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Blue skies smiling at Rip 'N' Sew

A quilter from Rip 'N' Sew guaranteed that "blue skies" will bless a friend.

Debbie Dorn, co-president of the Sun City West club, is willing to take on almost any quilting project.

"I was thumbing through the book 'Surprise Yourself!' by Charlotte Angotti and Debbie Caffrey when I saw a quilt pattern called 'Blue Skies,'" said Dorn. "Several years ago, I had promised to make a quilt for my friend Denise Berg. Her request was for a blue and white quilt in a traditional pattern. When I saw the picture of this quilt in that book, I knew I had to make it for her."

The quilt pattern uses a ruler set called Tri Recs, developed by the late Doreen Speckmann. She refers to the two-ruler set as Peaky and Spike in her book, "Travels With Peaky and Spike."

A prominent block in the quilt is called 54-40 or Fight, which refers to the 1845 border dispute between the United States and Great Britain. The dispute was settled in 1846, placing the boundary along the 49th Parallel. The agreement gave the United States clear title to present-day Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

"I thought that seemed appropriate because Denise lives in Washington state," Dorn said.



Debbie Dorn proudly shows off her "Blue Skies" quilt. (Submitted photo)