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Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere

## Quiltrick #10

Here's quick way to make flower stems: Cut a one-inch strip of fabric on the bias the length of your stem. Fold it in half lengthwise so it is ½ inch wide and press. Place the raw edges of the strip where you'd like your stem to be. Sew a <u>scant</u> ¼ inch from the raw edges. Press the folded edge over the stitching line and hand or machine stitch in place. You have a stem!

The season for quilt shows is upon us and I have hardly done anything other than to attend shows this last month. But what great people I've had the privilege to meet! I was in Virginia, western North Carolina, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Each show was different, but one thing was always the same: quilters are absolutely the nicest people! Recently I had a woman email me with pictures of a quilt she made from one of my patterns. It was absolutely gorgeous. Several others have written to tell me they had made the "Sweet or Sassy Shoulder Bag" for all their nieces. It is such fun to hear your stories

Fall is the time of year we reflect upon things we are thankful for. I am so thankful to be affiliated with quilters. They are some of the most generous people I know. My guild just finished an auction which raised over \$11,000 to benefit a veterans group. All of the quilts sold were donated by the quilters in the guild. One quilter bought one of the quilts in the auction then turned around and donated it back to the veterans group. Amazing!

I'm especially thankful for my three wonderful sisters and two brothers. What a blessing to be from a big family – especially now that we are older and really see each others' many virtues. Make sure your family knows you're thankful for them.



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   Lexington, NC
- October 16-17 Misty Mountain Quiltfest 2009 Blairsville, GA
- October 28-31
  AQS Quilt Show
  Des Moines, IA
- November 5-7
  Original Sewing & Quilt Expo Minneapolis, MN
- November 12-14
  Original Sewing & Quilt Expo Schaumburg, IL
- November 16 Trunk Show
   Durham-Orange Quilt Guild
   Durham, NC
- January 8-9, 2010 Quilting, the Original Green Ft. Myers, FL
- January 20, 2010
  Trunk Show
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- January 29-30, 2010 Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza Statesville, NC