

## Why Take the Hurdy Gurdy Workshop with Beth Helfter? And wait...Who the Heck is Beth Helfter?

To answer the second question first – that’s me right there. I’m a quilt designer and instructor from Massachusetts who’s been quilting for over twenty years and has been building a business since 2005, when I had twin two year olds and a need to create to stay sane. Many later I have three teenage daughters, and the need to create has been joined by the need to get out of the house now and then (or just lock myself in the studio with my Zoom account) and be with quilters, inspiring, motivating, learning, and sharing my designs and seeing theirs as well!



My work has been featured in Quilters World, The Quilter, Quiltmaker’s 100 Blocks, Quilts From Quiltmakers 100 Blocks, and I was a member of the 2014 Quiltmaker “Scrap Squad.” My style tends toward the scrappy and my designs mirror my company tagline: Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude. I am the creator of the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method, a way to get way more bang for your scrappy buck when it comes to half square triangles! Quilting is supposed to be fun, and with every pattern I strive to keep you as far away from your seam ripper as possible, with every lecture I work to keep quilting light, fun, and motivating, and with every workshop I try to

create a relaxed atmosphere of learning with a fun pattern or technique that doesn’t aim for perfection, but aims for a great day of quilty entertainment and learning.

Lecturing and teaching is still my very favorite part of this career and I can’t wait to meet Prairie Star in February!

### But really, why take the Hurdy Gurdy Workshop?

If you’re going to learn a new technique, you might as well go straight to the source! Not only am I the inventor of the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method, but Hurdy Gurdy is one of the was the first patterns I designed for my first book about the method. You can’t get more original than that.

In this workshop you’ll master the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ within the first 45 minutes – really, you WILL! – and move on to learn how they go beyond just a way to make HSTs more scrappy, but can be used to create ordered accordions that lay out blocks like butter. You’ll never want to make HSTs any other way again!

