


Slice and Dice a Single Image

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The new EQ7 by the Electric Quilt Company debuted this summer and has great new features for using your photos to create memory quilts. Here we offer one idea for creating a contemporary quilt from a simple photo—pick up the August/September 2010 issue of *Quilters Newsletter* to read the entire article by Andrea Bishop, designer and webmaster for EQ.

Import your image into EQ7 (1). When adjusting the photo, make sure the resolution does not fall below 150 dots per inch (dpi), regardless of the dimensions of the photo. For example, a 4" x 4" image taken at 300 dpi can be enlarged to as much as 8" x 8". (Twice the size equals half the resolution.) Understand that high-resolution images are not required for printing on fabric. It's not like printing on paper. Much of the detail and ink will be lost between the threads of the fabric. Just remember that the minimum dpi is 150, when printing on fabric. Apply some effects, like Posterize, then use Colorize to create the different images you'll print and piece together. Print several images of the photo onto different backgrounds (2).

Strip cutting and piecing a photo back together is different from working with regular fabric. You can't forget about how seam allowances affect your image. Rotary cut the first image only on any "line" you choose. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the edge, position the cut slice on the next image, and use a glue stick and pins to hold it in place so that the complete photo is not distorted. After stitching your image back together, add borders to complete the top (3). 



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