

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: December 8, 2022, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message: More and More Still

Stuffed to the gills on Thanksgiving dinner and Thanksgiving leftovers for supper, I sit down to write my last message to you as president of Quilters Unlimited. At 2 p.m. I was sure I'd never need to eat again, but at 7:30 p.m. I was eating pumpkin pie again. Quilting is like that.

How, you say?

Is stuffing myself so much that I have to loosen my belt a bit like using two layers of high-loft batting?

Is having twelve items on the dinner menu instead of the usual three like taking a traditional block and making it scrappy?

Is having five more people around the table than our usual two like enjoying the comradery of a Sit-N-Stitch?

Maybe all of the above! We'll gather for our "Celebration of Us!" potluck dinner meeting on December 8. We'll thank those who offered their creativity, time, and effort to make 2022 a wonderful year for the Guild. Then come January 12 we'll be right back at it. I'm looking forward to both — our year-end celebration and the new-year adventure under Peggy Clark's leadership — and I'm confident that you are, too. Happy quilting!

Sue



QU really needs a chairperson for the Workshops and Classes committee! This important position is calling for a person who can provide supportive organization for the classes that are already scheduled to be taught by members of our Guild in late Winter and early Spring. It's also the perfect spot for someone who's willing to find creative teachers to schedule for 2024. This is your chance to bring something fresh to the table. We can promise you help from Ellen Fournier and others who have gone before. (But because Ellen is taking on Programs this year, she can't chair both committees.) Please contact Peggy Clark ASAP if you can serve the Guild in this way.

December QU Program:

Let's celebrate the season with a little giving and inspiration!

The December program is intended to be a little “show and tell” to encourage members to show off their homemade bags (whether it is a purse, tote, market bag or to carry your current quilt project) and explain what, who, why inspired them to make it. Wonderful prizes awarded to the most inspirational bags!

Please consider making a **market bag for you and one to give to Grace Mission.** As this is the season for giving, we are asking members to bring non-perishable food items or canned goods that will be donated (along with the market bag) to Grace Mission (www.gracemission.net) to help those less fortunate.



Get with Ann Gaber if you are need of any decorator weight fabrics for your market bags – she has stacks of amazing fabrics that have been donated to the guild!

In addition, at the meeting please share your favorite fall/winter inspired quilt items that you made in the past or are trying to finish.

Have a favorite bag pattern to share – please feel free to contribute your ideas and methods as we are looking to be inspired.

Post-Election – Grab one of those annoying political signs that didn't get collected and cut a rectangular piece to fit the bottom of your market bag for more support!

Links:



<https://www.freequiltpatterns.info/free-tutorial---fat-sack-by-terry-atkinson.htm>

<http://www.bijoulovelydesigns.com/2010/05/market-tote-tutorial.html>

Also check out all the amazing and inspirational bag items on Pinterest!

Assistance Appreciated. Please contact Dawn Griffin.

Introducing the 2023 Block of the Month...It's as Easy as BOM-2-3

For 2023, we will create blocks to strengthen or reinforce piecing skills using shapes and techniques of most quilt block patterns. It will be as easy as BOM-2-3.

Each month has a theme and two block patterns. The “Starting Point” block will showcase the technique in a simple block pattern. The “Next Level” block will build on that same technique with slightly more difficulty.

It's easy to participate...whether you can make one block in the year or two blocks each month, you can join in on the fun! You can make the Starting Point block, the

Next Level block or both. Bring your block each month to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

This year, you can make the blocks to keep or make blocks to donate to charity.

If making blocks for charity, we request you make the blocks in red, white and blue fabrics as we will use these for veteran quilts. Pattern examples will be photographed in these colors.

The next month's pattern information will be in the newsletter and detailed step by step directions will be on the QU website. We will have a few printed copies at the Block of the Month table each month for those without internet/printer access.

Join the fun of BOM-2-3 with the January patterns below to bring to the January guild meeting.

If you have any questions, ask me at the December guild meeting or call/email.

Happy Piecing!!

Kerry Cohen

January's Theme – Piecing – Aligned Seams

This month blocks will highlight aligned seams. Remember to carefully cut your fabric, sew with a scant quarter inch seam allowance, and carefully press your pieces.

Starting Point Block: Three Piece Patience – 12" Block – 3 Colors



Fabric Needed:

Color 1 & Color 2 = Cut 2 - 2 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles and 2 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles

Background – Cut 4 – 4 ½" squares

Directions:

Step One: Sew each Color 1 and Color 2 4 ½" rectangle to a Background 4 ½" square. Press towards darker fabric.

