

Paul lives in Ottawa, Canada where he worked for the federal government after spending 21 years in the Canadian Armed Forces. He began quilting in May 1990. His mother, Doris Bourque-Léger, a quilter and dressmaker, encouraged him to buy a sewing machine "for sewing emergencies". One day, he got the idea to cut up the good parts of some old air force uniform shirts. "Why?" you ask - at the time he had no idea. After a few days, he recalled that in the "old days" people would use clothing to make bed quilts, so he set off to cut up more old shirts in an isosceles trapezoid shape, using surgical scissors!

He sewed the pieces together based on an idea he had in his mind. "The corners weren't square," nor were the blocks. He ran out of fabric pieces, so he made my first trip to a quilting shop, the "Cloth Castle in Langford, British Columbia," There he got advice and bought more fabric. First top completed and liking the process so much, he had a second quilt top completed before he had sent the first one to his mother for quilting. "It's on his bed today". (He is still making quilt tops quicker that he is quilting them.)

He took my first quilting course in September 1994 from Joan Winter in Barrie, Ontario, near the armed forces base where he was stationed. After moving to Ottawa in 1996, he joined his first guild. He took more courses and began to buy quilting books and lots of fabrics. Quilting has become his passion. He Has made over 160 more quilts since then, and have never looked back.

Paul now loves to share his knowledge of quilting buy teaching and doing presentations.