

ACCUQUILT POLICIES

1. The Accuquilt machine and its dies are to be housed at the Guild location or with the Accuquilt manager.
2. The machine can be used at sew days, retreats and before meetings. Users may request use of the machine by emailing the Accuquilt manager--currently Cheryl Tomson (cherylltomson@gmail.com). A list will be created on a first come, first served basis until each person has had an opportunity to use the machine at each event. The machine will be used in ½ hour increments. Additional sewing opportunities will be created to accommodate interest in the machine.
3. Users will need to sign a liability waiver prior to usage.
4. A designated person will be responsible for monitoring its use at each event. People will be trained in its operation to minimize accidents or breakage.
5. In the event of breakage, the guild will be responsible for repairs.
6. A budget line item will be included in future guild budgets to purchase additional dies. The guild will gladly accept dies purchased by individual members.

INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS FOR ACCUQUILT USE

1. The machine is used by forming a 3 layer sandwich – die on the bottom, fabric next and the cutting mat on top. The sandwich is then inserted into the center of the machine and the handle is turned in the direction that you want the sandwich to move. The machine can move in either direction.
2. The machine can cut up to 6 layers of fabric depending on the thickness and type of fabric. Stabilized fabric counts as an extra half layer. Always start with fewer layers and build up.
3. You can cut your fabric slightly larger than the shape you are choosing to use (about ½”) and layer your fabric or you may fold your fabric back and forth over the die to cut multiple layers. Practice will lead to less fabric waste.
4. Position your fabric so that the machine is cutting the LENGTHWISE grain of fabric to minimize distortion. Using quality fabric also reduces fabric stretch.

The accuquilt.com website has additional dies, tips, and free patterns.