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A Family that Quilts Together

QUILTING

Bertha and Mary Alice Martin

It's been more than a quarter-century – and countless yards of fabric – since Bertha and Mary Alice Martin opened their family quilt shop. In 1977, quilt shops were still rare in Northern Indiana, but that didn't stop this mother and daughter team from putting their talents and business savvy to work. Today, their quilts are known around the region for their quality and craftsmanship.

Points of Interest:

- Bertha began quilting as a young girl. Her daughter Mary Alice picked up the craft in her early teens.
- The Martins make quilts by special request. One of their favorite designs incorporated bunches of roses and an Amish courting buggy(perhaps given as a wedding present or romantic gift).
- The Martins are eager to share their love of quilting with young family members, teaching them the large basting stitches.