



My quilting life began in 1978 when I saw a magazine picture of a Log Cabin-pattern quilt. Right away I had to try my hand at this fascinating work - my sister still has the resulting pink Log Cabin. Since then I have taught myself and tried over the years to reach a level of perfection, not to show off, but because I love the beauty I can achieve through my designs. My goal is to inspire quilters all over the world with beauty and color.

I have always been creative, but quilting has hooked me. To be able to work well at something you love is a miracle and a gift from God.

I started my BeColourful pattern line in the Netherlands in 2004. BeColourful is now a family owned and operated business in the United States since 2007.

My quilts have been displayed worldwide and have won international awards. They are based on traditional designs but with a contemporary and colorful twist.

In 2004 at the encouragement of my father I entered the Open European Quilt Championship and won the Color Trophy. Since that year I have lectured and conducted workshops throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe. Interviews have been published in several magazines, and in 2011 I was profiled and featured on the Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson online Quilt Show.

I think my passion for quilting helps make me an encouraging and personable teacher. I love to share my enthusiasm for my designs with others and to bring them to a different and higher level where they can find their own artistic skills. I also show my students that quilts that may seem difficult in a picture are actually not that hard after all.

After living in Delft for more than 50 years, I moved to the other side of the country in September 2020 to live closer to my family. Family has always been very important to me and that made it easy for me to leave the busy west of the country behind and make a new start in a new hometown.

After the death of my adorable sweet Amy in May 2020, I opted again for a rescued Greyhound and not one but two. The two cheerful young dogs: Evi and Noa will take a big place in my life. And then there is also the 16 year old Mr. Pookie, who is really starting to get old now with the matching old age complaints. I love that little stubborn creature to my heart's content.