



A MOUNTAIN
QUILTFEST
PIGEON FORGE ★ TN



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A lot of people end their day by reading before they go to bed but I try to end every day with a bit of hand stitching. Hand sewing is my first love. I always say it is “my therapy”. For me there is nothing more relaxing or calming. My hope is that I can pass on that passion through the classes that I teach all over the country. In this class, you will learn all aspects of Punch Needle. From loading your design onto your frame, threading your punch needle, and actually punching your design.

Several years ago my mother gave me a small, stained potholder with a little stamped kitten embroidered on it. The stitches were irregular and long and did not completely cover the ink that made up the design. On the back of it though were my mother’s perfect, even stitches and she had stitched Dawn 1967. I was almost 5 years old when I stitched that kitten. So when I say that I was stitching before I could write, I really do mean it.

I started sewing with a sewing machine in second grade and the first thing I ever made was a long patchwork skirt with an EXTREMELY large ruffle along the bottom. I know for certain that I probably wore that skirt to school at least twice a week, mending it that often as well. Then one day it mysteriously disappeared before I could wear it to the 3rd grade. My mother denies to this day she had anything to do with the disappearance of my skirt.

I started quilting in the mid 90’s and have never stopped since. 13 years ago, my sister introduced me to the wonderful world of wool and I immediately fell in love with everything about wool. Now all of my designs have some wool component in them. I found that Crazy Quilting with wool was a wonderful way to combine my love of hand stitching and quilting. It also led to the development of our signature product, Crazy Stitches, a preprinted, water-soluble stitch guide.

I live on Tablerock Lake outside of Branson, MO with my husband David, and two rotten dogs, Elvis and Presley. We have three children and 11 grandchildren that are my pride and joy.