

## Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by chris - 2009/05/25 17:32

---

Ok, let's just get things rolling with our discussion topic for the month of May. I know that in the past we did this weekly. But to be honest with you, sometimes it is difficult for me to keep up with the weekly stuff so I am going to try every 2 weeks.

Since May is almost over how about we do one this month and then start next month with every 2 weeks?

Let's start with something that for me is really turning into an issue since I started this online business.

Finding time to quilt

Let's just see how creative you all are. Share your stories, (or excuses) on how you make time for your passion. How do you tell your family/husbands that dinner or the laundry etc. will have to wait because I am quilting.

And if you don't have to make excuses, then share with us how you fit quilting into your daily/weekly routines.

If we get some good answers here, may I borrow them? Because my husband/family still don't get it after 8 years that I would rather be quilting, reading about quilting, watching quilting shows, videos and going to quilt shows more than anything else! So when nothing gets done around the house or the water bill is late it isn't because I forget it is because I am choosing to do what I love and not what is expected of me. :laugh:

Let see who has the most creative answers here.

Chris Dahl

Check out my quilting blogs when you get the chance, there is more of what you love!

<http://www.onlinequilting.wordpress.com>

<http://www.quiltingweekly.blogspot.com>

---

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by cobrajtjohn - 2009/05/25 20:29

---

First, I must say I have total support from my husband for my quilting. I go to some car shows with him and he makes sure I get to go to the quilt shows, usually with my girlfriend, but he has come too. He also doesn't complain about the purchases, but is starting to wonder about the growing stash, instead of shrinking. But then I was suppose to be retired and then make it shrink!!!

I find time to do my hand quilting for 1 to 1 1/2 hours on Mon/Tues/Wed mornings with my coffee. He leaves at 7 and wakes me then but I don't leave till 9 (and have Wed's off)

Thurs and Fri I don't quilt much.

Wednesdays, if I am not doing charity quilts that is when I do most of my sewing and piecing, between loads of laundry, doctor appointments, or whatever else comes up.

Sat and Sun I may get to sew and piece or I may get to clean, or we may go for a "cruise" in his classic

car.

The first Sat of each month I go to a quilt shop where we make "quilts for healing hero's" or returning injured soldiers.

I do all the shopping, laundry, and most coking. John does bathrooms, most vaccuuming, and we share dishes.

We have some very extreme stress or depression or whatever in our lives, so this is how we deal with it, I quilt, he "cars". Saturday I woke very depressed, and made myself go to my sewing room and sewed all day, by evening I felt much better and went out with John to the car cruise, and that lifted his spirits. So I guess it isn't that I look for time to quilt but for some peaceful quiet time away from stress and trouble and that is quilting to me. Some people garden, but I quilt. Since we don't know if we will wake up tomorrow we have to make sure that we enjoy today and make some time for ourselves, but of course some time for the "necessities" as well. Like the bills Chris!!! Do that first then enjoy the day.

Happy Quilting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!:cheer: :cheer: :cheer: :cheer: :cheer: :cheer: :) :) :)

=====

### Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by kquilts - 2009/05/25 20:52

---

My husband never says any thing against me quilting. I haven't let quilting stop me from getting meals in a while.

Some other family members cannot quite grasp cutting up perfectly good fabric.

Some don't understand my being on the computer for hours each day and I am afraid it does cut into my quilting time.

In the summer gardening does take over from quilting as my way of relaxing.

Kathy

=====

### Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by Janet - 2009/05/26 05:33

---

Sometimes I find it difficult to find time to quilt but at the moment I do not have a quilt on the go and feel quite bereft. The reason is I finished one before we left for Italy and did not have the time to cut and piece one before we left. We spend spring and autumn in Italy now we have retired. I only do hand quilting when away, I use my quilting time to use audio tapes to learn Italian (very slowly it seems)

In the UK I am trying to sew my way out of my sewing room, as I have not only my stash of material but have now inhereted my mothers as well as a friends. This mean I am trying not to visit shops which sell material very often. When I have a project on the go I fit in quilting most days in the evening when the TV is on and I am only half interested in what is on. As I do not use a frame it is cosy in the winter but I do much less in hot weather. Or/and early mornings when I get up first with a cup of tea and the Italian tapes.

