

London Friendship Quilters Guild Blog

January 2016

Jan 30, 2016

Weekend Reading

I'm a little late with this post, but it is officially still the weekend, so it counts. At the last guild meeting, Rose gave a report about the planning of the quilt show in October. One of the things she mentioned was that we would be doing a Members' Boutique again. So, I spent some time searching out different ideas that would work for sale at the boutique. Most of them are fairly easy projects that would sell for small amounts. Also, some of the ideas from one of the past weekend reading issues, the one that had patterns for pin cushions would work as well.

Pin cushion weekend reading

Quilted Magnets

Microwave Bowl pads

Fabric Boxes

Crayon Rolls

Knitter's Christmas Ornament

Tea Light Ornaments

Clothes Pin Magnets. A trip through a scrap booking aisle would be good for these.

Also a great idea for display purposes.

Pot Holder

I've put a label on this post for boutique ideas, so it will show up in the labels section, found at the bottom of the blog.

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:25 PM

Labels: Boutique ideas, Weekend reading

Jan 22, 2016

January 14th Guild meeting

We met on Thursday evening for the first meeting of 2016. Both President Lorna and Vice-president Angie were absent, so Teresa B. chaired the meeting. Of special interest from the executive reports were the notes of appreciation received from My Sisters' Place, Rothholme Women's and Family Shelter and also from Children's Aid. All were grateful for the donations received. Our vendor for the evening was Trina from the Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop in Seaforth.

Our program for the evening was mini trunk shows from three of our members.



Cathy S. has been quilting for over 30 years. For the last ten years she has been a long arm quilter. In most areas, she states she is “self taught”. She showed a selection of her quilts, showing various techniques she’s tried over the years. A 50th Anniversary quilt using photo transfers. The centre block section is a design from Judy Martin. The rest of the stars use the sizes found in the centre section. It was hand quilted. Cactus Rose, a pattern from Judy Niemeyer. All of the blocks were paper pieced. Then the flowers were added with needle turn appliqué. It was long arm quilted. It took first prize at the Western Fair several years ago. Endless Chain, a design by Emilie Richards. In the original pattern, the coloured wedges were made from a striped fabric. In this quilt, the wedges were string pieced to get the striped effect. The Canadiana Quilt from last year’s program. La Passacaglia, an English paper pieced design by Willyne Hammerstein.

Jacqui V. came next, showing a selection of quilts she has made over the years. She sews primarily on antique machines, doing most of her piecing and machine quilting on a foot powered treadle machine. She loves doing One Block Wonder quilts. This is one of many that she has done. Jacqui called this next one “Leftovers”. She had made a quilt using circles cut from squares and didn’t have the heart to throw out the leftovers. So she arranged them onto a background and stitched them down.

This quilt is made with tiny log cabin blocks. All had to be arranged on a design wall so that the colours would be in the proper place.

This next one is called Indian Orange Peel,

the result of a class/workshop she took a number of years ago.

This next one is the result of a Bonnie Hunter challenge to use tumblers as leaders/enders for making a quilt. Our next trunk show was from Joan who owns the quilt shop in Mt. Bridges. The first two quilts pictured here are



from blocks from shop hops. love the settings she has used for



them, and also the border treatments. This next quilt is a design from Crabapple Hill



Studios and is called Snow Days.



As a change of pace from doing large bed sized quilts, she did up this bed runner.



And then, there is this gorgeous sampler. I believe it is the Farmer's Wife Sampler. If I am wrong, please correct me.

After all that quilty goodness, we were treated to some member show and tell. These are just three of them. There was this gorgeous medallion quilt,



a spring wall hanging



and a child's quilt.

There are lots more photos of the evening to be found on our Picassa web page here.

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:39 PM

Jan 21, 2016

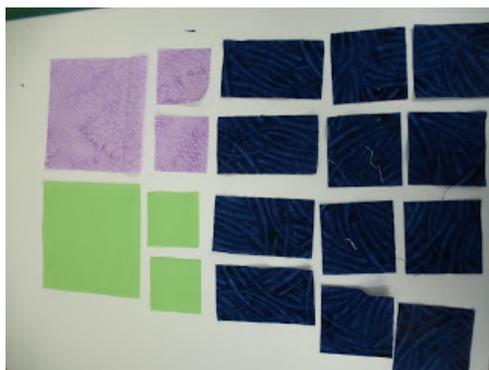
Blog Sampler Next Door Neighbour

This week's block is named Next Door Neighbour. It's a bit more complex than the others we've done so far.



