

Which Quilting Software Program is Right for You?

Basic Info	EQ6	EQ5	Quilt Design Wizard
Skill level (quilting and computer)	Beginner to Advanced	Beginner to Advanced	Beginner
Design your own quilts	X	X	X
Layout styles available	400+ all adjustable	400+ all adjustable	4 all adjustable
Border styles available	22, plus draw your own	20, plus draw your own	6
Number of quilts per project file	Any number	Any number	1
Can link program to other EQ software	X - automatically	X	
Libraries			
Library of blocks	4,300 - pieced and appliqué	3,100 - pieced and appliqué	200 - pieced only
Library of fabrics	5,000 scanned	3,000 scanned - 8,000 digital	3,000
Library of fabric palettes		X	
Library of quilt layouts	400	400	
Library of embroidery designs	4,200	2,800	
Library of threads	4,000		
Library of photos	69		
Design Features			
Custom set quilt layout options	X	X	
Float appliqué on Layer 2	X	X	
Add quilting stencils to Layer 3	X	X	
Color stencils and stitching lines with thread	X	X	
Rotate fabric in patches by degree	X		
Randomly recolor the quilt	X		
Automatically scales fabric on quilt	X		
Drawing Features			
Draw pieced blocks	X	X	
Draw pieced blocks using special grids	X		
Draw appliqué blocks and motifs	X	X	
Create new blocks by combining blocks together	X		
Searching			
Library search	X	X	
Search for fabrics by color	X		
Search for blocks by skill level and category	X		
Importing			
Scanned fabric (bmp, jpeg, tiff, gif, png)	X	X - bmp only	
Photos for memory quilts (bmp, jpeg, tiff, gif, png)	X	X - bmp only	
Embroidery (.exp) files	X		
Exporting			
Image files: bmp, jpeg, tiff, gif, png	X	X - bmp only	
Metafiles for creating piecing instructions	X - filled with solids or fabrics	X - outline drawing only	
High resolution images up to 600 dpi	X		
Printing			
Rotary cutting charts	X	X	X
Yardage charts	X	X	X
Templates	X	X	X
Foundation piecing patterns	X	X	X
Blocks in color or outline	X	X	X
Quilts in color or outline	X	X	X
Quilt info sheet for measurements			X
Text as appliqué templates	X		
Photos and embroidery designs	X	X	
Help Available			
Design hints for beginners			X
Sewing instructions for each block			X
Step-by-step illustrated quilting instructions			X
Instructional videos	62	24	30
User manuals	softcover	softcover	printable from program
Website Features			
Free monthly fabric palettes to download	X	X	
Free monthly projects to download			X
Website	www.electricquilt.com	www.electricquilt.com	www.quiltwizard.com