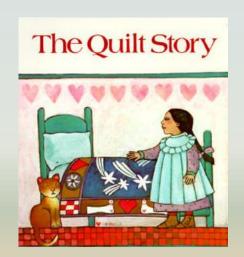
## **Back to Basics**

## WRITING A QUILTER'S STORY or ARTISTS' STATEMENT



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The quilt is complete. You have bound it and done a label. Why write a Quilter's Story??

 One reason is that we are asked to include a story or artist's statement when you enter your quilt into a quilt show.



 Another reason is that you might like to provide information to the recipient of your quilt, and/or to document the quilt for your own purposes. Some quilters like to keep track of all their quilts with a picture and a background story, in a binder or a printed photo book.

 Perhaps most important of all is that you put love and attention and a personal touch into this quilt. It would be nice if whoever looks at your quilt in June, or next year or in many years, will be able to get a sense of your personality and your purpose in your quilt.



## What should you include in a Quilt Story?

Some of it will be the same information as on the label: your name, date, name of the quilt, pattern designer and quilter if you did not do those things.

Your Quilt Story should go beyond those basic informational items. Answer questions like:

- Why did you choose to make this quilt?
- Where/how did you choose the fabric and/or pattern?



- What techniques did you use?
- What was going on in your mind/life while you were making this piece?
- Who is it for?
- What did you learn as you did this project?
- What are your hopes for this quilt?

