

## **The Pen and Paper Type**

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Generally, I don't love technology. My brain is exquisitely content just leaving things as they are. There is comfort in blind, blissful repetition. I'm a pen-to-paper person. I love all kinds of beautifully bound journals and thick, lined notebooks – fabulous blank pages just crying out for details.

My passion is quilting, and quilting is a labour of love. Every quilted gift, every stitch sewn makes up what will become a quilter's legacy. That is why whenever I finish a quilt I take a photograph. Yes, a photo is taken, printed and glued (with those little black photo corners) into my hardcover quilt journal. Printed lines for recording a quilter's inspiration, fabrics chosen – all those pertinent facts that simply must be written with a favourite pen onto smooth, glossy paper.

All of that changed the day I discovered the fascinating joys of Pinterest! Colours and textures – a virtual, visual feast. Discovering Pinterest changed my staid world in an instant.

Now, when I finish a quilt, I still photograph it. Yes, I still edit the photograph, and yes, I even still print the photo. But now, as soon as I'm satisfied with my photograph, I upload it to my quilt board on Pinterest and it immediately becomes part of my quilting legacy. It is such a privilege to be able to post all my work in one place, on one online bulletin board. Friends and

family and other quilters can take a look at my work and I can take a look at theirs. So very satisfying.

I still put that paper photograph of my quilt in the everlasting quilt journal, and likely always will. I guess I can't be completely removed from the paper world. More importantly though, once something is started, it simply must be finished!