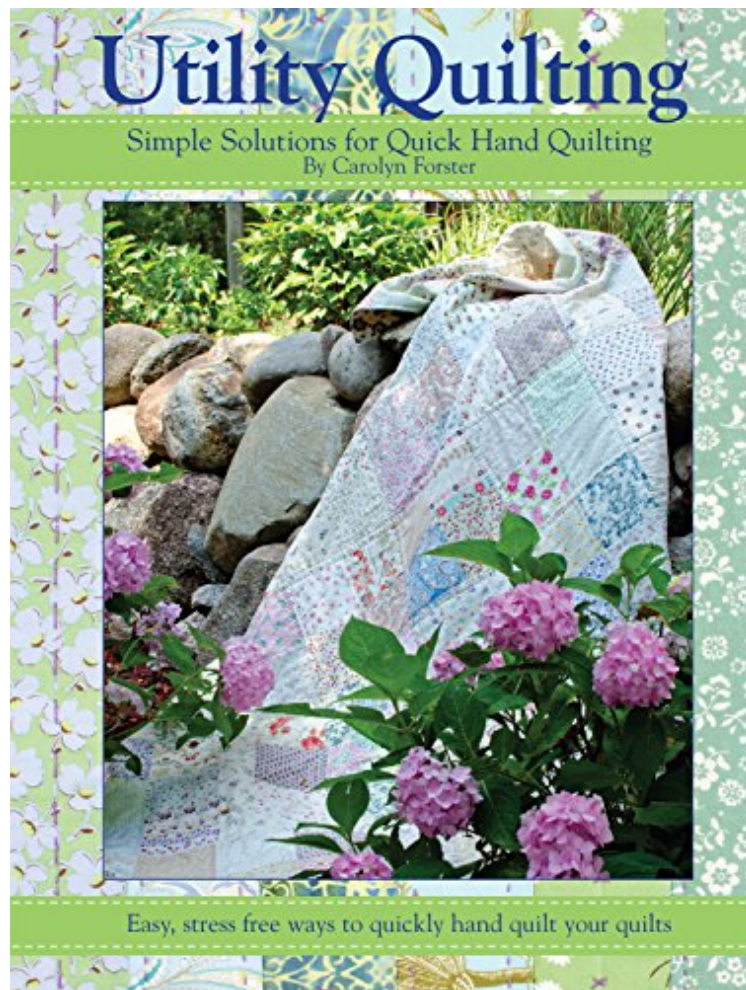


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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Very basic quilting bookBy Charlotte StoutGood place for beginners to start. I got caught up in the beautiful cover decided to go for it. If you have made a couple of quilts, you may find this book disappointing since the patterns are very simple there is no challenge, although you might enjoy looking at the fabric that was chosen to make each quilt.To summarize my thoughts, I would say this book would

make a good book to help someone learn how to start quilting (perhaps with your help). Here are the quilt instructions in the book. Each set of directions has a picture of the finished quilt. Most, if not all, patterns/instructions can be found on the net. Sampler Strippy Quilt (just strips of fabric) Thirties 9 Patch Quilt (just a nine patch) Courthouse Step Quilt Square by Square Quilt (just squares sewn together) French Linen Quilt (large center square with wide borders) Slanted diamonds Quilt (strips with alternating slanted diamonds) Woven Square Quilt (based on the Slice 'Em Dice 'Em 9 patch block) Stretched Hexagon Quilt Australian Bush Quilt (large scrappy strips blocks sewn together) Christmas Presents Quilt (large blocks with borders around each block) The author lists several different threads that can be used to do hand quilting, but she does not specify what type of needle should be used with each thread. Just a little annoying thing that was left out. After all, hand quilting is all about threads needles, so more space should have been taken on this subject. The quilt pictures are lovely eye candy. This book clearly shows the effectiveness of using beautiful fabric with simple blocks strips. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This is the book I have been looking for! By Kindle Customer At last! A book that actually tells me it's OK to make big quilting stitches! I've never managed to accomplish the tiny, fine quilting. Would rather have big, easy stitched hand quilting than machine quilting. This book even gives you easy patterns to follow. This book met my expectations and more! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Learn Big Stitch hand quilting By Julie Crudo-Stroud A friend from my sewing group had this book and since I want to learn the Big Stitch hand quilting technique. I found this book very helpful. Had to have my own copy as there is a quilt top in my UFO pile, I'd like to do Big Stitch on. Very happy with it's explanations and pictures.

Discover a fantastic stress-free technique for creating wonderful looking hand quilted projects! The ideal quilting method for contemporary quilters Use simple designs, bigger stitches, and thicker threads to hand-quilt quickly and easily! 12 projects with step-by-step instructions Sample designs and stitches This wonderful book from popular author, teacher, and quilter Carolyn Forster introduces you to utility quilting an ideal method for modern quilters who want the satisfaction of hand quilting but like to get things done pronto. Utility quilting holds the quilt sandwich together using simpler, often all-over designs, bigger stitches, and thicker threads, and is perfect for use with today's big, bold fabrics. This volume includes 12 complete projects with step-by-step instructions.

I have long preached to my quilting classes that quilting whether by machine or hand doesn't need to be the kind that would be juried. While I believe it should be as nice and even as you can make it, it doesn't have to be perfect! Carolyn Forster has written a book that agrees with that. Use bigger thread or larger stitches to quilt your quilt. It is the satisfying feeling you get when doing it that is the point rather than trying to make it so perfect you are frustrated. Besides, many of us do charity quilts and we want to make quilts, not be tied to absolute perfection. A quilt is to be used, not hung on a wall and never touched again. With 11 quilt patterns and lots of suggestions on how to quilt them, you can enjoy the process. With sections on getting started, preparing to quilt and a great section on utility quilting designs, you will have all the tools you need to complete these quilts. The patterns aren't intricate as this book's focus is on the quilting process. Once you master these, then you can transfer that knowledge to your more intensely designed quilts. The section on stitches even gave me ideas that I hadn't thought to use. Then there is a section on binding and other edge finish techniques which tells you it isn't necessary to always use binding to finish the quilt. This is definitely one book I plan on sharing with my guild. Maybe some of the gals will want to give it a try too --Midwest Book, California Bookwatch, March 2012 About the Author Carolyn Forster is a popular quilter, teacher and author. Her work has appeared in numerous UK quilting magazines, including Popular Patchwork, Fabrications, and Patchwork Quilting Magazine. She lives in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK. (carolynforster.co.uk)