Super Beginner EQ7 – Take It Out of the Box and Let's Get Started!
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Beginner

Do you want to use *EQ7* but don't know how to begin? This is the class for you. Start from scratch and cover the basics of *Electric Quilt* software:learn about the block library, setting blocks into various quilt layouts, coloring, and printing your work. You will design a few quilts and blocks, and see what your patterns look like. By the end of this class, you will have the skills to create and print designs on your own.
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Supplies:
- Laptop with *EQ7* installed, activated, and validated*. Important:* You must connect to the Internet and open the *EQ7* program before class in order for the validation to be up-to-date. No action is required other than having a momentary internet connection when you open the program. For many, this is automatic, but this is necessary if the laptop has not been used for more than 60 days before the class. The only way you will know the validation is not current is if a warning box appears when you open the program. If the warning does not appear, you are automatically validated and good to go.
- If you own the program, open it and click on HELP > About EQ. Check the Build number. If you do not have Build 3, I recommend you go to www.electricquilt.com > Downloads > EQ7 Update. Follow directions for a PC or a Mac. If you are using EQ Stitch (it's the same as EQ7 but has the digitizing add-on feature), you may also need to update to Build 3.
- Power cord for laptop! Your battery alone will probably not last for the entire class period.
- Note-taking materials
- ➢ *Note:* A trial version of *EQ7*, with an expiration date, will be available for those who have not purchased the program or do not want to install it permanently on their laptops. Contact barb@barbvlack.com a week before class to request the trial, which will be downloaded in the classroom before class (show up ½ hour early).

Optional:
- Optional: Mouse and mouse pad --- a mouse is useful if using the TouchPad on the laptop is awkward.
- Spare battery for mouse
- *EQ7* User Manual for referencing and notes