

Quilters' Acronyms

Quilters use many acronyms; some are serious, others not so much. Here's a list to help you understand what your quilting friends are talking about:

BOM	Block of the month
DSM	Domestic sewing machine
EPP	English paper piecing
FMQ	Free motion quilting
FQ	Fat quarter
HST	Half square triangle
LAQ	Long-arm quilter
LQS	Local quilt shop
MAQ	Mid-arm quilter
PP	Paper piecing
QAYG	Quilt as you go
QST	Quarter square triangle
RST	Right sides together
SA	Seam allowance
SID	Stitch in the ditch
TBQ	To be quilted
UFO	Unfinished object
WIP	Work in progress
WISP	Work in slow progress
WOF	Width of fabric

And here are some not-so-serious acronyms:

BDNQ	Bad day, not quilting
FART	Fabric acquisition road trip
FOB	Fear of binding
HIPS	Hundreds of ideas piling skyward
HSY	Haven't started yet
PhD	Projects half done
SABLE	Stash accumulation beyond life expectancy
STASH	Special treasures all secretly hidden
TGIF	Thank goodness it's finished
WHIMM	Works hidden in my mind
WIWMI	Wish it would make itself
WOMBAT	Waste of money, batting and time