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Reflections About Me

I grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes. My earliest adventure in business was selling night crawlers to the many fishermen traveling to the lakes near our family farm. That business adventure has a questionable connection to my current one of designing quilt patterns and projects, but everything must have its beginnings.

I was greatly influenced by the warm utility quilts which kept us cozy through long, cold Minnesota winters. These of course were scrap quilts made by the women in my family. This is still the kind of quilt I'm consistently drawn to. I love the culture of quilting. Women coming together to create something of beauty for their homes, and at the same time sharing hopes, dreams, recipes, gardening tips and soul sustenance. I love the quote by a pioneer woman who wrote "I make quilts as fast as I can to keep my family warm and as pretty as I can to keep my heart from breaking."

We all quilt for many reasons. Besides being a wife, a mother, a nurse, I am a quilter. I love to create, design and work with fabric. I consider my quilts to be my legacy; they will help to tell my life's story. And because I also love inspiring beautifully written words, they often find their way into my pattern packets and my quilt labels.

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