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by trishraiden33 - 2009/05/26 14:05

---

Hello everyone, well finding time to quilt! my husband is very understanding and is extremely helpful when it comes to making templates for me, he is used to waiting till the table is cleared before I can start to do the cooking, and never clock watches for meals, we share the washing up. Both of us beng retired makes it much easier, he is an astronomer and we go camping (have a lovely Campervan) so he can watch the stars and this is great for me as can relax and quilt.

Also my sewing room is tidier than his workroom, (I hide the material in shelves which has a curtain) which when closed makes the room look tidy. He'll never know.

I hand sew in any place where I have to wait for a long time, Dentist, Doctors and Hospitals, kids are always fasinated too, mainly about the thimble on my finger, but I love explaining, you never know one of them might be a budding quilter.

My friends think it is madness to buy material and then cut it up and sew it all back together again, but they do like the quilts when they are finished.

Trisha

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by sue90 - 2009/05/26 15:19

---

Hi ALL,

I try to quilt as often as i can,because i work mornings i do quilt on Thrusday afternoon and also on a saturday afternoon.

My husband is very understanding also,he does come to some of the quilting shops with me and helps pick out the fabric.

These 2 days (Thursday and Saturday)i do attend a lesson and some saturdays i go to workshops if there is any i like to do at the quilting shop in Warwick.

I would just like to say how funny it is to fine some else who quilts and their husband also is an astronomer. Can i ask Janet where abouts do you live in the UK.There's not many of us from the UK who uses this site and the sister site creative quilting.

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by chris - 2009/05/27 09:27

---

Wow so far it seems that you all have very understanding Husband! Good for you! My hubby does understand my passion and doesn't really try to stop me, however he doesn't understand my long hours on the computer! :)

It is nice to see some action back in the forum again. I hope this continues. By the way, don't forget to visit the chatroom once in a while. Not sure where it is? Just go to your profile page, or the gallery page and you will see it on the left side of the screen. Simon is working on putting in a link that goes directly to the chat under our goodies tab, so watch for it soon. In the mean time use the above pages to find it, and once you have it you can click the icon with the arrow on it to open it up so that you can continue

---

looking around the site. Hope this helps! See you in the chat room!

Chris Dahl

Remember in quilting there are no mistakes, only design choices! (said by one very wise teacher but can't remember who)

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by trishraiden33 - 2009/05/27 16:36

---

Sue I think you mean me, we live in Essex, by the sea. whereabouts do you live? I am always looking for weeks away that cover astronomy and quilting, but have never come across any, or painting which he does too. I am off on a three day free (you do whatever you want, no tutor) quilting course in Ipswich, it is an education college which has rooms where you can stay, is a great time to relax and quilt with like minded people.

Trisha

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by sue90 - 2009/05/27 16:56

---

Hi Trisha,

Yes you and Janet both live in the Uk so i see. There aren't many of us who come on site from the UK. On the sister site creative quilting there is Jo and She also from the uk.

I live in a village called Bishop's Tachbrook in warwickshire. Its not far from Warwick. I do go to work shops in warwick at a shop called the quilters den. I am going there tomorrow for a lesson. we have a little quilting club. only 3 of us on a Thursday afternoon. The lady there also does a wed night sewing club for £3.00 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Hope to chat with you soon Trisha

=====

## Re:Discussion topic - May 09

Posted by Janet - 2009/05/28 02:48

---

Hello Sue,

I tried to answer twice yesterday but could not upload. I will set up a proper profile when we get back in two weeks. I live in Braintree Essex. It would be nice to get in contact with other quilters in the UK.

I have not been to a class since my friend died in 98. Somehow Debbie and I did not feel like going anymore. We still ran classes ourselves in the village for a while.

I may have to lurk here for another couple of weeks.

---

Here goes third time lucky

Janet

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by Janet - 2009/05/28 02:52

---

Hello Trish,

This course in Ipswich is it at the suffolk college nee Ipswich civic college? I did my A levels there many tears ago.

