

Show and Tell - Perth WA

I decided to make my two young grandsons in Australia a quilt each. Seth is six and mad on Cars the movie – or I thought he was! Luke is eight and is mad on diggers, big tractors etc – his father is a diesel engine fitter at one of the big mines in northern WA working on the massive tractors and diggers so I guess that is where he gets the interest from.

I began the Cars quilt in early 2012 having found the material for both quilts at the NEC in 2011, but of course it took quite a while to complete as I undertook other projects at the same time. Once I got to the quilting stage on the Cars quilt, I began the digger quilt for Luke. Time seemed to pass by and I suddenly realised I was going to Perth in the September and I might as well take them with me (saves on postage) and they could have them as part of their Christmas present. So I madly began to try and complete both quilts which I did a week before we left the UK – all except sewing in the ends and adding the borders.

We were with the family for three weeks and so I spent nearly all my spare time finishing off the two quilts and completed them two days before we left to return home. I duly wrapped them in Christmas paper and presented them to the boys the next morning as an early Christmas present. Luke was delighted with his diggers – he had thought I had been working on my sewing for his cousin back in England. Seth on the other hand, took one look at the Cars and said “But I don’t like Cars anymore!” Out of the mouths of babes they say. Anyway, when his mother heard him she said, “but you watch Cars 2 the movie all the time, and you read the Cars story book most nights”. Seth took this in for a couple of seconds, then said “Oh, yes” and proceeded to wrap himself in the quilt and was happy ever after.

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