

# Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation with Susan Cleveland, Piping Expert

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on August 14, 2008**

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Greetings –

We are very excited to have Susan Cleveland join us for our Eavesdrop on a Telephone Conversation on Thursday, August 14.

Quilting daughter, Stephanie and I met Susan at the Portland Quilt Show a few months ago where she was showing her Groovin' Piping Hot Binding tool. I have posted a video showing how to use the tool and what a tiny quilt with piping would look like.

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Her website is <http://www.piecesbewithyou.com/>

Happy Quilting!

*Penny Halgren*

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Several topics will be covered during the call, and we have provided a list of them so you can jot your questions down before the call, take notes during the call, and be prepared to ask any of your unanswered questions during the Open Phone time at the end of the call.

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**Please tell us how you became interested in piping.**

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**How do you decide which quilts to put piping on?**

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**How do you know how large in diameter to make the piping?**

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**I noticed you have instructions for using double piping. Do you use the same diameter piping for both, or is one larger than the other?**

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**You also show other ways to embellish the piping. One is with prairie points. How do you know when to use something like that?**

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**You also have instructions for making pieced piping. This looks fun. Are there things to watch out for if we decide to do that?**

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**How did you come upon the idea for your piping tool?**

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**Can you please tell us how the tool works?**

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**What size piping will fit in each groove of the tool?**

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**You have some great instructions for closing your binding – joining the tails. What is your secret for making sure that your seam is where it needs to be so the binding lays flat – not too short or too long?**

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**Do you ever machine stitch the binding onto the back of the quilt?**

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**Do you have any special tips for stitching rick-rack between the binding and the quilt?**

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**You have several quilt patterns on your site. Do they all use piping?**

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**What is your favorite type of quilt to make?**

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**You also work with decorative threads. Can you give us some tips about using fun threads to embellish our quilts, i.e. how to choose colors?**

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**Do you use variegated colored threads?**

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**Have you found a metallic thread that works well on the machine?**

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**Other questions** – jot down other questions to ask if you have the opportunity, and record other topics covered that you find helpful.

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If you would like your very own recording of this call, you can still get it at the Early Bird price by going to [www.How-to-Quilt.com/piping](http://www.How-to-Quilt.com/piping)

Next month, on September 11, Tammie Bowser will join us to talk about creating mosaic quilts. And on September 15, Doug Kreinik will talk to us about his thread.

So, be thinking about what Enquiring Quilting Minds want to know so we can put together a list of questions.

Until next time – Happy Quilting!

*Penny*