



# “Oh, NO!! I don't 'BLOG'!!!”

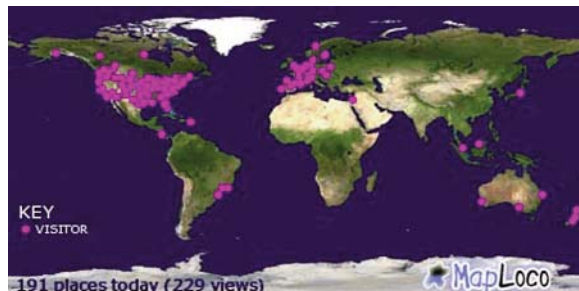
We're all at varying stages of technology in this Internet world. I was thinking the other day about when someone told me there was a machine that you could put a paper in and have it magically appear in another location! It was called a “fax machine.” It feels like just yesterday.

Some of us got our first computer because we got an embroidery machine and the computer would help us do more with the embroidery machine. Some of us got email to be able to see photos of grandchildren who didn't live near us.

With all the rumors and news about hackers, the “internet” can be a scary thing. I guess that's why I get some of the responses I do when I ask people if they've been to my blog or get my blog posts. Some people have actually backed off as if I were transmitting a disease. Some have told me they'd love to help me but just don't have the time. I've ask Bill to change the wording on the button on our website from “our blog” to “fun things from Erica's” so we can hopefully attract more readers. “Blog” is short for “web log,” a place on the web where people log their thoughts and ideas and share with others.

I first heard of “blogs” as places online where people criticized politicians. However, there are sewing and crafting “blogs” now, too. For me it was a way to communicate with people all over the world, when I wasn't able to talk to them in the shop, and we started it over a year ago. So I'm the one who does all the work! You just get to read and look at the pictures, and download (a fancy word for “receive”) instructions I share sometimes.

I really put a lot of time into my “blog posts” and have been discouraged when people I think would enjoy them don't know what they are and are hesitant to find out. So this is an effort to have more people take a look! It's not like no one is reading. As I write this, we have over 800 people who have signed up to receive each new entry in their email so they don't have to remember to check it to see if I've been productive or not. And I swear, not a soul has been harmed by doing this, and many tell me they are actually entertained by my musings. The bright pink dots on this map show many of the locations where there are computers with fellow sew-ers and quilters reading what I write. (It still amazes me!) Look on the next page to see some of the locations. We have people from Albuquerque, NM, in the US to Zwijndrecht, in the Netherlands. Can you imagine?!!!



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This is where some of the people live who  
read my “blog.” Are you represented?

In the United States:	Graham, NC	Peru, IN	Daceyville, Australia
Albuquerque, NM	Grand Rapids, MI	Petersburg, IL	Eindhoven, Netherlands
Allen, TX	Granger, IN	Phoenix, AZ	Fermignano, Italy
Altamonte Springs, FL	Grapevine, TX	Pittsburgh, PA	Florianópolis, Brazil
Amarillo, TX	Greensboro, NC	Plano, TX	Footscray, Australia
Ames, IA	Greer, SC	Port Charlotte, FL	Goes, Netherlands
Amsterdam, NY	Hackettstown, NJ	Portland, OR	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Anchorage, AK	Hampton, VA	Raleigh, NC	Hobart, Australia
Andover, MN	Hemet, CA	Rapid City, SD	Holbæk, Denmark
Auburn, IN	Hennepin, IL	River Forest, IL	Istanbul, Turkey
Augusta, GA	Hilton Head Island, SC	Roanoke, VA	Jakarta, Indonesia
Avon, IN	Holden, MA	Robbins, NC	Køge, Denmark
Belhaven, NC	Huntsville, AL	Rockford, MI	Kuwait
Bellevue, OH	Indianapolis, IN	Saint Augustine, FL	Langenpreising, Germany
Benton Harbor, MI	Irving, TX	Saint Cloud, MN	Liège, Belgium
Bismarck, ND	Janesville, MN	Salisbury, MD,	London, United Kingdom
Blackduck, MN	Janesville, WI	San Antonio, TX	Macau
Blair, NE	Jerome, MI	San Diego, CA	Manaus, Brazil
Blountstown, FL	Johnson City, TN	San Gabriel, CA	Melbourne, Australia
Boca Raton, FL	Kalispell, MT	San Rafael, CA	Milton Keynes, United Kingdom
Boise, ID	Kansas City, MO	Sand Springs, OK	Milton, ON, Canada
Buffalo, MN	Kent, WA	Scappoose, OR	Montreal, QC, Canada
Buffalo, ND	Kenyon, MN	Simpsonville, SC	Novo Hamburgo, Brazil
Butte, MT	Ketchum, ID	Slidell, LA	Paris, France
Byron Center, MI	Key West, FL	South Bend, IN	Perth, Australia
Canton, MI	Kingston, WA	Spokane, WA	Peterborough, ON, Canada
Carlisle, MA	La Crosse, WI	Springfield, OH	Reinach, Switzerland
Chandler, AZ	Lafayette, IN	Springfield, VA	Riga, Latvia
Cleveland, TN	Lancaster, WI	Tampa, FL	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Clinton, TN	Lansing, MI	Vancouver, WA	Salaberry-de-valleyfield, QC, Canada
Cocoa Beach, FL	Las Cruces, NM	Vineyard Haven, MA	Santa Maria, Brazil
Columbia, SC	Lawton, OK	Vineyard Haven, MA	Savignano Sul Rubicone, Italy
Columbus, OH	Lebanon, TN	West Bend, IA	Séchilienne, France
Crowley, LA	Leesburg, FL	West Chicago, IL	Singapore, Singapore
Crystal Lake, IL	Loganville, GA	Whiteland, IN	Surrey, BC, Canada
Cypress, TX	Los Angeles, CA	Whittier, CA	Sydney, Australia
Dallas, TX	Makawao, HI	Wilbraham, MA	Tarragona, Spain
Denver, CO	Marlinton, WV	Williamston, NC	Valencia, Spain
Dover, PA	Marquette, MI	Woodbridge, VA	Vejle, Denmark
Duluth, GA	Märsta, Sweden	Woodinville, WA	Warsaw, Poland
Eagle, CO	Mattawan, MI	York, PA	Willemstad, Netherlands
El Cajon, CA	Mattawan, MI		Antilles
El Paso, TX	Mattawan, MI		Zwijndrecht, Netherlands
Ellensburg, WA	Melbourne, FL	<b>Other parts of the world</b>	
Erie, PA	Merrillville, IN	Adelaide, Australia	
Eureka, CA	Minneapolis, MN	Auckland, New Zealand	
Everett, WA	Mountain Home, AR	Bangalore, India	
Fargo, ND	Nashville, TN	Bombay, India	
Farmville, VA	Newton, KS	Brasília, Brazil	
Fort Wayne, IN	Oak Lawn, IL	Budapest, Hungary	
Fredericksburg, TX	Oakland, NJ	Camboriú, Brazil	
Gays Mills, WI	Omaha, NE	Canberra, Australia	
Goshen, IN	Overland Park, KS	Curitiba, Brazil	
		Czech Republic	

Thank you all so  
much! I hope you're  
enjoying my blog!