

Answering a Few Questions...AccuQuilt GO!

Since I sold my AccuQuilt GO! a couple weeks ago, I have gotten many emails from people wondering the what's and why's of it all. I've decided to explain in one big blog post rather than through individual emails. Please note that this is only my opinion and everyone is entitled to their opinion.



AccuQuilt sent my GO! to me for free as part of their HUGE blog promotion giveaway program that they had. I tried it...and for the most part, thought it was fine. As time went on, I found myself not using it. I would have to go get it...dig through the stack of dies...cut the fabric and then run it through the cutter. For me, it was just easier to use the rotary cutter. I also was annoyed that the fabric would static cling to the mat. I would find myself resorting things into piles and I didn't like that.

Another frustration I had is that the dies are just one size.

I couldn't make a tumbler quilt from my 3.5" scrap bucket as the die didn't fit my size...and although the waste isn't

terrible...there's still quite a lot of waste.

In the end, it wasn't the waste...it wasn't cutting and then re-cutting fabric, it wasn't even the space issue that ended up making me completely decide against discontinuing my GO!, it was the company itself.

You may remember that I have done [MANY video tutorials using AccuQuilt products](#). They would give me a die for each video I did. I hadn't done a video for a bit and emailed asking if the program was still on. I was told yes. I did a video and requested a die way back last fall...no die. Asked and reminded again...no die. Being the gal in charge didn't respond I began to wonder if she still worked there so I asked on AccuQuilt's Facebook page...no answer. I asked again...was told someone would contact me...no one contacted me. Finally I got an email that said the person was looking into it...over two weeks later, they must STILL be looking as no one has gotten back to me. I honestly don't care if they have the video for die program but if they aren't doing it anymore just say..no, we aren't doing it anymore...NO big deal!!

Remember back last year, when I was busy making Christmas things...



AccuQuilt asked me to design some patterns for them with the promise that they would be on their site and I would get paid for the downloaded patterns. It was a huge risk for me...the time, fabric, etc. was a lot to put into a project without knowing if there would be any gain. I did it and AccuQuilt was kind enough to send me the dies I needed for free. I asked for a contract...but no contract was sent. I was suppose to be paid quarterly. Last fall as the quarter ended, I didn't get paid...didn't get paid...and didn't get paid. I sent a couple reminders and finally got paid shortly before Christmas for the third quarter of 2011.

Well 2011 has gone, it's now March and I haven't gotten paid for the last quarter of last year. I have sent inquiries on THREE separate occasions. NO response. I sent an email to the company asking if my contact gal still worked there...yes she does. Still no response. Still no payment or response to date since I first contacted her at the end of January.

Some of you might not be aware but last fall Accuquilt told selected bloggers if they posted an add for "22 free patterns" and got people to sign up for AccuQuilt's newsletter, they would receive award points for each person who signed up for the newsletter. The points would be awarded quarterly. Bloggers did receive the points at the end of the third quarter last year....Bloggers have NOT received any reward points for the fourth quarter of last year. I asked about that as well and as with the other times I have tried to contact them, this too has been ignored.

All in all, I got rid of my AccuQuilt things because I didn't want to be part of nor support the company anymore. I am currently trying to get my pattern removed from their site...I am completely baffled by who to contact to make this happen. No matter who I contact, nothing is done.

I was hesitant to share my experience as I didn't want to hurt the company with my words. Then I decided no, I think it's

more appropriate if I am upfront with all of you.

Everyone has their own experiences...this has been my experience with AccuQuilt. Don't fear that there won't be tutorials here now that I don't have my GO! I will continue to make and share project ideas with you whenever I can.