

**LET'S GO!**

## **A QUICK LESSON ON WORKING WITH ACCUQUILT SHAPES IN EQ7**

This quick lesson provides steps for working with the AccuQuilt die shapes we have available as a free download. We've drawn these AccuQuilt die shapes for you, with AccuQuilt's permission.

- If you **HAVE** already downloaded these shapes, **skip to step B**, below.
- If you **HAVE NOT** already downloaded the shapes, do step A first.



### **A. DOWNLOAD THE EQ7 LIBRARY**

#### **DOWNLOADING AND LINKING:**

##### **STEP 1: Make a Downloads folder**

[ Note: if you've already done this for previous downloads, you do not need to do it again]

- 1) Click **START > (My) Computer > (My) Documents > My EQ7**. Make sure you open the My EQ7 folder.
- 2) Right-click a blank area in the folder window > point to New > click **Folder**.
- 3) Type: **Downloads**
- 4) Press **ENTER**.

##### **STEP 2: Download**

- 1) Download the first [.BLK file by clicking here.](#)
- Download the second [.BLK file by clicking here.](#)
- Download the files to: **(My) Documents > My EQ7 > Downloads.**

##### **STEP 3: Link**

- 1 ) Open EQ7.
- 2 ) Click **LIBRARIES > Block Library**.
- 3 ) Click the **Link Library** button.
- 4 ) Click the **Add** button . Type: **Downloads**
- 5 ) Click the **Browse** button.
- 6 ) Browse to: **(My) Documents > My EQ7 > Downloads.**
- 7) Click **OK**.
- 8) Click **OK** again.
- 9) Click **Close** to return to the library.

Now click on the Library section and look in the list of EQ Libraries.

Click on **Downloads**, then **AccuQuilt Contest** or **AccuQuilt Contest 2**.

**NOTE:** The .BLK files will NOT open outside EQ. You must save them in the Downloads folder, then link them to the Block Library to use them in EQ7.

## **B USING ACCUQUILT SHAPES IN EQ7**

NOTE: These shapes will only work in EQ7 because drag and drop is necessary, and is only found in EQ7. And only EQ7 remembers the size a block's drawn size. The blocks in this library have been designed at the PRECISE size of each individual die, so use the Set Blocks tool and drag and drop the blocks from the Sketchbook Blocks palette to your quilt to get perfectly sized blocks!

The most important thing to remember is **DO NOT RESIZE** the AccuQuilt shapes in EQ7. We have drawn the AccuQuilt shapes to precisely match the AccuQuilt dies. Changing their size at all in EQ7 would result in an inaccurate visual design and measurement in EQ7.

### **Step 1: Adding AccuQuilt Shapes to your Sketchbook**

1. Go to Library > Block Library > My Libraries > My Custom Libraries > AccuQuilt Contest or AccuQuilt Contest 2
2. Browse through the different categories.
3. Click on designs to select them and choose Add to Sketchbook.
4. Click Close when you are done.

Now you are ready to begin designing with your AccuQuilt shapes.

### **Step 2: Placing AccuQuilt Shapes on your EQ7 Quilt**

On the Quilt worktable, you can drag these onto Layers 2 or 3. Dragging and dropping should set the blocks at the size they were drawn. Please check your Quilt Options to be sure you have the correct settings chosen for this. Click Quilt > Quilt Worktable Options > Setting Blocks. Under Drag and Drop Options, "Use size recorded in block" should be selected.

1. Go to the Quilt Worktable
2. Click Layer 2 or 3.
3. Click the Set Block tool and click the Stencils tab.
4. Select the AccuQuilt Shape you want to use by clicking on it one time and holding.
5. Now drag the block from the palette to the quilt. Release the mouse button.

6. Click the Adjust tool.
7. Using the Adjust tool you can now move the shape around on the quilt. Be sure to move **from the shape's center**. Remember, do **not** resize the shape.

And what if you want to create a block, and change the block size, while keeping the accurate die size.

### **C [OPTIONAL STEP, IF YOU WANT TO:]**

#### **Change Size of Block while Retaining Accurate Shape of Die AND Add Multiple Shapes to one Block**

1. Go to the Block Worktable.
2. Click Block > New Block > PatchDraw Motif.
3. Make the block size whatever size you want it to be.
4. Draw some shape on the worktable (can be anything, you'll delete it).
5. Add to Sketchbook.
6. View Sketchbook and find an AccuQuilt shape you want to put on your new block.
7. Edit that shape to the Block worktable.
8. Select the patch with the Pick tool.
9. Click Edit > Copy.
10. Click View Sketchbook and find the new block that you created in steps 3-5 ( on Motifs tab).
11. Edit that block to the worktable.
12. Delete that patch you drew in step 4.
13. Click Edit > Paste. Your AccuQuilt shape should paste at the appropriate size.
14. Add to Sketchbook. Now you can go back to the Sketchbook, edit more AccuQuilt shapes to the worktable and repeat these steps to get all your shapes onto that new block. Just remember to keep adding that one to your Sketchbook.

Just be sure you are always copying a patch and pasting it onto a pre-existing block of the size you want. The proportions should be accurate. You can't just change the block size or start a new block of a different size.

All of the steps in this lesson will also work with the free Rose of Sharon downloads that are here: <http://www.electricquilt.com/Users/Downloads/RoseofSharon.asp>