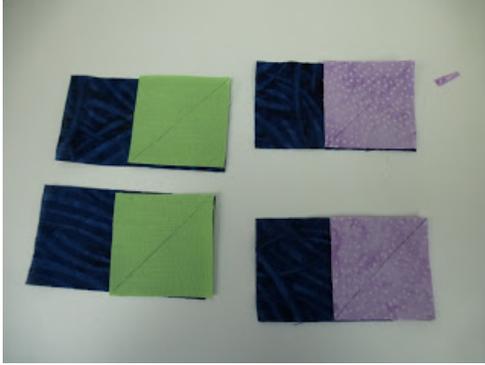
Cutting instructions:

Dark Fabric-	cut 4 rectangles @ 2 inches x 3 1/2 inches
	cut 8 squares @ 2 3/8 inches
Medium Fabric #1-	cut 1 square @ 4 1/4 inch
	cut 2 squares @ 2 inches
Medium Fabric #2-	cut 1 square @ 4 1/4 inches
	cut 2 squares @ 2 inches



Begin by drawing a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the medium fabric 2 inch squares. Pair each of these squares right sides together with the dark 2 x 3 1/2 inch rectangles. It is important that the lines be going in the direction shown in the

picture below, from top right to bottom left, and on the right hand end of the



rectangle.

Sew on the drawn line of each of these squares. Trim 1/4 inch away from the drawn line and press towards the triangle.



Next you'll be making some flying geese. These can be made using a stitch and flip method, however I personally don't like the amount of waste involved using that method, so I'll be doing the "no waste" method here.

Take your 8 dark 2 3/8 inch squares and draw a diagonal line through the centre of each one. Position two of these squares right sides together on each of your 4 1/4 inch squares as shown in the picture below.



My fabric is really dark, so the line doesn't show up in the picture very well, but it is there. The line should go through the diagonal of the 4 1/4 inch square. It will overlap in the middle. Pin these squares in place to keep them from moving if you need to. A corner of each square will overlap in the middle. That's OK. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line through both of the small triangles. Cut these apart on the drawn line. Press towards the dark triangles.



You'll end up with four funny looking partial geese units like those shown below. Take your remaining dark $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares and position them as shown on your partial geese units.



The drawn line on the dark fabric will go from the point of your medium fabric square and down to in between the dark triangles. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the drawn line, as shown. Do this on all four partial geese units. Cut them apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark triangles.



You will now have eight flying geese, four of each medium colour. You'll use two of each for this block. Set aside the other four geese for the next block in the series.

Arrange your pieces as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that the light fabrics are the outer triangles on this one.

Jan 19, 2016

Liberated Baskets Workshop and Program Information

On Saturday January 16th, a group of quilters met at St Georges Church for a workshop on Liberated Baskets with Gail McHardy-Leitch.



We all learned to create baskets with machine appliquéd bias handles but the resulting blocks were quite unique.



To see more pictures of the workshop, please click on this link to Gail's blog <http://thecozyquilter.blogspot.ca/2016/01/liberated-baskets-workshop.html>

There are several workshops coming up in the next few months. On Saturday Feb. 27th Charlene O'Donnell is leading "The London Caper", a guild challenge day which is sponsored by Northcott Fabrics. "We don't want to give them too many details and spoil the surprise, but we can promise a day of mystery, challenges, fun, fine dining and prizes." The challenge is one that can be enjoyed by all skill levels and the cost for the day is \$25.00.

On Friday March 11, Al Cote is leading a Quilted Rug workshop. Al is a fibre artist and innovated teacher from the Niagara region. Participants in the workshop will create "one of a kind" quilted rugs using several layers of fabric, fabric marker, scissors and decorative stitches and embellishments. The cost of the workshop is \$40.00. For more information about Al Cote and his Quilted Rug class, check out his website at <http://www.imaginationtextile.com/#!>

Finally, although June seems so far away, sign-ups have already begun for our bus trip to Quilt Canada on Saturday June 18th. This year, Quilt Canada is being held at the International Centre in Toronto. The cost of the bus trip is \$75.00 and includes admission to the show, dinner on the way home and all taxes and gratuities. For more information about Quilt Canada, check out the CQA website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php>

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:43 PM

Labels: Liberated baskets

Jan 8, 2016

A Message from the Quilt Show Coordinator

Rose sent this email earlier today with the following request regarding 2 vacant spots on the quilt show committee.

