

Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation with Sharyn Craig Quilt Teacher, Quilt Maker, and Quilt Lover

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on **Monday, April 21**

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Greetings –

We are very excited to have Sharyn Craig join us for our Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation on Monday, April 21.

Sharyn has a BA in Home Economics from San Diego State University. She has been quilting since 1978 and teaching quilting since 1980. What began quietly in the adult education system in San Diego, has spread out of home territory, throughout the United States and abroad.

In addition to teaching and lecturing, Sharyn is also an author. She has contributed to Quilter's Newsletter, Quilting Today, and American Quilter magazines. She's probably best known for her encouragement of students to be creative in their own quilts. With that focus in mind, she contributes to the Design Challenge columns in Traditional Quiltworks magazine. She has authored a number of books, including The Ultimate Half Log Cabin Book, The Art of Classic Quiltmaking, Setting Solutions, and Great Sets.

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Sharyn's website is <http://sharyncraig.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) How do you decide which fabrics to purchase? (i.e., color, print)

2) How much of each fabric do you buy?

3) Where do you get your inspiration for a new quilt?

4) If we are just beginner quilters, should we start with a simple sampler quilt, or choose a block or two for one quilt?

5) How do quilters move from copying quilts to creating their own design?

6) Do you plan out your entire quilt before you begin – i.e., including fabric and design for borders, backing and binding?

7) How do you go about choosing fabric for a particular quilt?

8) Do you pre-wash your fabric?

9) How do you handle blocks that are slightly different sizes when you make your quilt top? (for example, blocks you won at a guild, or were part of an exchange)

10) Do you have ideas for handling blocks from an exchange that are the same pattern and completely different colors?

11) What is the most interesting challenge you have had in combining mismatched blocks?

12) In many of your resources, you ask “What if...” How did that begin, and how do we get ideas for answering the question?

13) Do you machine quilt or hand quilt your quilts?

14) How do you choose a quilting design for your quilt?

15) What is the best way to organize our fabric?

16) What are some of the considerations when we set up a place to store our fabric? (i.e., location of sunlight, folded vs. hanging)

17) Can you share some tips for keeping our quilting tools organized and ready to use?

18) What are some of the things we need to think about when we set up our workspace?

19) How do you keep your notions, like thread and needles, organized and easy to find?

20) What are the things that make the biggest difference in staying organized and making our quilting easy and more efficient – so we can make more quilts in less time?

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/sharyncraig.shtml

Next month, on May 14, Martha Nordstrand will join us. Martha is an expert in creative appliqué techniques.

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

Until next time – Happy Quilting!

Penny