



Denise Dacus has been quilting for a little over 25 years. Her grandmother was a quilter, and there was always a quilt on her quilt frame. But it was her mother who taught Denise how to use a sewing machine and encouraged her creativity. Eventually her love of sewing turned into a love of quilt making. Now designing her own quilts and writing patterns is what Denise enjoys the most. In 2018, she opened an online fabric store, Mavanell Studio, and loves meeting new customers both virtually and in person at quilt shows. Denise teaches classes in EQ8 design that incorporate both color theory and the use of vintage quilt blocks to hopefully encourage creativity in her students. She currently lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with her husband and two adorable cats.

Carmen Geddes was raised in a big family of 17 kids- 10 girls and 7 boys. Her business name is Tensisters Handicraft. She has had a children's clothing business, was a freelance educator for Viking and Pfaff for 15 years & is an award winning longarm quilter. She has taught at many quilt shows around the country including the International Quilt Show in Houston. She was named HMQS Teacher of the Year 2013. Carmen's classes focus on quilting techniques, skill building, and confidence building. The traditional quilt patterns of days past are her favorite, but she loves new, easy techniques to make the process fun, faster, and successful. The Tensisters Piping Tool & Tensisters Easy Piecing Grid with its companion book, "Ten Quilts for Ten Sisters," were developed by Carmen. Her fourth book titled, "Heirloom Quilts", is coming out in the fall of 2023.



Cheryl Hitchcock lives in Rock Island, Tennessee. She has been quilting for about 40 years and started making t-shirt quilts about 20 years ago! After retiring in 2022 from Middle Tennessee State University, she opened a small quilt studio where she currently offers small group instruction for beginning quilters. Cheryl is the current president of the Hearth and Home Quilt Guild in McMinnville and is actively involved with the Quilts of Valor Foundation.