The quilt show will be October 20 to October 22, 2016. Set up will be October 20 with the show actually open for business on October 21. I know that some members needed that information before considering to commit.

Still needed is a Logistics member. This person would work with the registrar and volunteer committee members. It involves organizing the set up of the displays, ensuring the secure and safe handling of all the entries; organizing the take down and overseeing the packing up of the stands and all other equipment. This is all done with the support of the other committee members.

Also needed is an Awards member. This person would work directly with the registrar and is charged with arranging prizes and awards, including ribbons, as set out by the committee. The CQA/ACC rosette award is to be requested from the CQA publicity director. This could be a fun and challenging job.

Please contact Rose B...the 1st meeting will be January 14 at 6 pm, just prior to the guild meeting.

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:42 AM

Jan 7, 2016

Blog Sampler Pinwheels

This weeks block is a variation on the Pinwheel block we've already done.



Cutting instructions:

Light fabric- cut 2 squares @ 3 1/2 inches
cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 inches
Dark Fabric- cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 inches



Draw a diagonal line on each of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Place these right sides together with the dark 2 3/8 inch squares and sew a scant 1/4 inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark side of the triangle square.



Arrange these triangle squares as shown to make two pinwheel units.



Arrange these pinwheel units as shown and sew together into finished sampler square.



Go here to find the instructions for finishing this block, keeping in mind that the light triangles are on the outside of this block.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Jan 6, 2016

Membership list reminder, and first meeting of the year

Good afternoon everyone, and Happy New year!!

Teresa is getting a new Membership list together and is planning on having it ready to hand out at the meeting on January 14th. Please note!!! If you do not wish your information to be on that list for public distribution to the rest of the guild, please notify Teresa before the 8th of January. This is the last call, since she is planning on printing off the lists after that date. Her email is tea.blum@sympatico.ca

Information for the first meeting of the new year:

Notion of the month..... snowflakes

Vendor..... Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop in Seaforth

Program will consist of a trunk show by members.

Tickets for the bus trip to Quilt Canada on June 18th will be available for \$75.00.

There is still space available in Gail's Liberated Baskets Workshop for Jan. 16th.

That's it for now. See you on the 14th.

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:17 PM

Jan 1, 2016

Weekend Reading

It's the end of one year and the beginning of another. Happy New Year to everyone!

Do any of you make resolutions or goals for the beginning of a new year? If you do and if that goal is to get your stash more organized, grab your favourite beverage, and

scan through the selection of links found below. There are some really good ideas here, some of which I use.

Fabric folding
Organizer Baskets Tutorial
Fabric Storage
More fabric folding ideas
Scrap Storage ideas from Lori Holt of Bee in my Bonnet
Crazy Mom Quilts scrap storage ideas
Bonnie Hunter Leader/ender method
Bonnie Hunter Scrap User system

Feb 26, 2016

Weekend reading.

Our speaker and workshop teacher for the month of March is Al Cote. So I thought I'd take a tour around the internet and see if I could find some information about him. All the links below are related to him. They are all written by people who have recently taken the class he will be teaching for us. I hope it's helpful and inspirational and will encourage you to take his workshop.

Al Cote 1
Al Cote 2
Al Cote 3
Al Cote 4

Posted by Blog Editor at 9:00 AM

Feb 22, 2016

The "London Caper" reminder

This is a reminder about the workshop/challenge day coming this Saturday, February 27th from 9am to 4pm. I've gotten the "inside scoop" on the upcoming caper,



and it sounds like it will be a fun filled day. For \$25.00 you can join in on all the capering going in. In addition, lunch will be provided. Add the the fun of capering around with like minded quilty friends, and what could be better? To sign up,

email Lorraine at vlorrainej@aol.com. Once you sign up, a supplies list will be provided.

