

CREATIVE QUILT DISPLAY

If truth be known, over the years we have both compiled a huge supply of quilts...more than we know what to do with! Our homes are adorned with some of our favorite quilts, and our enormous collections have forced us to become creative in the way we displaying our quilts. If you are at all like us, you probably have more quilts than you do wall space. So read on for new and unique ways to display your quilts proudly!

One of our favorite display techniques is to use a tiered-piece to show off more than one quilt at a time. Typically known as kiva ladders, wooden "ladders" that have 4-5 rungs are a perfect way to show multiple quilts. Simply fold quilts according to the width of the rungs, and tuck them around the rungs. Make sure to refold and rotate these quilts frequently, as sun exposure can occur more quickly than you realize.

Aside from kiva ladders, there are many other display fixtures that have a purpose different than displaying quilts. Visit home accent stores or antique malls for vintage looking items such as window frames (without glass panes), picture frames, pie safes and wooden hutches.

We're serious about this one, take one of your favorite quilts and use it as your shower curtain! Using the sturdy metal clips that you can get for your shower curtain rod, attach the clips at evenly spaced intervals across the top of your quilt. Remember to use a shower curtain liner!

If you have any older quilts that aren't poised for display, but you don't want to give them away, consider using these quilts to make teddy bears and wearables. We have a pattern, ...and the Three Bears, that instructs you on how to create a soft teddy bear using an existing quilt. Simply cut the pattern pieces from your quilt and stitch together according to the directions. If you have a quilt that is large enough, check out the many vest and jacket patterns available. These are great ways to preserve the memories you may have with a particular quilt, without having to display it in a traditional way.

For a completely new way to use your quilts check out Terrell Designs at <http://terrelldesigns.com>. Terrell Sundermann (a fellow Denver quilter) is a master at creating Roman Shades with quilts. Her ideas and inspiration are amazing, and she can help you to create shades for any window or French door in your home. Through her website you can obtain patterns, measurement information, construction and hanging hardware, and more.

If you have used all of your available wall space for hanging quilts, begin to explore other ways to display your beautiful creations. Rotate quilts frequently so that you can show them all!

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