

Quilter's Creative Touch 4

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Becoming familiar with your new Quilters Creative Touch 4

So you have been quilting for years and now you have taken the leap to automated. Congratulations, we want you to have fun quilting but you have to remember you are now using a computer aided automation system – they are exacting – they simply do what you tell them to.

You now need to get to know your system. One of the easiest ways to do this is to install the program on your PC – This will be in “simulation” mode. Now you can play, make mistakes and experiment (no unpicking, because you are not stitching). You are now free to learn and be creative.

It takes time to learn, BE PATIENT. Remember you couldn't quilt until you bought a quilting machine and practiced. If you're new to computers and software that's ok too – it just takes time and patience and before you know it, you will be using it the way you now use your mobile phone.

HELP

You can now go to www.youtube.com and in the search engine type **Quilters Creative Touch 4**

You can watch these videos as often as you need - keep checking as they are continually updating with new tutorials.

Read the **Quilters Creative Touch 4** Help Files

Contact your dealer – knowhowsewing.com.au for all support and technical advice.

Quilters Creative Touch 4 is even on

Face book



Protecting your equipment

Ok, so you have just paid a lot of money for your Quique quilting machine and **Quilters Creative Touch 4**. I strongly recommend that you protect it with a Surge Protector – Power surges affect all computers. If possible consider purchasing a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) these include surge protection.

When Using **Quilters Creative Touch 4** always check the following when starting up

1. **Belts** are firm and engaged.
2. Needle position **UP**
3. Channel Lock is **Off**

TABLET

So now you are using a tablet. You have to be patient. Always allow the command to finish before trying to select it again. When you don't allow the tablet to process the commands, the tablet screen will appear cloudy with a consequence of waiting longer as it's become unresponsive. This can result in having to reboot the entire system which in turn takes more time. So let's be patient. Digitized files can be very large. It needs time to calculate.

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Important - do not download directly to your tablet. Do this to your desktop or laptop first and then save to a flash drive. **Quilters Creative Touch 4 will not read zipped** (compressed) files. I have created a special folder on my desktop as a Library of all my digital files. This is a great backup location in case I lose a file or if it becomes corrupt. Simply copy and paste the desired file onto your flash drive to import into your tablet. It is also recommended that you do not store all your digital files within your tablet as this will slow your software down.

You will also need to go into settings on your tablet and turn the sleep mode **Off** – otherwise the tablet will go to sleep while you are stitching which is not desired.

Using a USB Hub

If your tablet only has one USB port – you can use a USB hub. This will allow you to import files. It is recommended that you remove it when finished, as this will help prevent any **communication issues or errors**.

Quilters Creative Touch 4 file format is GPF. You can import the following file formats :-

CMD, CQP, CSV, DXF, HQF, QLI, TAP, TXT, XY and Qdata

The recommended file extensions to import are CPQ, QLI and DXF – if you have a problem with a file it could have copyright codes in it, so just try another format.

Quilters Creative Touch 4 can **import** and **export** files. You can only do this **one** at a time.

Updating Software

From the home screen you select the Help Icon – from here you can check for software updates.

Important – Once all software updates have been completed, all settings will have reverted back to factory default. You will need to go back and redo your screen scaling.

Make sure automatic software updates is turned **Off** – as windows operating system will automatically update and this can affect the Quilters Creative Touch 4 drivers.

It's not recommended to leave your system on when you have finished. Make a habit of turning **OFF** the system at the end of all quilting projects. Start each day with new connections. Always **Save** your work frequently, this will allow you to restore if something goes wrong. Allowing the tablet to power off clears the memory, which in turn defrags it.

Disengaging Belts – Custom – Freehand Quilting

When you are stitching out Pantographs, **DO NOT** disengage the belts until the entire quilt is finished. If you disengage the belts you will need to start over and recalculate everything. The belts are part of the navigation system – it has “plotted out” your entire quilt and knows where your safe area is located, and how to calculate the next row.

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I prefer to disengage the belts when doing custom quilting or free hand work as the machine is easier to move and it doesn't feel heavy.

Grace Company strongly advises against disengaging the belts after you have initiated Quilters Creative Touch 4 – consider doing your entire computerized quilting first, and then come back later to do the custom work.

If you disengaged the belts while using Quilters Creative Touch 4 it is recommend that you save the design you are working on. Exit the software, turn the carriage off, then on – Then open the software again.

Failure to follow this procedure could result in software and placement errors.

Congratulations on purchasing **Quilters Creative Touch 4!** – You will have many hours of enjoyable quilting.

Like all programs there are many ways we can utilise their functions. This manual aims to address some of the features the **Quilters Creative Touch 4** quilting software has and the way I have found it to be most successful. This is not an exhaustive list of all the amazing things you will be able to accomplish with Quilters Creative Touch 4, but I hope it helps you begin to learn the many fabulous functions of this program .

Practice makes perfect! I have simply outlined one way of doing a task – this does not mean it is the right way or the only way. It is important to play and familirize yourself and find your preferred method. Practice, play and quilt! It is also important to note that you can download the demo version to your PC and this will allow you to learn all the features and create designs within **Quilters Creative Touch 4**.

Now lets get Started!