And if you need an added reason to go and join a group of friends for a fun sewing day, see this article here about the health benefits of crafting. The article is mostly talking about knitting but it also does say any other “crafting” activity is good. Northcott fabrics is sponsoring this event, and has provided a prize. Almost 7 yards of fabric from one of their new fabric lines called Beacon Hill.



Posted by Blog Editor at 8:40 PM

Feb 19, 2016

Workshop sign up post.

A couple of days ago I did up a post about the upcoming workshops, and how you could sign up for them, since our February meeting was cancelled due to weather. For some strange reason, the post went live properly, but never got delivered into people’s emails. So, I’m sending out this short post to notify you about that other post.

Technology is great, except when it doesn’t work properly, at which point it becomes totally frustrating. So, go here for the original post with all the workshop information, and who to email if you want to participate.

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:03 PM

Feb 18, 2016

Blog Sampler Flock of Flying Geese

This week’s block is called Flock of Flying Geese.



Cutting Instructions:

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| Light fabric: | cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches |
| | cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 inches |
| Dark Fabric #1: | cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches |
| Dark Fabric #2: | cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 inches |
| Dark Fabric #3: | cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 inches |



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all of the light squares. Pair the light 3 7/8 inch fabric with the dark 3 7/8 inch fabric, right sides together. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Pair up the light 2 3/8 inch squares with the dark 2 3/8 inch squares, right sides together and sew 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line.



Cut all these units apart on the drawn lines and press towards the dark fabrics. Arrange as shown in the photo below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this one has the dark triangles on the outside.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Feb 17, 2016

Workshop Information for sign ups



How is everyone handling this sudden onset of winter? It's been quite a shock, especially since it led to the cancelling of our February meeting. Because of that cancellation, we are putting up information about the coming workshops here on the blog. This is going to be a long post, with lots of information in it. Grab your favourite beverage and settle in for a bit. If you wish to sign up for one or more of our guild's workshops listed here, please contact Lorraine at vlorrainej@aol.com

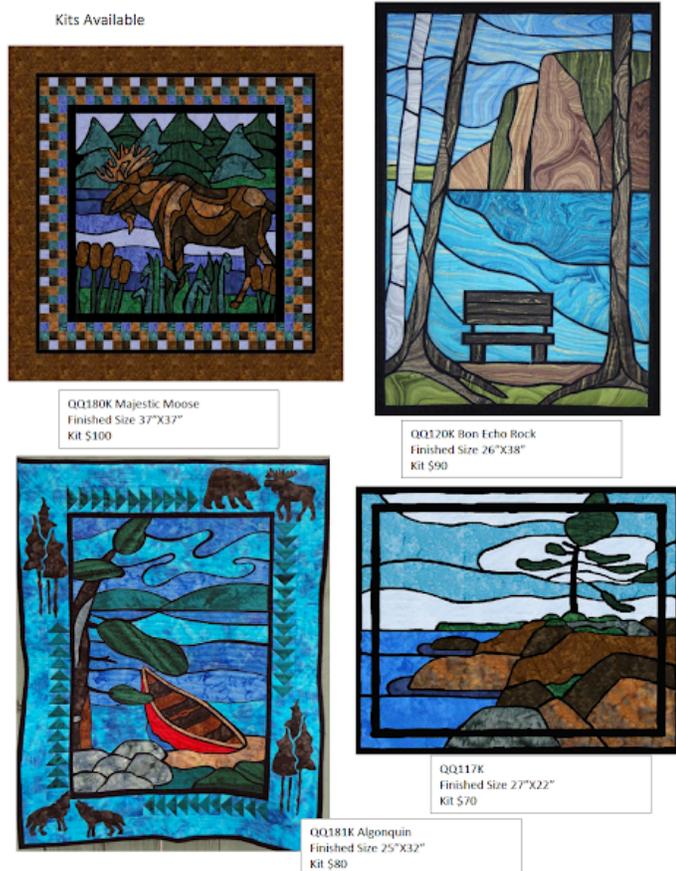
First up is the workshop on February 27th, called The London Caper. It's a challenge workshop sponsored by Northcott Fabrics. They are providing us with a collection of fabric from one of their newer lines by Deborah Edwards. The fabrics are beautiful. The challenge has been designed to match the skill level of all participants. It will start at 9 am - punctuality is a must. Lunch is being provided. You can sign up for it by messaging Lorraine at the email address provided above. You can make your payment for it when you arrive at the workshop. The fee is \$25.00. This challenge is also open to any non guild members who wish to participate.

