



## ***EQ Academy at Sea with Barb Vlack***

Join in the fun of honing your designing skills with **EQ7** as well as learning new ways to use the program. After a brief review of the basics, we'll be exploring many aspects of creative quilt designing and progress to advanced levels of using the program. In this all new concept of the **EQ Academy at Sea**, we will be designing a project to cut with the Accuquilt® GO! die cutter and then we will actually sew! The challenge will be to design within the parameters of the dies available with the Accuquilt® GO! cutter. One of our sponsors, Accuquilt®, will be providing GO! Baby die cutters for us to use in the classroom (thank you very much!). After designing the quilt project, we will also design the label to print onto treated fabric at home.

The illustration of the project is just an *idea*, because everyone will be designing his or her own wallhanging. Kits with tropical-style fabrics will be available for \$40. Kits will include three yards of fabric for piecing blocks (fabrics will vary according to availability), appliqué, borders, fusible material for appliqué embellishment (to be cut with the Accuquilt® GO!), a spool of thread, and a piece of treated fabric for printing a label for your souvenir project when you get home (printing will not be available during the cruise).

Participants in this **EQ Academy at Sea** need to provide their own laptop computers with **EQ7** loaded, activated, and validated. **Note:** It will be an important preparatory step to consult page 8 of the **EQ7 User Manual**. Other supplies to bring include the usual sewing tools, such as fabric scissors, pins, a thread clipper, a seam ripper, sharps needles for hand sewing, and a thimble if you prefer to use one. You may find a souvenir to use to embellish your project. You will not need to bring a rotary cutter or mat. Our cutting will be primarily with the Accuquilt® GO!

**Alternative:** For those who do not have **EQ7** loaded onto a laptop they intend to bring to class, please contact Barb at [barb@barbvlack.com](mailto:barb@barbvlack.com) so she can arrange for the temporary use of a classroom version of the program. This is the full program that is made available to students for a limited time period. This **EQ7** program can be loaded prior to the first class onto a PC laptop, a Mac laptop that has a Windows emulator, or a Notepad. A CD drive or an available USB port is necessary to make the program installation possible.

### **Class Descriptions for EQ Academy at Sea**

#### **1. Introduction to EQ7**

**3 hours**

Whether the students have had experience with **EQ7** or lack some confidence in using it, this class is intended to get everyone on the "same line," so to speak. Customizing the program for drawing and designing will be covered so students may explore the program and discover many functions it will provide.

#### **2. Designing Quilts in EQ7**

**3 hours**

Beyond the beginning class, students will explore many of the various quilt layout tools in **EQ7**. They will use blocks in the Block Library and set them into various quilt layouts ... with the idea that they are practicing for their designing of a cruise project.

#### **3. Drawing Pieced Blocks in EQ7**

**3 hours**

Tricks and tips for drawing pieced blocks in the EasyDraw drawing worktable of **EQ7** will be offered during this class. We'll keep in mind the goal of designing a quilt project using the dies available for an Accuquilt fabric die cutter.

#### **4. Drawing Applique in EQ7**

**3 hours**

Drawing tools in PatchDraw will be used to create appliqué that may be cut and fused or appliquéd onto the cruise project.

#### **5. Designing in EQ7 for Accuquilt Cutting**

**3 hours**

With the ease of cutting of patches with the Accuquilt fabric die cutter, we can design blocks that will fit what the machine has to offer and cut out our cruise project in no time!

#### **6. Cutting with the Accuquilt**

**3 hours**

This class is available in case more time is needed after the other classes for designing and cutting the fabric for the cruise project.

#### **7. Sewing the quilt project**

**3 hours**

The option of sewing the project by machine or by hand is open for the cruise project. The patches will be cut accurately and any appliqué may be prepared for hand appliqué or fused appliqué.

\*\*\* For those preferring to continue working with **EQ7** instead of sewing, tutoring will be available in the classroom.

**8. Sewing the quilt project/EQ7 practice (continued) 3 hours**

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**Example of a quilt and back designed with EQ7 and the Accuquilt GO, your quilt will be of your own design!**