Step Two: Sew each Color 1 6 ½" rectangle on the Background/Color 2 units (Color 2 should be at

bottom of the unit). Press towards Color 1 rectangle.

Repeat with Color 2 rectangles and Background/Color 1 units.

Step Three: Position the 3 piece unit with long Color 1 rectangle on bottom and Color 2 to the left. Position unit with long Color 2 rectangle on the left and Color 1 at the top to the left of the other 3 piece unit. Sew together and repeat in same layout for second set. Press towards 6 ½" rectangle.

Step Four: Rotate one unit 180 degrees and sew to the other unit to complete the block.

Next Level Block: Log Cabin – 12" Block – 3 Colors

Fabric Needed:

Color 1 = Cut 1 – 3 ½" square

Color 2 = Cut 1 – 2" x 3 ½" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 5" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 6 ½" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 8" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 9 ½" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 11" rectangle

Background = Cut 1 – 2" x 5" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 6 ½" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 8" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 9 ½" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 11" rectangle

Cut 1 – 2" x 12 ½" rectangle

Directions:

Step One: Sew Color 2 3 ½" rectangle to the Color 1 square. Press towards the Color 2 rectangle.

Step Two: Position unit with Color 2 rectangle at bottom and sew the Color 2 5" rectangle on the righthand side of the unit. Press towards the newly added rectangle.

Step Three: Position unit with newly added rectangle on bottom and sew Background 5" rectangle to the righthand side of the unit. Press towards the newly added rectangle.

Step Four: Position unit with newly added rectangle on bottom and sew Background 6 ½" rectangle to the righthand side of the unit. Press towards the newly added rectangle.

Step Five: Continue adding rectangles in same manner until you have finished block. (Align unit with newly added rectangle to the bottom and sew rectangle of equal length to right hand side of unit.)



QU Library

If you want any books, please email me and I will be glad to bring them to the December meeting. I will not be bringing a selection for browsing though.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian



QU Directory Photos

I will be taking member photos for the directory at the December and January meetings. If you have not had your picture taken yet, please see me. I will be set up next to the check-in table.

Thanks

Michele Hackmeyer

December 2022 Block of the Month – Mother’s Favorite

(Mislabeled as “November Block” in the November newsletter. Apologies from the editor...)

I don't know who Mother is or why this is her favorite, but that is the name this block comes with at allpeoplequilt.com. I altered the pattern slightly to make it work with 10" squares. This 12.5" block has half-square triangle and flying geese blocks and uses two 10" Kaffe Fassett print squares for “Square A” and “Square B,” and Kona “Snow” for the background fabric.



Materials:

From the layer cake set or other print or solid fabrics:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complementary; one is Square A and the other is Square B

From the background fabric:

- one 2.5" WOF (width of fabric) strip
- one 3" x 18" strip

Cutting instructions:

Square A

- two 4 7/8" squares, and cut each in half diagonally (makes 4 triangles)
- two 3" squares
- two 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles
- two 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles

Square B

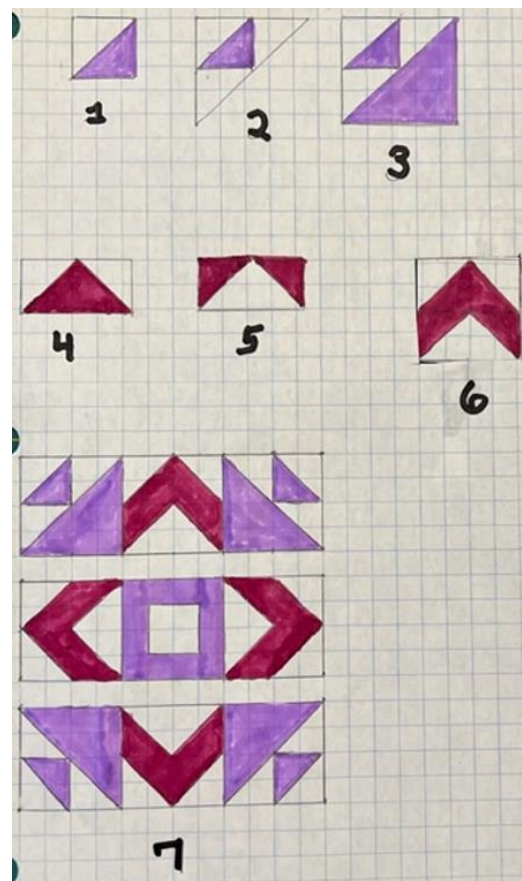
- four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- eight 2.5" squares

