Jackie O’Brien, Quilt Ninja

I am from a textile town in Upstate NY, but didn’t see a sewing machine until home economics in high school. I’ve been making clothes for 40 years. I made my first quilt in 2004 and have made 180 quilts so far, it was love at first sight.

I have been teaching in local quilt shops for the past 6 years. I am known for teaching One Block Wonders, of which I have made 50. You can see my work at my Facebook page named “If These Threads Could Talk”. I love to combine quilting and machine embroidery. My passion is teaching others to quilt and find their own way to express themselves. I encourage people to label their quilts. I sell custom labels through my online shop also named “If These Threads Could Talk” on Etsy.com

**Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star:** If you love the Lemoyne star but hate “Y” seams, then this is for you. This revolutionary construction technique will allow you to make The Lemoyne Star Block **WITH NO Y SEAMS**. The Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star ruler by Deb Tucker is an easy method that will make Lemoyne Star Blocks ranging from finished 3” blocks to 12” blocks. Fun & Easy! The first picture is a wall hanging pattern that comes with the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star Ruler. The second picture the blocks were made from fat quarters. The 3rd picture used yardage.

**Not Your Grandmothers Crazy Quilt:** This flip and stitch method will allow you to make beautiful crazy quilts blocks by machine using the built in stitches that are already on your machine to embellish the seams.
Oak Ridge Stars (68" x 88” or 92” x 112”): A spectacular pieced quilt and border that is easy to construct. Deb’s directions and her Tucker Trimmer ruler eliminate the need to cut or sew any triangles whatsoever. Everything is pieced using squares then trimmed down after assembly. Six fabrics make the shopping list manageable and two different size options make it fun for all.

Spider Web Quilt (86” x 101”): This is an easy quilt to make. It is constructed by cutting various size strips and sewn into strip sets, then cut into 45 degree triangles sewn together into an octagon and turned into a 15 inch square by adding 4 half square triangles to the corners.

One Block Wonder: One fabric, One Shape, One-of-a-kind Quilts (I have made 50 OBWs)

In this class you will learn to: identify and cut 6 fabric repeats, align the repeats, sort the blocks by color, sew the hexagons, design with the hexagons, sew the quilt top together, finish the edges

The blocks are made from one fabric with very little waste! You cut and sew equilateral triangles forming hexagons and then design with these kaleidoscopic blocks. There are NO “Y” seams. This is not Stack & Wack!

Because this quilt features one repeated block, design merely involves playing with the colors and shapes in any way you choose. The quilt you produce will have more energy and movement than the original fabric.