

## **An Experienced Quilter - October 1, 2020**

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Random Thoughts...

Some people are not talkers because they're afraid of being chastised for something never intended. I'm one of those people. Recently, I saw a post from a beginning quilter who was "afraid" to start her quilt because she was afraid of making a mistake. I saw tons of experienced quilters giving her encouragement, direction, instruction and help. I then saw another post from an experienced quilter who's blocks finished only 8.25, instead of 8.5. She didn't complain. She didn't question. She only said, "This ought to be interesting."

In another post, I read a quilter's journey with her ongoing quilt, where she ran out of some of her fabric and was going to use an alternative. But, instead, she picked up her scraps of triangles and carefully sewed them into her quilt, thus having enough fabric for her blocks after all. I wanted to congratulate her. But, I'm an introvert, and when I finally processed the event long enough to go back and find the post, I couldn't find it. Then, I thought of an idea.

This post is not to hurt anyone's feelings and hopefully it will not. This post is an inspired group of random thoughts about "an experienced quilter." I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it.

1. An experience quilter always makes mistakes.
2. An experienced quilter is mostly helpful and aware of other quilters feelings, even if she hasn't been in a social-media quilting group before.
3. An experienced quilter is humble — always humble because she's made enough mistakes to know she's not perfect — and never will be.
4. An experienced quilter often has at least one "humility block" in her quilt.
5. An experienced quilter often doesn't do any of her blocks over because she knows there will always be that "next" mistake. Sometimes, though, she may be inspired to rip and repeat, or start over, though this doesn't happen often.
6. An experienced quilter often has many UFO's (unfinished objects).
7. An experienced quilter usually has enough fabric for a store, so she can go shopping in her own stash instead of running to the quilt shop.
8. An experienced quilter knows how to improvise, as did the lady who used her scraps to complete her quilt. Welcome to the world of experienced quilters. There will always be that next adventure.
9. An experienced quilter can never garner enough tips and tricks because she loves quilting so much that she often regards herself as not-all-knowing. Thus, she joins a quilt group, or several.
10. An experienced quilter will never finish this list, but please feel free to add what I missed.