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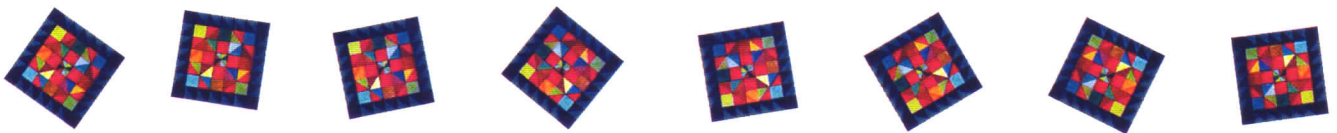
... to the second edition of *Threads*, the newsletter of MDR Quilting Services.

This month, we will explore some handy tips and tricks to do with quilt storage, quilt sizes, hand sewing and “wavy border syndrome”.

We will also continue to update you on our partnership in making charity quilts and show you how you can help contribute to this amazing project, giving ‘blankets of love’ to kids who have very little reason to feel loved at all.

We trust that you will enjoy reading our newsletter. If you have anything you’d like to see in our upcoming editions, please email enquiries@mdr-quiltingservices.com.au with your questions and suggestions. We might even try a “reader question” in the next edition!

Happy sewing!



BLANKETS OF LOVE

CHARITY QUILTS

As mentioned in the first edition of *Threads*, MDR Quilting Services proudly supports the provision of “Blankets of Love” for children placed in foster care.

Several community groups create beautiful gift quilt tops and MDR Quilting Services gladly quilts each one, free of charge. Our involvement is generously supported by **Tony and Yumi Sullivan** of **Victorian Textiles** and we are very grateful for their assistance.

The finished quilts are presented to young people who have been removed from their family home as a result of domestic violence or other family crisis

and are a way of showing these young people that they are loved and cared for, even when their world is being turned upside down.

How Can You Help?

A double/QS bed quilt has generously been donated for sale in order to raise funds to purchase the wadding for the next round of quilts. If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase the quilt, please contact Sharon via enquiries@mdr-quiltingservices.com.au and ask for further details.



The quilt for sale to raise funds to enable the next round of charity quilts to be completed.



The next batch of “Blankets of Love” ready to be gifted to kids in need.

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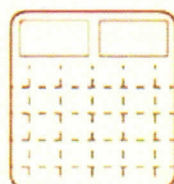
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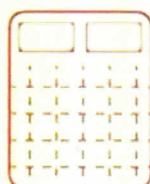
We often get asked the question, "What is the correct quilt size for...?" The short answer is, there is no one right size for a particular bed, it's really up to you and the purpose you are going to use it for. Great questions to ask yourself include: How much overhang do you want, if any? Do you want it to go over the pillows? Is it going to multitask (eg. Be used as both a lap quilt and a cot quilt)?

The picture below gives a guideline to start calculating your quilt size from, based on standard bed sizes, but never be afraid to adjust it to your tastes and purposes!

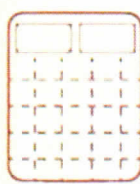
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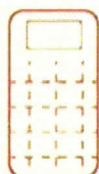
KING
108" X 108"



QUEEN
90" X 108"



DOUBLE/FULL
STANDARD
78" x 88"



TWIN
63" X 90"



LAP
60" x 72"



CRIB
40" X 60"

2015 Booking Schedule

Whilst every effort is made to keep the booking schedule current on the web-site,

if you need a project completed for a special event please telephone to confirm machine availability.

Bookings are currently being taken for Christmas 2015 – book early to avoid disappointment.



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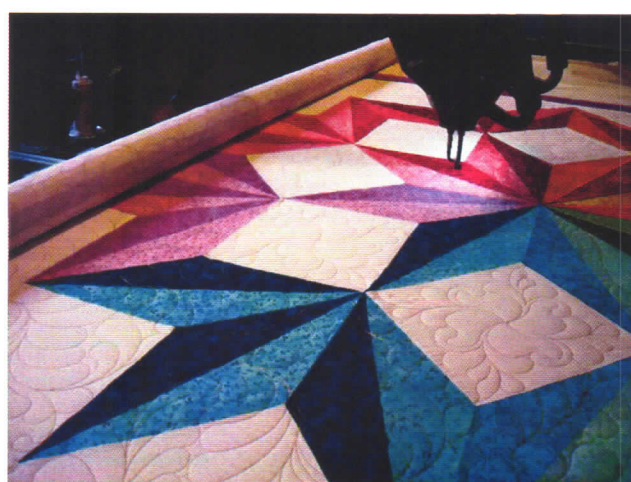
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QUILTS FOR SALE

We currently have a number of quilts in a variety of colours, designs and sizes ready for immediate sale.

Looking for a gift but don't have the time to make it yourself? Then come and have a look at the ready made quilts we have to offer.



HOW TO PREVENT WAVY BORDER SYNDROME



Fullness within the body of your quilt is caused by blocks of different sizes. This can be prevented by squaring up your blocks before joining them.

Measure the quilt body two to three times at even intervals down the quilt through the middle and a minimum of 5" from each edge.

If these measurements vary slightly average them. If the numbers vary by more than ½" take more time to square up the blocks or quilt top.

Cut the border to the exact measurement required.

To attach, pin mark both the border and quilt top in quarters & match the pins. Repeat for all sides.

If you have a pieced border, stay stitch ¼" around the edge of your quilt top. This helps keep the borders from stretching whilst being quilted.



Upcoming Events in 2015

April 16-19	<i>The Australasian Quilt Convention</i>	Royal Exhibition Buildings (Melbourne)
July 23-26	<i>Craft & Quilt Fair</i>	Melbourne Exhibition Centre (South Wharf)

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

www.mdr-quilting.com.au

Check out our website for information about bookings, preparing your top for quilting, patterns, price guidelines, general inspiration and more!



HAND SEWING HURTING?

Do you suffer from tender fingers as a result of hand sewing but can't manage a thimble?

These reusable leather thimble pads might just be the answer you are looking for.

The thimble pads are a reusable self adhesive leather pad that stick to your fingertip. Tough enough to handle even the heaviest stitching projects, still it is comfortable enough to wear all day.

Its lightweight construction gives you great needle control, so even the most delicate stitching is a pleasure.

MDR Quilting Services has not received payment to advertise this product. This is purely a recommendation based on experience.



Storing Quilts:

Extending life and reducing wear

Don't store quilts long term in plastic, either bags or tubs. The fabric needs to breathe and will deteriorate much more rapidly if stored in plastic.



However and wherever you store your quilts, re fold them every few months to help prevent weaknesses from creases and fading in isolated areas.



You've invested a lot of time, energy and creativity (let alone money) in your quilts, why not find ways of displaying them while they are not specifically 'in use'? Folded behind glass cabinet doors, on shelves, draped over chairs and couches or on a display ladder are

Sewing & Craft Supplies Classes



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