



TEAM LARRY
Patsy, Val, Larry & Joan



Larry Romanovitch has been quilting since 2003. Quilting is as much about art as it is sewing and since Larry is an artist it was only natural to transition to quilting. Larry loves bright colours, good company and is inspired by events around him. Any time quilting is offered Larry will be one of the first to join. He has participated in the sewing/quilting groups at CLP, the Timberlane Quilter's Guild, and an 8 week workshop with Canada World Youth (2007). He is most recently working with the Maple Leaf Quilters.

Larry loves to make quilts and give them away. His first quilt was fairly simple - 9" squares sewn together and then tied with wool. This one was given to the Powell River Fire Fighters who had fought in the fires burning through the BC Interior in 2003. Another early quilt was made for Wayne Gretzky to comfort him when his mother passed away. This quilt was more complex in design and quilted by machine. Other recipients of his quilts include, PR Therapeutic Riding, Special Olympics, the Jean Pike Centre (two I Spy Quilts), a school in Palmwag, Namibia and his caregivers.

At first Larry used the fabrics shared by community quilters but has graduated to purchasing his own fabric. He has a "stash" of fabric to choose from and they are mostly very bright colours. After choosing his fabrics and patterns he enlists another quilter to assist him in completing the project. Larry recently completed a bright yellow "Fiesta Log Cabin" table runner. At the sewing machine Larry operates the foot controls while his partner feeds the pieces through the machine. Getting the timing right between the two machine operators is an art in itself, with the need to stop and start in just the right place. Larry does most of the pressing and makes the decisions on fabric placement and design.

As an avid hockey fan and quilter Larry took the opportunity of purchasing an "I Believe in Blue" quilt kit and pattern. The Maple Leaf Quilters had pledged to Canuck Place Children's Hospice, one quilt for every win the Vancouver Canucks had. Larry was one of 11 quilters to participate in this project. With fabric and pattern in hand Larry started by drawing his trademark stick figures onto the white fabric. The fabric was stabilized with freezer paper and anchored to the work surface. Using fabric crayons and a variety of hockey books for inspiration he drew 18 hockey players for his quilt. After assisting with the assembling of the quilt top it was sent to the quilters. Larry wanted stick figures stitched into the quilt.

The label for this quilt reads
"Round 2, Game 4: It Takes a Team, May 5, 2011" Quilt Maker Larry Romanovitch. Team: Together Everyone Achieves More. Larry relies on a team to help him realize his dreams of quilting and giving to others.

Contributed by Val Almas

