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# Beyond Quilts: Carolyn Pavlovic

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<u>Julia Lindenmuth</u>, is my daughter, "the <u>inspiration</u> behind <u>Silver Linings</u> <u>Foundation</u>." Julia has <u>Aicardi Syndrome</u> along with many other diagnoses. One side effect is drooling. The drooling gets her shirts and wheelchair straps wet which is uncomfortable and causes rashes due to her sensitive skin.

Imagine my delight when I found most beautiful waterproof bibs made for individuals that drool or that can be used in a variety of ways.

<u>Carolyn Pavlovic</u> is the owner of <u>Beyond Quilts</u>. The shops ratings are impressive with 2,252 reviews all Beyond Quilts has sold over 6,929 items since 2007.



Upon opening my daughters package, inside were additional items donated to <u>Silver Linings Foundation</u>. Items included bibs for <u>male</u> and <u>female</u> adults and <u>older children</u> along with some <u>burp cloths</u>. I wanted to find out more about <u>Carolyn</u>. Below is an interview with one of today's heroes.



### What do you love about what you do?

I love making things that people enjoy using. I also love all the variety of fabrics available. My stash is rather frightening and I try to discipline myself to use what I already have, but that doesn't stop me from re-stocking a popular fabric. I love seeing photos of people using the bibs. I often wonder who will be using the bibs as I am making them and pray over them, that God will bless them and their caregivers.

<u>Protector/Shield/Make-up Bib-Long Length, Father's Day, Gift for Dad:</u>
<u>Bears, Moose. Birds</u>

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#### Why did you go into this line of work?

"I have always enjoyed making things. My mother taught me how to sew during junior high and I haven't stopped since. My daughters encouraged me to pursue selling my items and helped me open Beyond Quilts on Etsy almost 10 years ago. I started out selling I-Spy quilts and, acting on a suggestion from my daughter, I began making cup sleeves that fit on coffee shop cups. At a craft show a customer was looking at the baby bibs I had for sale and commented that she would buy one if I made them for adults as she was sick of getting her clothes dirty. I listed them in the shop and a special needs mother from Canada made a special request for a junior size. That began my journey into making bibs for special needs young

Adult Rib Bib / Clothing Protector / Make-up Bib, Drool Bib, Long Length: Pink Breast Cancer Ribbon

#### What other products do you make?

My shop carries bibs for Adults, Juniors and Babies, Burp Cloths and cup sleeves/coffee cozies. I have sold many I-Spy quilts, but haven't had time to make any lately.







Burp Cloth Coffee Cozy / Cup Sleeve Eco Friendly Slip-on, Teacher Appreciation, Co-Worker Gift, Bulk Discount:

## What is the most challenging thing about what you do?

Balancing all my responsibilities. My husband died April 1, 2016 and now I have many more things to do. He was a great shopper and cook and all-around servant. Our first date was when I needed a ride to Sears to buy a sewing machine. He helped me pick it out and I still have it. I mended many of his clothes using that machine. He would cook dinner and call to me down in my workshop to come up and eat. I was spoiled! I teach 4 different groups of adults English as a Second Language for a total of 20 hours a week, and I also play the piano at church. And I'm a grandma to an almost 6-year-old granddaughter and an almost 3-year-old grandson and another is due the end of June. I love it when they come to visit and we can enjoy their company. When orders pile up it gets interesting getting everything done!



#### Are you considering making other items?

Maybe when I retire from my teaching job in a few years I will have time to develop more items, but not now.

Do you take special requests?

<u>Yes. I offer several options</u> on my junior bibs. <u>Velcro</u> or <u>snap closures</u>, <u>pocket bibs</u>, <u>H2O resistant layer</u>. <u>Custom sizing of the neck opening</u> and the <u>size of the bibs</u>. In adult bibs, I also take <u>custom orders for various</u>





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