

A

- **Applique** - Attaching individual pieces of fabric to a background to form a design

B

- **Backstitch** - A stitch made by inserting the needle at the midpoint of a preceding stitch so that the stitches overlap by half-lengths
- **Basting Stitch** - Long stitches used to hold fabric layers or seams in place temporarily and usually removed after final sewing
- **Batting** - Cotton, wool, or synthetic fiber wadded into rolls or sheets, used for stuffing furniture and mattresses and for lining quilts
- **Bias Square Ruler** - This ruler allows you to cut perfect squares or to trim sewn pieces to perfect squares
- **Binding** - The finishing edge put on the outside of a quilt, enclosing the three raw edges formed by the backing, batting and top
- **Blocks** - Basic unit of a quilt top, usually square but can be rectangular or other shape
- **Bobbin** - A spool or reel that holds thread or yarn for spinning, weaving, knitting, sewing, or making lace
- **Borders** - A strip of fabric or pieced strip of fabric joined to the edges of the inner quilt and used to frame it

C

- **Calico** - A traditional plain weave cotton fabric popular for quilting, which is printed, with a small repeated design, often small florals or leaves
- **Chain Stitch** - A stitch in which loops are connected like the links of a chain
- **Chintz** - A printed and glazed cotton fabric, usually of bright colors

D

Double Nine Patch - Basic division of a geometric quilt square into 9 equal squares where five of the small subset squares is made up of a nine-patch block

- **Double Wedding Ring** - Arced pieces of squares sewn together to form interlocking rings or circles

F

- **Fat Eight** - Pre-cut pieces of cotton cloth that measures about 18" x 11"
- **Fat Quarter** - Pre-cut pieces of cotton quilting cloth, taken from one yard of fabric, cut in half lengthwise, and in half widthwise, rather than lengthwise, approximately 18" x 22"
- **Feather Stitch** - An embroidery stitch that produces a decorative zigzag line
- **Flying Geese** - Consists of a center triangle and two right angle triangles attached to it on either side
- **Foot** - Accessories that are available for sewing machines and are especially made for quilting
- **Frame** - Four strips of wood that supports the layers for quilting
- **Free Motion** - Method of quilting where the feed dogs of a sewing machine are lowered or covered and the quilter controls the movement of the fabric under the needle

H

- **Herringbone Stitch** - An embroidery stitch made with overlapping cross-stitches that form a zigzag line
- **Homespun** - Fabric which looks hand-woven
- **Hoop** - A small circular or oval apparatus that is used to hold the layers of a quilt together during quilting

L

- **Lazy Daisy Stitch** - Long chain stitches arranged in flower patterns
- Log Cabin** - Narrow fabric strips, or logs, surround a center square to form a block

M

- **Mitered Border** - Two edges are joined at a 45° angle
- **Muslin** - A plain, usually undyed cotton fabric, available bleached or unbleached

N

Nine Patch - A basic division of a geometric quilt square into 9 equal squares

P

- **Piecing** - Shapes are cut and sewn together to form a design
- **Pinwheel** - Consists of four right triangles forming a square and then joined together in an alternating fashion
- **Posts** - Smaller blocks, often colored fabric, which are used to join the pieces of sashing together

Q

- **Quilting Foot** - A special quilting foot for a sewing machine

R

Rail Fence - Narrow fabric strips sewn together in blocks, and then rotated to form a running pattern which resembles a fence

- **Right Triangle Ruler** - This ruler allows you to cut perfect right triangles or to trim sewn pieces to perfect right triangles

Rotor Cutter - Tool that looks like a pizza wheel and contains an extremely sharp blade capable of cutting through multiple layers of fabric

S

- **Sashing** - Fabric that separates the patterns or blocks, framing them and making the quilt larger
- **Slip Stitch** - A loose stitch catching only a thread or two of fabric; designed to be invisible from the right side
- **Star** - A large central star, made up of diamond shaped fabric or a square with right triangles, to form the star points from the center out
- **Stem Stitch** - A stitch that works from left to right and is often used for flowers, outlining or filling
- **Straight Border** - Two edges are joined and form a perpendicular T at each corner
- **Stripping** - Sewing strips of fabric together, into strip sets, then cut down into smaller units and rearranged to make a pattern>

T

Template - Pattern pieces made out of paper, cardboard, plastic or metal, giving you something to draw around so that you can accurately replicate any shape

- **Tying** - Knotted single stitches to hold the finished quilt layers together

W

Walking Foot - A special foot which can be attached to a sewing machine which helps to feed the top layer of a quilt fabric sandwich evenly with the feed dogs feeding the bottom fabric

- **Wedding Ring** - Arced pieces of squares sewn together to form a ring or circle

Z

ZigZag Stitch - Machine stitch that goes side to side