

Quilt Labeling

Here are some suggestions on methods for adding your signature... A label... to your quilts...

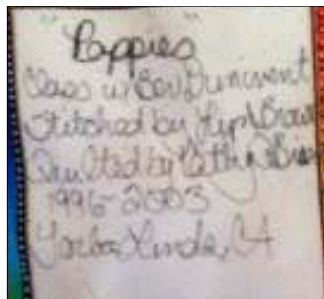
You can sign your quilt...

- 1 Right in your quilting... Add your name, the date... etc.
- 2 By attaching a hand lettered label on the back
- 3 By using iron-on labels from a book or T-Shirt Transfer Paper
- 4 By direct printing from your computer onto your fabric label
- 5 When time is short, write info directly on backing of quilt.

The important thing is to sign your quilt so future generations will know the genesis of that quilt.

A label also provides immediate identification if your quilt is left, lost or stolen.

Note: Antique quilts that are signed and/or dated are worth at least twice that of unsigned quilts!



Label Your Quilts...

1. Labels should have minimally your name, date completed and city. Stabilize the Plain, Light fabric with Freezer Paper. Draw some guidelines on the FP to keep your writing straight.
2. Additional information may include title of quilt, occasion it celebrates, recipient, LongArm Quilter, Pattern Designer, etc.
3. Care instructions are nice to include as well.
4. Anything you want on the label is okay! **Try mixing your techniques...** Print some info with your computer, handwrite other, and add a border of fabric from the front of the quilt.
5. Use a leftover block from the front!
6. Use permanent ink. Be sure your marker is intended for fabric, but avoid Sharpie as they tend to bleed. Heat set with your iron.
7. Add **embroidery, rubber stamp imprints, stenciled paints, applique or patchwork** for additional color and interest.
8. Add a photo transfer of yourself, the recipient, etc. Test, test, TEST!
9. Fusible web application of a label is okay for wall hangings and use-em-up quilts.
10. How about listing your other current projects... your family's activities... world events?
11. Add a pocket to/next to the label... Tuck in care instructions, extra fabrics for eventual repairs and/ or a small surprise. The pocket also makes a great way to communicate with the tooth fairy!
12. Computers are great... But your handwriting (however sloppy, illegible, etc.) is **priceless!** At least, sign your name!



Enjoy!