



**National Educator**

## Ashley Malinowski

The start of a lifetime passion began when Ashley was 6 years old and her mother took her to summer camps for sewing and quilting. It wasn't long before Ashley began entering her quilts in the Delaware State Fair with a skill limited to stitch in the ditch.

Ashley discovered a longarm rental program at a Handi Quilter retailer and fell in love with the quilting of computerized designs using Pro-Stitcher®. In 2009, Ashley worked for a Handi Quilter retailer in her hometown. In addition to machine sales, she developed their machine rental program and taught customers how to quilt their quilts. At the age of 17, she traveled to the MQX show in Rhode Island. That was where she purchased her first longarm, a HQ Avanti® with Pro-Stitcher®.

Ashley's longarm business, Midnight Quilter, started in 2010. This business funded her college education leading to a BA in Accounting and Finance. She has since expanded her business to include not only her HQ Avanti® with Pro-Stitcher®, but also a HQ Fusion® with Pro-Stitcher®. Having two machines has enabled her to have a thriving longarm business. Ashley loves to enhance quilts through the selection of design and thread colors.

Ashley is an award winning quilter, both locally and nationally. She has also been a featured quilter in our Handi Quilter advertisements and on our website in the "My Handi Quilter Story". Ashley has quilted for international artists like Patrick Lose, and his "Quilting Celebrations" magazine. Currently, Ashley is working with Gyleen X. Fitzgerald, an artist/author which has led to completing quilts for two award winning books including Bricks, Cobblestones and Pebbles and quilts featured on The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims.

Ashley is looking forward to sharing her knowledge in her next adventure as a Handi Quilter Educator. Ashley resides in Middletown, Delaware.

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