



National Educator

Lana Russel

Lana learned to sew at age eleven at her local sewing machine store. Garment sewing was her foundation. In 2001, while on a year-long sabbatical from her career as a sixth grade teacher, she discovered her zeal for quilting. Her creativity using textiles continued and she began teaching quilting classes at local quilt shops. Before she knew it, she had a hefty stack of quilt tops awaiting the finishing touch of quilting. She didn't want someone else to complete her projects, so she set about learning many types of quilt-as-you-go and free motion quilting methods using a domestic machine.

Lana retired from teaching in 2014, and soon after discovered exactly what she had been looking for, the HQ Simply Sixteen® on the HQ Little Foot Frame™. She fell in love with the ease of operation, smaller size and the reduced footprint of the stand-up frame. She learned to free motion quilt, and how to do ruler work and pantographs, while making a dent in her UFO stash. Before long, her curiosity about Pro-Stitcher® lead her to upgrading to the HQ Infinity® machine with Pro-Stitcher, and *Art & Stitch* software, which she has fully enjoyed learning to use it to its full potential.

Lana's lifelong love of learning and teaching is now being used to train other quilters. She truly has a passion for sharing her knowledge so that others can share in the joy of quilting.