

Want a career in quilting?



Designer and Quilt Cruise Instructor Patti Carey

I first met Patti through Northcott fabrics, where she is currently Vice President of Public Relations. Northcott was donating fabrics for a challenge at Quilts at the Creek, and it was so exciting to see a whole warehouse of fabrics. Patti began working there in 1986, and quickly became hooked on quilting when Northcott made the transition from fashion to quilting fabric. Patti has been designing quilts for Northcott and various quilting magazines since 1995, and in 2004 published her book, “A Taste of Napa Valley”.

Patti enjoys visiting quilt guilds and shops to inspire and educate quilters with interesting and entertaining presentations on how fabric is designed and how quilters can use it creatively. She teaches an ever-growing variety of workshops that empower quilters to achieve success with their quilting projects. Patti has designed fabric collections for Banyan Batiks and for Northcott, and has a successful online business, Patti’s Patchwork, where she sells her quilt patterns that use efficient, time-saving techniques. Follow [her blog](#) and see her on [YouTube](#).

When not doing all things quilty, you can find Patti snowboarding, golfing, cycling, travelling to faraway destinations or baking up a storm.



Patti has taught on 10 different quilting cruises and highly recommends it. Not only do you get to have a mini quilt retreat on board a floating hotel (with sewing machines provided), you also get to visit fabulous destinations, some with quilt shops 😊. Gourmet meals, top-notch entertainment and breath-taking scenery are hard to resist! The thing that has surprised her the most about these cruises is the heart-warming camaraderie among the quilters – many return year after year just to spend quality time with their quilting friends. She has many wonderful memories of laughs shared with travelling companions and their pals. After a several-year hiatus, I shetaught on 2 cruises this year, and is looking forward to 2 exciting cruises next year: a [10-day Caribbean cruise](#) next February with World of Quilts and a [7-day Alaskan cruise](#) next September with Watergirl Quilt Co (Prescott, ON).

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