Janet

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by sue90 - 2009/05/28 14:49

---

Hi Janet,

Hope to chat with you soon when you get back in two weeks. Bye the way for got to say a big welcome to you and Trisha.

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by dawndie77 - 2009/05/29 00:26

---

Quilting is a great stress relief for me. It is relaxing and fun. I rush through all the housework on one day and the next day quilt all day except for lunch and dinner time. I do stop for that. If I have to work that evening I see if there is anything I can work on my quilt at work with and if so I take it with me to work on during my down time there. I wish I could just stay home and quilt all day and not have to go to work, but I do get a lot of comments at work about my quilting. My significant other loves that I have found a hobby and encourages me to let housework go and quilt everyday. I wish I could but the housework would drive me batty just knowing it needed done.

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by trishraiden33 - 2009/06/01 04:19

---

Hello all, hope you have a happy holiday Janet and the weather stays as god as it is now, spea again in 2 weeks.

I go to a quilting lessons once a month with an American lady in Weeley, Essex. She is brilliant and is a happy group of ladies, we are having a break now for a few months starts again in Sept. and Belstead is the Suffolk Training College, am looking forward to three full days of quilting. We start at 9am and finish at whatever time you want. Up to midnight when the room is locked if you are so inclined.

Do you top quilt your own quilts or send them off for a long arm quilter?

all the best Trisha

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by chris - 2009/06/01 10:36

---

Trish,

I saw your question in the post and I think this will be a good one to put into our discussions so if you don't mind I will post this for our topic this week.

We may have explored this in the past, but since there are new members it will be a good one to explore again.

Thanks,  
Chris

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by Janet - 2009/06/02 05:04

---

Hello,

Do have a lovely time in Belstead. Sounds lovely and will look into joining you if they run any more courses in the future. We lived near by and use to walk over the heath to Belstead in the 70's with our small children. All built on now.

Janet

=====  
**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by trishraiden33 - 2009/06/02 05:10

---

Hi Janet,

this will be an open group, which means you can take anything, no real tutor but Lesley will be there, there were a few spaces left for the 19th June, if you are interested? Have some flannette material which my sister sent years ago and I have never made up, so am going to try and get that one started, and have a wedding ring block of 5 rings in a line and want to applique this to a long background, like the IN thing for the end of the bed!!!!LOL

should be fun

Trisha

=====

**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by justlovequiltin - 2009/06/03 14:04

---

Hello everyone, I do have support from my husband and family. They do know that it is my stress release. I use to spend 2 to 3 hours a day in my room quilting and have a good time. Yes I had interruptions galore. But, I just put it to them this way, This is my time and if you want my attention? Well, You come into my domain you need to help me out while we talk. That seemed to work out great. The house work? I set up a chart on who does what on those days including DH. And that worked. Time Management was great. IT verried at times when it was call to my attention of having to go out. I did have to set the time differently on those days. I still got in my time in quilting. I set a plann with Am and noon and dinner time and made it ahead if possible. That was the hard part. Each day had it's moments but still the Time Management went great for the most in setting up a chart on who did what. It is now the same as I am now a truck driver with my DH we both do drive. I still set the time to do what I need to do each day and quilt. It just depends on each family what works out for you. It can be hard at time Ladies but can be done. ;)

Happy Quilting,  
God Bless,  
Lorraine (justlovequiltin)

=====

**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by Tenny - 2009/06/06 12:42

---

I am not working right now so I spend most of my days in the sewing room and try to get the laundry and dishes done. I have a wonderful husband who does a good deal of the cooking so I can work. I am trying to make my sewing make an income for me so he is supportive of it. The two daughters who live at home don't really care if I am sewing or not and they love the quilts I make as long as they get one every now and then.  
Tenny

=====

**Re:Discussion topic - May 09**

Posted by Maws - 2009/06/07 03:49

---

Hi  
I seem to be having trouble finding time to do any quilting at the moment when I do quilt I like to spend a couple of days a week with out any interruptions which rarely happens. I like to have all the house work and other jobs done before I start to do any sewing I stop to get meals ready hubby's very patient if I'm a bit late getting his tea, he only eats simple things

he is very easy to feed,  
there's only the two of us at home now the girls have move out so please our selves now.

Maureen

=====