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# Quiltricks news

*Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere*

**Quiltrick #31: Summertime Macaroni Salad** In salted water, boil 16 ounces of elbow macaroni until “al dente”. Add 1 cup each of some or all of the following **diced** ingredients: Onion, celery, green/orange/yellow or red pepper, pickles, carrots, black olives, cucumber, hard boiled eggs and cheddar cheese. Mix together 1 cup mayonnaise, 1/8 cup mustard and 1 tablespoon vinegar with salt and pepper to taste. Stir into macaroni mixture and refrigerate overnight. Add more mayo, mustard or vinegar if needed. Makes a huge bowl which goes fast!

Do you go to bed at night worried because you are behind your schedule on a quilt project? It's okay—we all feel the same way. Usually I have only one sample of my large quilts. I recently sent one of them out to a trunk show because a store wanted it for display. Fortunately, my friend, Leslie, a long-arm quilter, was just about finished quilting a second sample of the same quilt for me. As soon as I received it from her I began putting on the binding and sleeve. Well, of course I was in a hurry because I had a quilt show to attend and wanted to hang the new quilt in the show. So, I started hand stitching the sleeve and was about half way done when a huge storm came up and knocked out the power in the neighborhood. What did I do? I took a large flashlight and tried balancing it on my left shoulder so that it would shine right on the work I was trying to do. Somehow I finished stitching the sleeve and then tried to start on the binding. This is not a success story contradicting my claim that we shouldn't worry about not finishing things on time, because suddenly I realized... No one will care that I don't have the binding sewn down on the back of the quilt. They probably won't even notice. But I will notice if I go blind and have a huge knot in my muscles trying to sew with a flashlight on my shoulder. Give yourself permission to not finish on an arbitrary schedule and be kind to yourself as you try to complete projects!

This month we're introducing our new pattern made with wool. “Spring Woolies” is a quick and easy quartet of ‘mug rugs’ featuring different flowers. Each is 6-1/4” in diameter. Enjoy!



“Spring Woolies”

## Quiltricks Trunk Shows

We send our quilt samples and patterns to local quilt shops. Email Karen for more information and to schedule a visit!

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- ▶ **August 2-3**  
Quilts by the Sea  
[Newport, OR](#)
- ▶ **August 14-17**  
AQS Quilt Show  
[Grand Rapids, MI](#)
- ▶ **August 29-31**  
QSC Expo  
[Louisville, KY](#)
- ▶ **September 14-15**  
Faithful Circle Guild Show  
[Woodridge, IL](#)
- ▶ **September 20-21**  
Quilts in Bloom  
[Hoffman Estates, IL](#)
- ▶ **September 26-28**  
QuiltFest of Jacksonville  
[Jacksonville, FL](#)
- ▶ **October 4-5**  
A Splash of Color  
[Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC](#)
- ▶ **October 11-12**  
Pieceful Hearts Quilt Show  
[North Augusta, SC](#)
- ▶ **October 26-28**  
International Quilt Market  
[Houston, TX](#)
- ▶ **October 31-November 3**  
International Quilt Festival  
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- ▶ **November 8-9**  
Randolph Quilter's Guild Show  
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