

# LABELING YOUR QUILT

Preserve the heritage of your quilts for future generations while expressing your creativity with labels. Adding a label to your quilt is the finishing touch. How many quilts are now anonymous, because we don't know when, where, and by whom they were made? A securely attached label is a message for the future as well as identifying the quilt today. It can also help identify your quilt if it is lost or stolen.

## **Here are some ideas for what to include on the label:**

- who made the quilt
- who quilted the quilt
- the quilt pattern name
- date and place where it was completed
- whom the quilt was given to
- the occasion, such as a graduation, retirement, or anniversary, that prompted the making of the quilt
- care instructions

## **Here are some ideas for making a quilt label:**

- Draw or embroider the words and add embellishments, such as vines, flowers, or French knots.
- Incorporate one or more extra blocks from the quilt top into the label.
- For a framed finish, bind the label edges like a mini quilt. Sew leftover binding from the quilt around the label edges, then turn the binding over the edge to the wrong side. Hand-stitch the bound label to the backing, taking care not to stitch through to the top.
- To ensure a label can't easily be removed from the quilt, stitch the label to the backing fabric and quilt through it.
- Quilt labels can also be printed on your computer using Computer Printer Fabric which is available at quilt and fabric stores.