

# Internet Video Streaming

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Today I want to talk about internet video streaming. This is a wonderful new innovation for computer access! Video streaming is a program that has been filmed and placed in digital format on the web so you can watch it via website. There are several formats of video streaming out there.

The first is set up in a menu format. A list of titles is provided and you pick which title you wish to see and it plays for you. The up side is that you see only content you wish to see. The downside is that if you are watching from your sewing machine you have to get up about every 10 minutes to start another program.

The second is continuous streaming. This is a set program of shows that play one after another, kind of like your television programming. The up side is that you don't have to get up from your sewing to start each program. They start automatically. The downside is that you cannot control the content you watch except in that you can "tune in" at the time the program you want to watch is airing. And just like your television programming there are advertisements built into the programming.

The third is a combination of the two. Usually, set lists of programs are playing when you log into the site. However, a menu of programs is available if you want to see an individual program. The upside is that you get to choose content. The down side is that once you go to the menu and pick the program you want to see it stops when the program is over. You must then choose another or log out of the site and back in to have it reset for automatic play.

There are three video streaming sites that are quilting oriented (that I am aware of at this point). And, in the interest of research I watched each in turn for several days and played with the options (such a strain on me! LOL!).

I found that you want to turn off your screen saver while you are watching these programs or suddenly you will be watching your screen saver instead of the program!

<http://www.qnntv.com/>

This link is to Quilters News Network TV. This is a continuous streaming format. When you open this link the video streaming is on the right side of the screen and begins automatically. On the left of the screen is information pertaining to Quilters News Network (loads of information!).

Yes, I know the screen is small. However, there are buttons just under the video screen. The first button (an arrow pointing to the right) will start the video streaming if it has not done so automatically or if you have stopped it. The second button (a square) will stop the stream if you are having problems or need to change settings. The third button also has a square with a squiggled line in it. This button will expand the viewing screen to fill the screen. You need to use the escape button on your keyboard to reduce it back to its original size. The fourth button allows you to change streaming settings (dial-up, DSL, cable or broadband). The fifth button is a help button. Next to those is an audio control. You can increase the loudness or decrease it according to your needs.

You do not have to "join" to watch the programming. However, I joined because I hope that my contributions will help bring more and new programming. A sampling of the quilting shows available: Sewing with Nancy, Eleanor Burns-Quilt in a Day, Fons and Porter, Kaye Woods and Gudrun Erla. Mixed in with these are shorter shows called Quilters Coffee, Quilters Tea, As Seen at Market where you can see the latest tips and tools including the latest stuff from Quilt Market and Quilters Retreat, Quilter's Chat, and Quilt Central where projects and lessons are presented.

There is a long list of Talent and when you click on the name in the list it takes you to the bio and the shows that are on the programming list. Click on the show you want to find and it will show you about the show and the air time if it is available.

There is much more and I invite you to explore the suite to your hearts content. It is easy to navigate and a great addition to your day's quilting activities.

<http://quilterstv.com/>

This link is for Quilters TV. This is in a combination streaming format and seems to be a new site. Membership is free and allows access to members only programming as well as the 15 or so videos available to non-members. You can also become a sponsor to help support programming and if you are a designer or teacher and want to film a half hour program to be aired in the line-up here you can do so in their new facility in Canton, GA for \$850. Great price for your talent and designs to be shown to the world!

The small box in the lower right corner of the video screen allows you to increase the size of the video screen but not quite to the size of your screen. However to reduce it you must log out and then back in.

The list of programs is available if you just want to watch a single program but, when you do this you opt out of