size needle do you recommend for a beginner to use?

3) Is there a special thread we should use?

4) How do you make smooth curves and avoid little points and jags? How are inner curves different from outer curves?

5) How do you make sharp points, i.e., the tips of leaves?

6) Do you leave all the layers of fabric intact or you do trim out the backs to lessen the bulk?

7) Where do you get your inspiration for designs?

8) Are there tips and shortcuts to picking out of fabrics, tracing patterns, and using double-sided fusible to prevent shapes from facing the wrong direction, etc.?

9) Do you pre-wash your fabric for appliqué?

10) How do you prevent the edges of your appliqué pieces from fraying?

11) What is the best way to make 'puffy' appliqués, or trapunto?

12) Are there beginner, medium and advanced types of appliqué?

13) What length and how close together should the appliqué stitches be?

14) Why is stabilizer necessary for appliqué?

15) How can you prevent residue from building up on the needle?

16) Do you use ribbon embroidery or other accents to bring life to your flowers?

17) If a quilter is visually challenged and has restrictions with their hands, should she use a short quilters' needle or a milliners' needle? Which form of appliqué would be the easiest to learn?

18) Do you use drawing software to get the images shown on your Concepts page? If yes, which program do you use and why do you like it?

Other questions – jot down other questions to ask if you have the opportunity, and record other topics covered that you find helpful.

If you would like your very own recording of this call, you can still get it at the Early Bird price by going to www.How-to-Quilt.com/martha-nordstrand.shtml

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Next month, on June 10, Jason Young from Fairfield batting company will join us to talk about batting, and especially their new bamboo batting.

So, be thinking about what Enquiring Quilting Minds want to know so we can put together a list of questions for him.

Until next time – Happy Quilting!

Penny