

FEATURED MEMBER BETSY MONTEMAYOR

How long have you been quilting? I've been quilting seriously for about 18 months.

Who taught you how to quilt? Many classes!!!

What are your favorite quilting techniques? Definitely machine piecing. I have tried hand piecing—one block—and knew before I started it wouldn't be for me! Too slow!!!

What are your favorite colors to work with? Mostly pastels, but I love other color palettes and color lines.

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? Definitely fine quality 100% cotton.

What is your favorite quilt shop? Little Quilts and Quilts 'N Fixins.

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? I have a Viking Designer 1, a Babylock and a Singer Featherweight.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? Usually a very beautiful quilt that I see, a particular pattern or really beautiful fabric.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? Hmm. . . the one I am currently working on at the time!

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? Depends—usually about 10 to 12.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? I pay to have them quilted—I really don't know how—Broach does a wondrous job!!! She's a genius!

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? BOM from Quilts 'N Fixins, Internet technique quilt with Annie Smith, and Venetian Windows (pattern) using batiks.

What other hobbies do you have? My background in sewing is children's heirloom clothing (christening gowns, etc.)—love that, reading and being with my family and grandchildren.

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. It has introduced me to many new techniques, fabrics, shops, patterns and books! Love all the fabrics!!

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? I have volunteered for membership but haven't been contacted yet.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I have lived in Atlanta since the 6th grade. I have been married to the most generous, loving man in the world for 37 years. I have 3 grown children—my daughter and her husband have blessed us with 2 precious grandchildren and live in Athens, GA; my middle son lives and works in California just outside of L.A., and my youngest son is married to my beautiful daughter-in-law who is an attorney here in Atlanta. He works for the Atlanta Braves. I hope that I use my gift of sewing and crafting in ways that would glorify the Lord the most.

