



Jennifer Campbell Kirk was interviewed about her quilt 'Americana Expanding Star'

LIBRARY ESSENTIALS

Fun with pre-cuts



We all have a secret (or not-so-secret) stash of fabric and now it's time for those fat quarters you have been carefully curating to see the light of day... Ten talented designers from across the blogosphere contribute their patterns – including cases and cosies, bags and baskets, pillows and playmats, quilts and clothes. Plenty of gift inspiration – see what you can make with your stash.

50 Fat Quarter Makes, published by David & Charles, £15.99 www.stitchcraftcreate.co.uk



This handy spiral-bound companion is an indispensably practical guide to working with Jelly Rolls, Turnovers and Charm Packs and more. Crammed with inspiration for more than 25 precut-friendly blocks, as well as a host of timesaving tips and hints from the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Covering all the basics, there's also an excellent section on borders, backing and bindings to achieve a professional finish.

Quilter's Precut Companion, published by C&T Publishing, £6.99 www.searchpress.com



● Volunteers from Region 12 at the training day in Port Talbot learning how to use the audio recording equipment



● Nicky Ryden and Glenda Smith, volunteers from Region 14 in training, learning how to use the audio recorder

TALKING QUILTS

THE STORY SO FAR...

Every quilter has a story to tell about the quilts they make. Quilts are made to celebrate, remember, for healing or therapy, as art or simply for pleasure. Inspired by *Quilters' Save Our Stories (QSOS)* project in the USA, which has been running for 11 years, *Talking Quilts* aims to preserve the experiences of present-day quilters by building their narratives and practices into a national archive of quilters' stories, sound and video recordings, photos and transcripts.

Talking Quilts is a three-year project run by The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Project is led by volunteers (Quilters' Guild members and non-members), who are trained and supported to conduct and transcribe interviews. Over three years, *Talking Quilts* will visit eight Regions, following the regional structure of The Quilters' Guild. So far, the Project has visited Region 14 (Yorkshire, Humberside, Teesside and Cleveland), Region 12 (South and Mid Wales), Region 1 (London and Middlesex) and Region 16 (Scotland), and captured over 80 quilt stories.

Talking Quilts If you'd like more information about *Talking Quilts* please contact Vicky Martin, *Talking Quilts* Project Manager, email info@talkingquilts.org or visit the website www.talkingquilts.org.uk