

Quilting in Lockdown by Lynne Dorey

I am an amateur at doing quilting, I do my own thing really.

I decided last year in lock down that I had to keep busy and as I liked lots of crafts I thought perhaps I could finish the quilt I had started about 2 years previously. So I got on with it and I finished it; the theme was the seaside. When it came to the final stitching of the quilt itself to the backing I was dreading trying to get the whole thing under my machine, however I managed to go around the border near the edge. Then to hold the rest of the quilt together I sewed buttons on the different patterns, luckily, I had loads of buttons and it worked out well.



I enjoyed doing it so much I then asked one of my daughters if she would like a quilt and gratefully, she said yes. So I set to and ordered some material from Chalkhill Blue at Broadwater in West Worthing, which is run by a lady called Sue who was so helpful and sent everything I needed by post.

This time I looked on YouTube and found out how to do quilt as you go - which was great. Lots of cutting out but well worth it. I made it in 6 weeks.



I was now making another quilt but this time I was looking at Pinterest and found hexagon shapes which helps you use up lots of scraps and I had a lot after two big quilts.

I enjoyed this one and will be doing quilt as you go again.

In between the quilts I have been doing a lot of other things as well.

It has given me great joy doing this and it has helped me through this last year. Because of lockdown, I couldn't go and see my Mum who had gone into a nursing home for respite just as lockdown started. We did get to see her, but outside her window after a while, we were also able to talk on the phone which was more than some people could. Sadly in October she passed away. My brother and I did get to sit with her then, thank goodness. Doing crafts has definitely helped me and continues to do so.