



Artist Profile: Vicki Tucek

1. When did you first begin your adventure with needle and thread? What prompted it?

I can't remember not sewing. I have been sewing most of my life and must say that the last 10 years have been more sewing everyday than before for me.

2. What other crafts do you enjoy and is there a reason that patchwork is your favourite?

I enjoy Folk Art & Decorative painting as well but have put this on the back burner for now as patchwork & quilting has taken over my desires. One reason why patchwork is my favourite now is that I can sit at nights while watching the Television and can hand sew different things. Plus it's very therapeutic too.

3. What is your most useful crafty tool?

I find my little snips the most useful crafty tool I have. Actually I have two of them. One at my sewing machine and one with me when I am hand sewing. These are so much easier to pick up than a pair of scissors.

4. What is your favourite crafting technique and why?

I like all the techniques but embroidery is the most fun at the moment for me as it is portable and I can pick it up and sew anytime I feel like it.

5. Where do you get your inspiration from?

Quite often from nature and patterns on buildings, I love old buildings and their shapes are quite often inspirational for me. For a theme to happen I can be sitting there and this idea will pop into my head and I have to get it down onto paper or I will forget it as quick as I got it.

6. What comes first the fabric or the design for you?

Usually the design, I come up with something and then I seek out the fabrics. A lot of the time tho I can have this fabric sitting there and I think Yes..a bag will look good out of this fabric or a table runner etc.

7. What do you enjoy doing when you're not crafting?

I enjoy being with my family and sharing some good stories. Also sight seeing...I love exploring and discovering new places.

8. Who is your favourite designer?

I really like Leanne Beasley's designs as they have a vintage feel to them and I love all things vintage. Leanne herself seems to be a very happy lady and it shows in her designs

9. Tell us one random thing about you? (something non-craft related)

One of my pet hates is doing the dishes!! But one of the things I love is nature! It's everywhere and everyday there is something new to find and see.

10. What is your best Tip?

These days, as these new sewing machines are being used, a good power surge protector; to have your machine plugged into as a surge of electricity can zap your computerised machine. Even a UPS would be good to have your machine plugged into as if you have a power failure you have a few minutes to turn your machine off properly.