



# Amy's Quilting History

## 20 years of Quilting

Amy began quilting when her oldest child was only a few months old, while living in Alturas, California. She soon fell in love with the artistry associated with taking perfectly good fabric, cutting it up into smaller pieces, and then sewing the pieces back together in fun and intricate patterns. At first, she worked with simple patterns until she learned how to use a long-arm quilting machine. Although she was quite intimidated by the large machine, it certainly helped with the construction and finishing of each quilt.

As the family grew, Amy still found time for quilting. Each design reinforced a love for working with fabric in artful ways. Simple quilting evolved into beautiful applique for wall hangings, rag quilts with flannel fabric, and curved piecing and more intricate patterns. Amy developed her craft using a “mid-arm” machine along with a homemade rack to quilt the layers together.

Even as a busy mother of 5 small children, her dedication to quilting was so strong that she still found a way to practice her art. When the youngest child came on the scene Amy cut fabric, laid out designs and sewed quilts with a 1-year old stowed in a backpack on her back and the newcomer in a body sling. Amy introduced each of her kids to quilting as soon as they were old enough to sit at the machine and operate the foot pedal, and they learned to love quilting, too.

Once all the kids were off to school Amy went to work for BJ's Quilt Basket (now The Quilt Basket) where she happily immersed herself in the local quilting scene. During that time she taught quilting classes to a variety of eager sewists as well as the local Girl Scouts. Over the years she has enjoyed creating custom quilts for friends, families and colleagues. Amy currently works one day a week at The Quilt Basket, where her oldest (now 20-years-old) also works!

Now that Amy is pursuing a career as a professional massage therapist, time for quilting is harder to come by, but she hopes to get back to offering custom-made quilts to the Central Oregon Community as time allows.

