

Electric Quilt Quick Reference Guide

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(This guide is designed to get you up and running quickly. For more complete explanations, please refer to the User Manual that came packaged with your software.)

To begin a new quilt:

1. Open EQ
2. Close the Tip of the Day
3. Give your new quilt a name
4. Click OK

Click **Quilt, New Quilt, Horizontal** on the menu bar at the top of the screen (no button, just the word **Quilt**) (you may make choices other than Horizontal once you have a little experience)

The default horizontal quilt is 4 blocks by 4 blocks (9" each) with a 1" border

Using the tabs at the bottom of the window, click **Layout**

Make choices:

1. Select the number of blocks
2. Choose the size of your blocks
3. Choose the size of your sashing (if you want sashing)

IMPORTANT NOTE: While you are making choices, keep an eye on the quilt size at the lower right of your window. The quilt will always appear full screen on your monitor, but each choice you make will change the size of the actual quilt.



1. Click the **Borders** tab at the bottom of the window
2. Under *Border style and size*, click the drop-down arrow to choose the style of border (you will probably want Mitered, Long Horizontal or Long Vertical in the beginning)
3. Under *Lock size adjustments*, check the word **All** to make the 4 borders change at the same time)
4. Use the slider to change the size of the default 1" border
5. To add another border, click **Add** at the top of the dialog box, then repeat steps 2 thru 4

REMINDER: Again, keep an eye on the quilt size at the lower right of your window as you add borders.



Save your initial layout by clicking the **Add to Sketchbook** button on the top toolbar. You may make changes to your initial layout at any time by returning to the Layout tab or the Borders tab.

Click the **Layer 1** tab at the bottom of the window

To add blocks to the quilt:

1. You will use the **Set Block** tool on the right side toolbar. However, no blocks have been chosen to place in your quilt.
2. Click **Libraries** on the menu bar at the top of the screen (no button, just the word **Libraries**)
3. Click **Block Library...**
4. Click on any one of the 9 categories of blocks, then click a subcategory to see your choices
5. Each time you see a block that you might want to use, click on that block then click **Add to Sketchbook** at the lower right of this window
6. After your choices have been made, click **Close**

Now click the **Set Block** tool on the right side toolbar

1. Click on one of blocks
2. Click the quilt
3. To fill the quilt with a single block, hold the **Ctrl** key while clicking on the quilt
4. To fill alternating blocks in your quilt, hold the **Alt** key while clicking on the quilt



HINT: Any time you do not like the choice you've make, **Ctrl Z** will undo the last change and take you back a step. (Electric Quilt will remember the last 10 steps you've taken.)

NOTE: Do not be concerned that the colors are yucky, these are the default colorings and that will be remedied in the next step.

To color the blocks that have been added:

1. Click the Paintbrush tool on the right side toolbar
2. Choose a fabric by clicking on it
3. Click each piece of the block in your quilt or:
 - a. Use the **Spraycan** tool to change all the similar pieces in a **block**
 - b. Use the **Swap All Colors** tool to change all the similar pieces in the **whole quilt**

Choose a fabric and click on the borders in your quilt to complete the design.

HINT: After each change in setting blocks or coloring, be sure to click the **Add to Sketchbook** button on the top toolbar.