

The A-1 quilt making machine made in Springfield, Mo., moves back and forth freely, following a pattern with a pointer.

SEWS A CUSTOM QUILT IN ONLY TWO HOURS

New Machine Makes Quilts For Profit

"A profitable sideline and an enjoyable pastime for family members," says Dan Wirtz, manufacturer and inventor of a new home quilting machine that lets you make a "custom quilt" in two hours or less that, he says, is comparable to most hand-made quilts.

"That compares with the months, or even years, required to make some hand-made quilts. Since interest in quilts is growing, due both to nostalgia and to people piling on more covers to turn down thermostats, an average operator can make \$10 an hour or more making quilts," says Wirtz. He notes that most of the people who have purchased quilting machines find they have more than enough business right in their church, clubs, and schools, all generated by word of mouth.

The quilting machine is essentially a table, rollers and industrial sewing machine that allows the operator to sew together three layers of material (for example, two brightly colored sheets with rolled cotton batting in between) up to 12 ft. wide into one big quilt.

All materials are rolled lengthwise onto the back roller and then continuously fed up to the roller under the arm of the sewing machine. The machine is mounted in a special carriage that allows it to move a full 360° from side to side and front to back, enabling the operator to sew intricate quilting patterns, including loops and circles.

"The operator simply moves the machine back and forth, following a quilting stitch pattern template that runs the length of the table. The quilt is gradually rolled forward and two more rows are completed," explains Wirtz.

The sewing machine has a 1/10 hp. variable speed motor that ranges up to 3,500 rpm. The safety switch control button stops the machine auto-



You can make up to \$10 an hour sewing quilts with the Kenquilt quilter, according to Dan Wirtz.

matically when released. The entire machine and table weighs just 240 lbs. and fits into a space 3 ft. wide and 12 ft. long. "It's much smaller than the old fashioned hand quilting frames," notes Wirtz.

Curtains, padded winter clothing, and other items can also be made with the machine.

Retail cost is \$2,195.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dan Wirtz, Kenquilt Manufacturing, 111 Pattie St., Wichita, Kan. 67211 (ph 316 262-3438).

A similar quilting machine is being offered by A-1 Sewing Machine Company in Springfield, Mo. Outfitted with reconditioned industrial sewing machines instead of new ones, the A-1 quilter sells for \$1.750.

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By sliding the Baby Sitter high chair over the edge of a table, your child is seated securely right next to you while eating, or even in church.

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New Go-Anywhere "Baby Sitter" Chair

"If you were a baby, you'd love it, too," says Jerry Vickery, manufacturer of the new "Baby Sitter", a unique new high chair for babies that isn't really a chair at all.

"You just slip it over the edge of whatever table you're using. Unlike a cumbersome conventional high chair, this one's as easy to carry as a purse. What's more, it seats baby at the table with you — not off to the side as with a conventional high chair. You can even take it along to church to seat baby with you in the pew."

The Baby Sitter is made from aluminum tubing with a nylon seat designed to fit babies of any age. One aluminum arm slips over the table

top and the other below so that weight of the baby holds it in place. Rubber stoppers on the ends of the aluminum arms keep the Baby Sitter from slipping. Even if baby should try to dislodge it by kicking or pushing, it won't budge, according to Vickery.

The Baby Sitter is strong enough to hold a full-grown adult and, at the recent Missouri State Fair, where FARM SHOW spotted the new seat, Vickery climbed aboard to prove it. True to his claim, it held up easily.

The Baby Sitter sells for \$16.50, plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

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