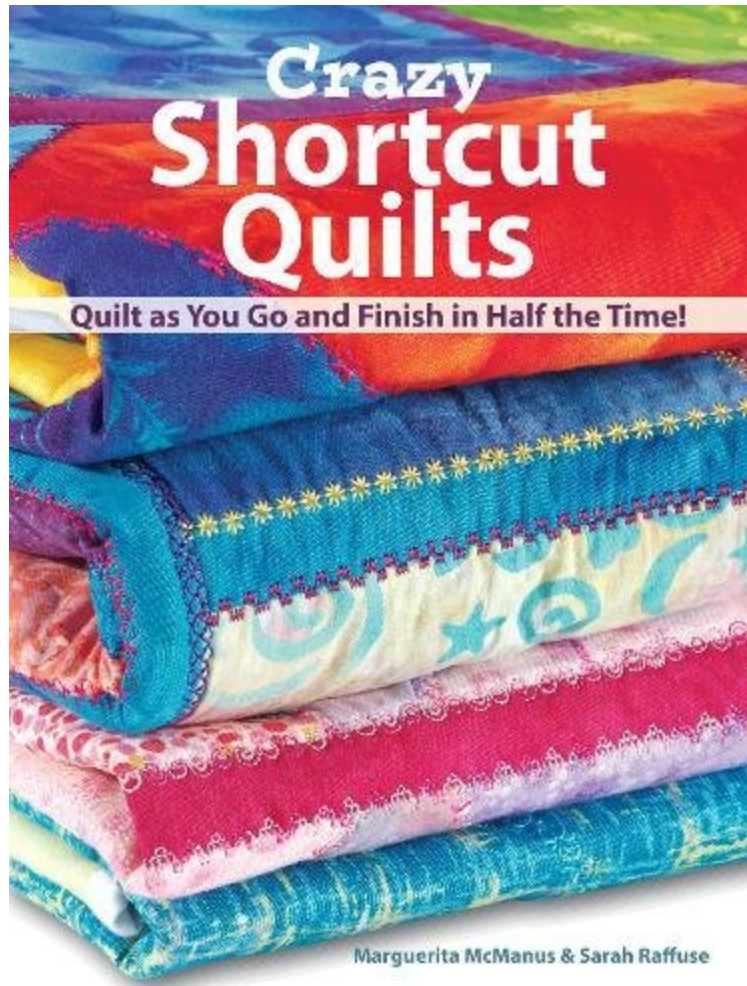


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86 of 87 people found the following review helpful. This method is fun and easy.By Suzanne BensonI have already made two quilts with this method, when I took a class from one of the authors. When you get done, it's already quilted! The authors give good directions on how to cut and sew, and many block ideas to make a variety of quilts, each with clear instructions. It's also a fun way to use pretty threads and all of the embroidery patterns on your machine. And it's perfect for fat quarters. Mind you, this is a shortcut method, so don't expect it to teach you how to do exquisite, hand

quilted and embroidered crazy quilts. If you want to do that, you need to check out Judith Montano's books. I'm glad the authors wrote this book, because I needed refreshing on how to do it. But I got more than that; it's full of new ideas! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. There are many different suggestions and I found the explanations for sashing very useful, I learnt something new and practical. By caroA colorful original book, dealing with crazy designs. There is not all that much you can say about crazy quilting, what varies is the way you arrange the pieces you cut. There are many different suggestions and I found the explanations for sashing very useful, I learnt something new and practical in the quilt as you go world. A lot of the designs are enhanced by fancy machine stitches which my old machine does not have, but nonetheless I enjoyed the book and look forward to making some of the quilts they show. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. exceeded expectations By Pet lover If you love crazy quilts but don't have the time to make them the way great grandmother did, this is the reference book for you. These modern techniques make it possible to have a similar look, and at the same time achieve a beautiful piece that people will go crazy over. Quilt as you go is a real time saver. The one compromise is that by making it one block at a time, you need a thin sashing to put it together, thus breaking up the design. Although the blocks make it conducive to a more consistent pattern in each block, with careful planning you can use a variety of different scraps from your stash and still have a continuity to the piece. The thing I like most is the opportunity to experiment with all the long neglected decorative stitching on my old 1961 Singer sewing machine, in lieu of the time consuming hand embroidery that great grandmother did way back then to embellish the seams. I am very pleased with this helpful guide. Happy quilting!

Crazy Shortcut Quilts combines the look of a "Crazy Quilt" with the ease of quilt-as-you-go, so that every single quilt is unique and yet very easily made! The quilt as you go process uses the decorative stitches of the sewing machine to do the quilting. There's no need to learn free motion quilting when your sewing machine can do all the quilting for you, using beautiful threads and decorative stitches! From beginners to experts, all quilters will love the opportunity to have a finished quilt in just hours, using small, manageable pieces of fabrics that are joined in a unique and soft manner. The book contains solid advice about fabric selection to coordinate your quilts with your home decor, and provides time estimates for finishing each quilt. Learn how to make a gorgeous, reversible, quilt using fabrics that enhance your decor, quilted with all the beautiful stitches on your sewing machine. Most quilt books teach you how to make just a quilt top, and offer no fabric selection advice. Crazy Shortcut Quilts approaches quilting from a "new rules" point of view, teaching you about fabrics, cutting, a new way of creating a "crazy block", and unique quilting tips. The sashing method looks tailored and smooth, and yet is simple and easy! Experience the joy of making your first completely finished quilt in a very short time, and the satisfaction of finally having a use for all the gorgeous decorative stitches that your sewing machine has!

From the Author Over the years we've made about one hundred of these quilts, and we've expanded the techniques to two new books as well. We often hear from quilters who have made many, many quilts using the methods taught in the book, and quite a few have gone on to teach the process at their local quilt shops, community schools, quilt guilds, girl scouts and more. If you really want to finish your own quilts, and you'd like to use the decorative stitches on your sewing machine, this is the book for you!