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# Quiltricks NEWS

*Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere*

**Quiltrick #18:** Recently one of the quilters at my Bee's annual quilt retreat needed to draw diagonal lines on at least 100 squares. Instead of drawing them on her fabric, I told her to place a piece of masking tape straight towards her starting from the point of her needle to the edge of her machine. Then she could just start sewing at the top point of her square and keep the bottom point of the square on the masking tape line. Perfect for making half-square triangles in a hurry!

It has been a difficult winter for many of us. My sister, Barbara, died of brain cancer in late January. One of the many gifts she gave me was teaching me to sew when I was very young. She always insisted that I do my best work and that the back of my work should look almost as good as the front. I try to carry that philosophy through every sewing project that I take on. She was a blessing.

A few weeks ago my husband, son and I were sitting around the table sharing our "worst question." My husband's is, "How is your book coming?" My son's is, "Have you practiced today?" (He plays cello) My question is, "What new design have you come up with?" Well, go ahead and ask, because I have a new table runner to share with you called "A Sprinkling of Violets". I've always been partial to violets. They're cheerful and a reminder that spring is coming soon. It seems to be already here in North Carolina, so I hope it will be coming soon to where you live as well. Take time each day to do a little sewing and to appreciate your loved ones!



"A Sprinkling of Violets"

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Cotton Patch Quilters Quilt Show  
Athens, Georgia
- ▶ **March 10, 2011**  
Piedmont Quilters Guild  
Greensboro, North Carolina
- ▶ **March 12-13**  
Baltimore Heritage Quilter's Guild  
Towson, Maryland
- ▶ **March 16-19**  
AQS Lancaster  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- ▶ **March 24-26**  
Original Sewing & Quilt Expo  
Cleveland, Ohio
- ▶ **April 2-3**  
Jefferson's Country Quilt Show  
Charlottesville, VA
- ▶ **April 8-10**  
International Quilt Festival  
Cincinnati, Ohio
- ▶ **April 15-17**  
Springtime in the Carolinas  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina
- ▶ **April 27-30**  
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