Second is the workshop in March. This is being done by Al Cote'. He is the speaker for the March meeting and then his workshop will be on Friday, March 11. He and his wife owned and operated a quilt store for 11 years as a second career. The program

committee has heard very good reports of his workshops from various other guilds. There are some pictures here of a workshop he did at the Orillia quilt guild. The \$40.00 payment for this workshop can be done at the March meeting, but please don't wait until then to sign up. It looks fascinating, and after all, since most of our beds and our walls have quilts, why not make some for the floors. The supply list for this workshop is:

- 3 to 5 different fabrics measuring 1/2 metre with a good selection of contrasting patterns and colours
- your sewing machine
- a 1/4 inch foot and a free motion or darning foot for your machine
- a small pair of VERY sharp scissors
- marking pencil or chalk

Again, contact Lorraine at the email address provided to sign up.



Third is the workshop in April. It will be held on Friday, April 15th. This is going to be by Joni Newman who will show us how to do stained glass quilts. She is offering a variety of patterns for sale for this workshop. We can either supply our own fabrics, or she also has kits for sale at various prices. I've included pictures of the various projects we can pick from. They are all gorgeous. We need to decide ahead of time which one we want to do so that the patterns and kits, if you want them, can be ordered ahead of time. The fee for this workshop is \$40.00, plus the cost of the pattern and/or kit. Any questions you have can be answered at the March meeting.

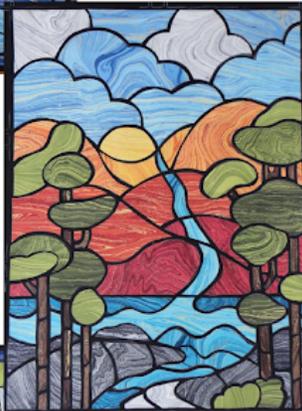
The kit prices include the black fabric. If we provide our own black, the prices would be \$10-\$15 less. Contact Lorraine to sign up for this workshop and Susan at susanjday@101@hotmail.com with you pattern choice. Susan will then relay that information to Joni

Here's a description of the workshop and the supply list needed.



QQ111K Temagami Highlands
Finished Size 27"X36"
Kit \$70

QQ119KF Quiet Cove Fall
Finished Size 39"X27"
Kit \$90



QQ120K Bon Echo Rock
Finished Size 39"X27"
Kit \$90



“STAINED GLASS QUILTING”

Instructor: Joni Newman

Date: Thursday April 14, 2016 Time: 10 am to 4:00 pm

Location:

Workshop Fee: \$

Supply Fee: Pattern and materials listed on selected pattern-contact Susan Day to order your pattern/kit

Experienced Fusers: Please come to class with your chosen design traced twice-once on your black fabric “right way” and once on your fusible (reversed). If you have a large light table or window you should be able to trace the design through the black fabric with a chalk pencil. You can use pencil or pen to trace the reversed design on the fusible. We will start the day cutting apart the fusible and selecting fabrics to fill in the picture, then moving on to fusing the pieces down. Depending on experience level and speed you may get to the quilting part-if you are an experienced quilter bring your machine and quilting supplies and we will do some quilting!

FOR beginners: Please come to class with your chosen design traced on your black fabric just as it appears in the picture on the cover (“right way”). If you have a large light table or window you should be able to trace the design through the black fabric with a chalk pencil. We will start the day tracing on the fusible.

Supply List:

- Select your project and bring a selection of fabrics and the fusible web supplies listed on the pattern. Fine point sharpie marker and chalk pencil/marker
- Zip lock bags to keep track of pieces
- Sharp scissors (medium and large if you have both)
- Iron and board
- No sewing machine required, unless you plan on getting to the quilting part*
- Lunch/snack
- *For those planning to quilt the top:
 - Sewing machine with free motion and walking foot
 - Threads to match your fabrics
 - Backing and batting for quilt
 - Your sewing machine tool kit (including spray baste if you use it, or basting pins)

**** The ballerinas, Spin (skater) and Bon Echo Rock are good beginner level projects. Next up would be Algonquin, Killbear Pine, Quiet Cove and last, My Favourite Birch and Killarney for more experienced quilters (hardest to keep track of all the little bits and quilt). Many Students have also been choosing to work on the smaller blocks from Postcards From Muskoka and Valley Views-you can get a few of these smaller blocks made to use in different projects rather than a large wall hanging.**

