



Joan Statz & Lorraine McAllister
Timberline collection

Joan Statz began sewing in high school, taught by her mother in an atmosphere that encouraged creativity. As a young adult, she immersed herself in needle arts, creating catalog models and designing her own cross stitch houses. She sewed clothes for her family, using the shortcuts she learned from her mother. She began working in a fabric store in the early 90s, teaching sewing classes. Her sample wall hangings inspired others, and in 1995 she launched her pattern business, “Joan’s Own Creations”, which has spawned over 50 patterns and three books. Joan has won many contests for sewing and quilting. She has made a guest appearance on the TV show “Craftscapes” with Sue Warden and has made many guest appearances on “Sew Much Fun” with Linda MacPhee. She lives in Canada with her husband and children.

Lorraine McAllister is from Alberta, Canada, where she spent much of her childhood out of doors, in natural surroundings. She took classes in Floral Design while working in a flower shop, then moved on to Interior Design, and then painting. Her painting experience led to teaching decorative art. She works in acrylics, pen and ink, watercolor, and oils. She and her mother opened a shop offering quilting and painting supplies and classes. Lorraine is now an accomplished quilter, mixing her savvy color sense into her quilts. Lorraine and her husband have three sons, and spend much time at the hockey arena.