

EQ 8- Intro to Easy Draw

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Overview of EQ8- Key features

- Creating New projects and saving files to your computer
- Adding a Fabric collection
- Review of Project toolbar
- Importance of the Project Sketchbook

Drawing and modifying blocks using **Easy Draw**

- Using the Block Worktable
- Display settings and ribbon options
- Drawing tools
 - Designing blocks with the Grid drawing tool
 - Using the Line and Pick tools
 - Using the Edit tool
 - Using the Arc tool for drafting blocks with curves
- Working in the Color Tab
- Working with the Precision toolbar
 - Block Width and Height
 - Identifying and Setting the correct snap settings
 - Using snapping options
- Creating blocks with Serendipity
- Tracing an image
 - Importing an image from a picture on your phone
- Editing lines or arc segments

Using these blocks in a quilt design

- Using the Quilt Worktable

Printing in EQ 8

- Blocks and Quilt
- Templates
- Rotary Cutting

Who is this class for?

- Those who have the software and just don't use it much or need a little help with the various tasks it can accomplish
- Those who have never used EQ8 to see what it might be like to use it **or** if you're considering buying it and want a sneak peak before you invest in it.

Installing EQ8 if you haven't done it yet.

Go to the EQ8 support page. <https://support.electricquilt.com/articles/installuninstall-electric-quilt-8/>. (Click this address to go to the page, no need to type it in)

Choose between the windows or Mac installation instructions

There are instructions for Windows 7, 8, 10 and 11 depending on the operating system you have on your computer

There are instructions for Mac and a short video that you can watch for those using the Apple operating system

Electric Quilt recommends using Windows 10 or 11 with an Intel i5 or higher processor.

For Mac- OS Monterey (12), Ventura (13), Sonoma (14), or Sequoia (15) with an Intel or M processor is recommended

EQ8 will work on older computer processors, but it is not recommended.

<https://electricquilt.com/online-shop/electric-quilt-8/#tab-System> Requirements

EQ8 will not run on Chromebooks, iPads, or any other devices running Android or iOS. EQ8 will not install on computers in S mode.

** The installation can take a long time if you have very slow internet speeds. I would recommend going to the library or somewhere with high download speeds such as a coffee shop to download the program to your computer. You will **not** be able to download the software at the church during our class.

If you run into trouble with your download "Electric Quilt prides itself on its "real-person" customer service and support teams. We're here for you." Phone: [+1-800-356-4219](tel:+18003564219). I have found them to be very helpful when I have needed assistance.

*** After the program is downloaded, you will be prompted for your EQ8 License ID and Password. These numbers can be found in your EQ Account. This will allow for activating the program on your computer. Once you have EQ8 activated on your computer, you will not need an internet connection to use the program. So we will not be using the internet during our class at the church. You will need to bring your computer with you if you want to be able to work through the exercises we will be doing. **If you do not have EQ8**, you will be able to watch the process on the big screen TV or by looking over the shoulder of one of the others taking the class with you. Class handouts will be provided.

For those who have already installed EQ8 and have used it before. Make sure that you have opened the program within the past 60 days so that it can be validated. Your computer has to be connected to the internet for the validation.