



# Laren's MQ Quilt Biography

## MQ Swapping Sweeps the Quilting World!

Hi, my name is Laren. My real name is Michelle Watson. I use Laren as my online name. I'm that used to using it that I always use it when doing anything online, including this swap.

I am 29 years old. I was born in the Melbourne suburb of Footscray. I lived there for 5 years. We then moved to Stockton, NSW. I have lived here since then (except for a couple of stints in other suburbs due to my parents divorce).

I've been quilting for about 10 years. I really got into quilting for a couple of years. Quilting isn't a huge activity in Australia, so its not a common hobby but its popularity is growing.

I then stopped quilting for quite a few years. Full time work, a newly discovered interest in computers and the Internet

took up much of my time. However, in the last six months I have thrown myself back into my quilting with a vengeance. My main quilting activity in those months has been to rebuild my stash from scratch. When I first started quilting, I could only afford poly cotton fabric, so I am trying to buy only 100% cotton now.

I live with my boyfriend of 5 years, Adam. We have no immediate plans to get married. We have just bought our first house together.

My favourite colours tend to be strong, bright colours with small prints. I also like working with solids. I love the wonderful quilts of the Amish. I also like doing traditional patterns using black backgrounds.

Cheers,

Laren

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This is my Y2K Quilt Block

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Anonymous Y2K Quilter

## One Quilters Sad Story!

"I just didn't know the risks. I thought I would just do a few swaps, but then I couldn't stop. I made daily trips to the Post Office. I knew the Air Mail rates to 25 countries without having to ask. I just got out of hand!"

This is the sad story being repeated all over the world by a growing number of people, mainly women, who have succumbed to an increasing dangerous

practice, the seemingly harmless Y2K or Millenium Quilt Swap.

Complete strangers are getting to know each other by swapping small pieces of fabric. To keep up to date with one quilters attempt to complete this swap and free themself from this curse see:

[http://www.webcon.net.au/quilts/mq\\_swap.html](http://www.webcon.net.au/quilts/mq_swap.html)