Background Fabric

- nine 2.5" squares
- four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- two 3" squares
- four 2 7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally (makes 8 triangles)

Assembly:

- Create the center by sewing 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles (Square A fabric) to either side of a background fabric 2.5" square. Sew 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles to the top and bottom of this unit, creating a 4.5" square.
- Corner Triangle Squares
 - Make four half-square triangle blocks using the 3" squares from Square A and the background fabric, using [this](#) method. Press the seam allowance toward the Square A fabric side and trim to 2.5". (Diagram 1)
 - Sew two background fabric 2 7/8" triangles to either side of each half-square triangle block to make four pieced large triangles. Press the seam allowances toward the background fabric. (Diagram 2)
 - Sew a pieced large triangle to each Square A fabric large 4 7/8" triangle. Press the seam allowance toward the Square A fabric and trim to 4.5" square, if necessary. (Diagram 3)
- Flying Geese Units
 - Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the Square B 2.5" squares and the remaining 8 background fabric 2.5" squares.
 - Create eight flying geese units with the 2.5" squares and 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles, using [this](#) method. There are four units with background fabric corners and four units with fabric B corners. (Diagrams 4 and 5)
 - Sew flying geese units together as shown in Diagram 6.
- Assemble as shown in diagram 7, pressing seams in the upper and lower strips to the corner triangle squares and in the middle strip to the center square. Press horizontal seams away from the center.
- Trim block to 12.5" if needed.



Help Send a Little Sunshine

If a member needs some cheering up, don't forget to let me know. I'll send some sunshine their way on behalf of the guild!

Shelley Woodyard

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **December 29, 2022**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a newsletter by mail, contact the editor for details.

Missing Email Blasts?

Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add webmaster@quilttallahassee.com to your contact list. Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



2022-2023 Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
WHEN	WHAT
2022	
December 8	Guild Meeting -- End of Year Fun and What's to Come; Market Bags and Fall/Winter inspired projects
2023	
January 12	Guild Meeting
February 9	Guild Meeting
March 9	Guild Meeting
April 13	Guild Meeting
May 11	Guild Meeting
June 8	Guild Meeting
July 13	Guild Meeting
August 10	Guild Meeting
September 14	Guild Meeting
October 12	Guild Meeting
November 9	Guild Meeting
December 14	Guild Meeting

- **2022 Officers**
President: Sue Isaac
President-Elect: Peggy Clark
Membership: Peggy Allen
Secretary: Kerry Cohen
Treasurer: Rachel Smith
Immediate Past President: Lyn Geariety
- **2022 Chairs, Standing Committees**
Annual Quilt Show 2022: Karen Kunz
Annual Quilt Show 2023: Sue Isaac
Internet-Website: Rachel Smith
Internet-Email: Carol Eskola
Internet-Social Media: Tara Goodman
Newsletter: Carol Eskola
Opportunity 2022: Jeanne Brenner
Opportunity 2023: Jeanne Brenner
Philanthropy: Ann Gaber
Programs: Dawn Griffin & Wendy Stone
Publicity: Tara Goodman
Workshops: Ellen Fournier
- **2022 Chairs, Support Committees**
Audiovisual: Michele Hackmeyer
Block of the Month: Ellen Fournier
Challenge Quilt: Kerry Cohen
City Hall Show: Lyn Geariety
Directory: Peggy Allen
Door Prizes: Jane Jordan
Library: Michele Hackmeyer
Show & Tell: Roberta Granville
Silent Auction: Linda Stright
Sit & Stitch: Terri Smith
Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard
Welcoming: Evelyn Gonzalez
- **2022 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees**
Auditor: Pam Doffek
Awards: Marsha Walper
Fiscal Planning: President, Pres-Elect,
Treasurer, 1 Member-at-large TBD
Nominating: Michele Hackmeyer
Parties: Vacant
Travel: TBD

Sit-n-Stitch Groups

Get in touch with the group's contact person (they are in our directory) for current status as meetings may be on hold.

“Sit-n-Stitch” groups meet weekly, biweekly, or once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects. Other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects. There are several types of groups in the guild. **If you are interested in joining a group or starting a new group, contact Terri Smith.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am-1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Jane Kazmer
Tuesday	Hospice Sit-n-Stitch	1 st Tuesday, 1-3:30 or 4:00	Terri Smith
	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Stephanie Rubanowice
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Selena Foo
Saturday	Sew for HOPE St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 2 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 th Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell

The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.