



Tortoise Crafts

The Home Of
Quilted Postcards
"Little Quilts
Of Creativity"

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Even though this is the fourth book we have self-published, this bit, the shouting about, telling the world about our brilliant book, is still the hardest thing I have to do, but I would like to tell you about my latest self-published book Quilted Postcards – The Art Edition

I have always wanted to write a book, I love books and I was encouraged by my husband Tony and our daughter Laura to write one about Quilted Postcards, I have been creating them since 2008. These are 6" x 4" pieces of fabric art made using three layers – front, wadding and back. The size makes them postcards and the three layers make it a quilt. They use the skills of patchwork and quilting, and are embellished with hand embroidery, this combination makes them 'Little Quilts of Creativity'.

The New book contains 12 beautifully presented designs for Art Quilted Postcards, as in Textile Art, Quilt Art, Embroidery Art, Landscape Art. These Little Quilts of Creativity are inspired by gardens, gates, doors and the landscape. This book gives easy-to-use instructions complete with photos of the stages. Alongside each of the 12 designs there are 68 further Quilted Postcards shown to inspire you to make your own unique Art Quilted Postcards, to decorate your home or to give as a beautiful thoughtful gift. 'The Art Edition' also includes instructions and examples of the different stitches used to create the various plants and flowers. For quilters of all abilities.

We, Tortoise Crafts are a family, without each other we would not have gotten these books published. I am the designer and creator of Quilted Postcards, I have no formal qualifications in art, design or textiles just a love of creating and lots of years of trying different techniques and finding what works for me. I also write the instructions, but without Laura, our daughter, taking what I have written and turning it into understandable English, with correct spellings and grammar it wouldn't be very understandable.

I have dyslexia, it's not bad but it does mean that my spelling can be very interesting!!! Because I have dyslexia and with the years of teaching traditional Patchwork and Quilting, I have learnt a certain way of writing my instructions, that





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means anyone with basic sewing skills or dyslexia can read my instructions and create their own pieces of work. They are in short sentences and each small stage is created as a separate point, I have carried this style through to my books (I so wish more books were written like this as often I find each stage of instructions are just too long and I get confused).

It is Tony, my husband that photographs each stage of my stitching and takes all the final shoots, all this is done on the kitchen table. Then it is Tony that creates the book and does all the technical stuff required to self-publish.

We hope with this book to show and inspire in simple terms that anyone from a beginner to experienced, with no background in art, design, or textiles, can create unique personal Art Quilted Postcards.

If you required any further information, please let me know.

Sarah

