

BERNINA⁺

Ami Simms



Ami Simms, award-winning teacher, quilter and author, brings a warm sense of humor and style to quilting. Ami's fun approach to quilting is reflected in her creation of the WORST Quilt In The World Contest®. As founder and executive director of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative, Ami has setup a national grassroots charity to raise awareness and fund research for Alzheimer's disease.

Visit www.amisimms.com to learn more about Ami's classes, books and patterns. You can also contact her at amisimms@aol.com.



Ami's BERNINA Journey

"I'm a Bernina girl from way back. Here's a photo of a younger me sewing outside! I had the neighborhood kids trained to bring me "right sides together" and "raw edges even." We made two quilt tops together that day. That little 900 still works. It was the first REAL machine I ever had. My aunt gave it to me in payment for a quilt I made her. (I came out way ahead.) It replaced the "boat anchor" I sewed on that came out of a high school home ec room."

Ami's Favorite BERNINA Feet

"My favorite feet are the ZERO, which has been replaced by the #1 (as standard). I like it because it's easier for me, as a left-hander, to tuck the thread out of the way. And I LOVE my #20. I use it for delicate blanket stitch appliqué and sewing clothesline. Go figure."

Check out Ami's hand-dyed clothesline and bowling techniques at www.amisimms.com.



Look Who's Sewing with BERNINA...

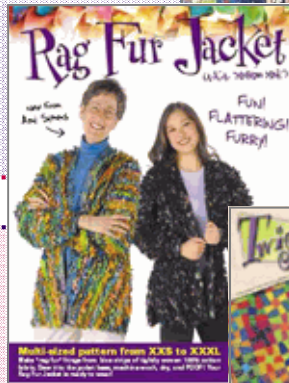
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Noted Author & Designer

Ami is the author of eight books on quilting including her newest, *Picture Play Quilts*. Her other books are *How To Improve Your Quilting Stitch*, *Invisible Appliqué*, *Every Trick In The Book*, *Classic Quilts: Patchwork Designs From Ancient Rome*, *How NOT To Make A Prize-Winning Quilt*, *Creating Scrapbook Quilts*, and *Fun Photo-Quilts & Crafts*.

In addition to her books, Ami has designed a variety of patterns. A fan favorite is the *Rag Fur Jacket*!



International Teacher

Ami has been leading workshops and giving lectures on quilting throughout the United States since 1982 and was named 2005 Teacher of the Year by *Professional Quilter Magazine*. She has also taught quilting in Australia, Canada, England, Italy, the Netherlands, and New Zealand, and has led Quilting Tours to Italy, The Netherlands, and Hong Kong.

AAQI Founder & Executive Director

The *Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative* is a national, grassroots effort to raise awareness and fund research. It auctions and sells donated quilts through the *Priority: Alzheimer's Quilt* project and sponsors a nationally touring exhibit of quilts about Alzheimer's. The AAQI has raised more than \$412,000 since

January 2006. Ami Simms is the founder and executive director of the AAQI, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation operated entirely by volunteers. Her mother had Alzheimer's.

For more information on the *Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative* or to make a donation, contact Ami Simms at 810-637-5586 (9 am – 3 pm, EST), AmiSimms@aol.com or visit www.alzquilts.org

The *Rose of Sharon Project* conceived by quilter Sharon Penderson & her Nine Patch Media business partner Elizabeth Phillips, began with a digital block challenge with over 850 entries by designers from 11 countries. The final top 12 designs were transformed by Sharon into the *Roses of Remembrance* quilt. Several companies involved with the *Rose of Sharon Project* are proud supporters of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative, including OESD. OESD digitized the *Rose of Sharon* blocks into a beautiful embroidery collection, *Crafters Collection 005*.



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