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Renae Allen



Look Who's Sewing with BERNINA...



Renae Allen established *RGA Design* and launched her *Skillbuilder* machine quilting products at the International Spring Quilt Market in 2007. She continues to develop new products including fabric, books, CDs and DVDs for quilters who are interested in improving their machine quilting skills. Renae conducts quilting workshops and classes at national shows in addition to teaching in her home state of Utah and the intermountain region.

Renae lives in Brigham City, Utah with her husband, Andy Allen. They are the parents of five children and grandparents to thirteen grandchildren.

To contact Renae and view her full line of *Skillbuilder* machine quilting products, visit www.rgadesignquilts.com.

Renae's Sewing Journey

Renae began sewing in elementary school and sewed clothing and other projects for years before discovering quilting. She resisted quilting for many years, wondering why anyone would want to cut big pieces of fabric into little pieces, sew them back together again and still not have something lovely to wear. That all changed in 1999 when she began piecing and machine quilting to assist her sister in a quilt design business. She stopped counting after quilting over 150 projects on her home machine and now wholeheartedly endorses the art of piecing and quilting, especially machine quilting.

It was not long until Renae was asked to teach machine quilting classes. As a Consumer Science graduate from Brigham Young University, teaching others came naturally. Her business idea for *Skillbuilder Companion* and *Skillbuilder* practice panels was her solution to a problem she encountered teaching. She believes quilters need a good resource for practice before they have the skill and the confidence to quilt a "real" project and be pleased with the result. Renae continues to teach seminars with her "hands on – you can do it" approach.



***Skillbuilder* Mastery
Projects**

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Design Builder Apron

Renaë's Favorite BERNINA Features

Renaë's first BERNINA, a 145, is still in service attending class with Renaë for students to use when their machines fail. Her "workhorse" is the BERNINA 430 with the heal back needle up/down, BSR, bobbin system that can be adjusted for perfect free machine quilting tension with any thread, a walking foot that works, knee presser foot lifter, and a great buttonhole!

Renaë used the BERNINA 820 creating her new Feather FUNDamental DVD and Patriot Dreams projects. This machine has all her favorite features plus more power and speed, dual feed system, larger bobbins and a larger arm area and more. While sewing the handles onto Patriot Dream Quilt n' Tote the machine glided over four layers of fusible fleece, one layer of Soft and Stable foam, and six layers of fabric at without balking!



Patriot Dreams Projects

In addition to creating these projects, Renaë is the designer of the Patriot Dreams Fabric Collection from Henry Glass, available at independent quilt shops.

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Skillbuilder and Design Builder



Renae is proud to offer her advice, tips, and secrets through the *Skillbuilder* and *Design Builder* products.

Skillbuilder and *Design Builder* are valuable tools for learning or teaching machine quilting for both domestic sewing machines and long arm systems. The products have been developed and used in various training classes and presentations. The lessons learned and skills developed will help anyone become a better machine quilter and give new students the confidence needed to succeed.

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Braid in the Middle Purse

Be sure to download Renae's Braid in the Middle purse pattern and discover easy piecing techniques with professional results.

Project available at www.berninausa.com.