GUIDE FOR PATTERN TESTERS

Thank you for your interest in pattern testing for Alison Barry Quilting. Pattern testing is a great way to connect with designers, learn new techniques, be part of a quality control team, and show off some of your handiwork.

Pattern testers are a critical component of quilt pattern writing. Testers give a quilt pattern a "test run" prior to its release and ensure any quilt patterns sold are free of errors and are easy to understand, no matter your skill level. The early access draft of the pattern will have already been pre-tested by Alison Barry Quilting.

Expectations of Pattern Testers:

Skill Level: The application will denote the skill level required. All patterns will require basic quilting knowledge and the ability to sew a consistent ¼" seam allowance.

Commitment: If you agree to test an Alison Barry Quilting pattern, please do your very best to complete the project within the allotted time frame. If you realize that you are unable to finish the project for whatever reason, please let Alison Barry Quilting know as soon as possible as this will help me make alternate arrangements.

Test the Pattern As Written: It is very important that you test the pattern following all the written steps. This allows you to check that the pattern makes sense to you and therefore others.

Pattern Evaluation: The ability to read through a pattern and give feedback by a designated time on general layout, grammar, fabric requirements, and cutting instructions, etc. Each pattern draft will include a form to help you with your evaluation. Your honest and constructive feedback would be appreciated.

Photographs: The ability to take well-lit photographs (with your phone) of fabric pulls, construction, and the completed quilt top. Credit will always be given to the maker when sharing photographs. Once the quilt is completed a quality picture needs to be provided to be used on the website and shared via social media. ***Testers are to refrain from sharing any images that show the cutting instructions, pattern instructions, or measurements such as strip size, block size, or piece sizes. This information is proprietary and to be kept private to preserve the published pattern.***

Restrictions: Testers are not permitted to share or redistribute the early access copy of the pattern. It is important that you not share the pattern you test on social media or with your local guild until the pattern has been released.

Respect of Copyright: All patterns provided to you are for you to use and to enjoy. Testers are not to copy or share.

Expectations of Pattern Designer:
- Pattern testers will receive a free draft version of the pattern in a PDF format, and those that complete it within the deadline and supply their pictures will receive a completed, released PDF version of the quilt pattern for free. Please know that I value my testers so very much!
- A private Instagram chat group will be provided for testers to build community, friendship, share ideas and feedback, and periodic updates.
- Feedback: An outline of some specific questions about the pattern and some general feedback guidelines will be distributed for you to provide feedback on. Please all record your feedback and email back to alisonbarryquilting@gmail.com.
- You will receive exposure for you or your business by sharing your project on my social media and website blog.
- You will have access to the pattern through PreQuilt allowing you to create digital mockups before starting quilt construction. PreQuilt is a browser application created for coloring quilt patterns. The private link allows me to share my quilt with you in a private way before making it public when the pattern is released.
- I intend to provide clear communication on dates, timelines, fabric choices, etc.