We have had requests from a couple of other guilds to pass on information to our members regarding some of their workshops, should any of us be interested. The Thames Valley guild is hosting a Pineapple Block workshop with Shirley Bobier on Thursday March 10th The fee is \$50.00 and includes the cost of the ruler. Contact Susan at suvarnar@hotmail.com

The Oxford Quilt guild is holding workshops with Elaine Quehl, Liberated Appliqué on March 3rd for \$40.00 and Hosta Leaves on March 5th for \$75.00. Contact Jean at djhillis@sympatico.ca

And finally, our Rummage sale will be held during the May guild meeting. So please hang onto your items for sale until then. And that's all. Stay warm everyone, and see you in March.

Posted by Blog Editor at 8:58 PM

Feb 11, 2016

Tonight's Meeting Cancelled

For the first time in a long time, we regret that we will be cancelling tonight's meeting due to the weather. Environment Canada has issued a snow squall warning for this area and are predicting that it will continue into the evening.

We will be looking to re-schedule the rummage sale.

If you know of anyone who might not read this message on the blog, could you please contact them and pass the message on.

Posted by Blog Editor at 11:31 AM

Feb 6, 2016

February Meeting information

This month's meeting is our annual rummage sale, the proceeds of which will go to financing stuff for the outreach committee, things like backings and battings and any fabrics needed. Please bring anything that you are interested in passing on to another quilter, whether it be fabric, books, patterns, magazines. I think it was approved that we could also bring yarn that might be looking to find new homes. Please have prices displayed prominently on all your items, and price them to sell. Whatever doesn't sell will need to be taken back home with you.

Because of the rummage sale, there won't be a vendor this month. We'll start the meeting with short reports from the various executive members and then go right to the rummage sale. There will be show and tell at the end of the meeting.

To go with February and Valentine's Day, the notion of the month is anything "Hearts". Don't forget about signing up for the various workshops that are happening in the next couple of months. At the end of February is this year's version of the Scrap Challenge. Part of the challenge is not knowing what is going to be happening in it, so I can't give you any more information about it. All who participated in last year's challenge had a

blast, so this should be a good one as well. In March there is a workshop scheduled by Al Cote for quilted rugs, which sounds fascinating. His website is here. In April Joni Newman will be doing a Stained Glass effect workshop. Her website is here. There are still seats available for the bus trip to Quilt Canada in Toronto in June.

As usual, if you bring the notion of the month, your name tag and chatelaine and your blog sampler blocks, you'll receive a free ticket for the fat quarter draws.

See you Thursday, everyone.

Posted by Blog Editor at 1:25 PM

Feb 4, 2016

Blog Sampler Louisiana

This week's block is called Louisiana. If you followed the instructions from the last block, this is going to be an easy one.



Cutting instructions:

Light Fabric: cut 4 rectangles @ 2 inches x 3 1/2 inches.



Arrange them as shown below with your flying geese left over from the last block and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that the dark triangles are on the outside of this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Mar 26, 2016

Weekend Reading

Out in blogland, there are things called link parties. If you are familiar with these you can skip this next bit while I explain what they are. A blogger will write a post about some thing, celebrating hand stitching for example. Then that blogger will invite others to add links to their blogs talking about and showing their projects in a similar theme. The themes vary considerably,. It can be about works in progress, scrap quilts, hexagon piecing, finish celebrations. I've included links to some recent links parties here. The posts are almost always interesting and full of inspiration. The ones listed below here are favourites of mine, which I've participated in off and on over the years. Grab a cup of your favourite beverage, and take a trip blog surfing through all kinds of links.

A Canadian only link up at The Needle and Thread Network. This one happens every Wednesday. Click on the title below any of the small thumbnail pictures to go to that person's blog. It works that way on all of the links parties.

This site, hosted by Lorna at Let's Bee Social is also a Canadian blog, but she doesn't limit her link ups to Canadians only. Scroll down to the end of the post that she wrote to find the link party. You may notice that there are duplicate entries from party to party. As an interesting side note, Lorna from this blog is coming to our guild to speak next year. She hosts this party weekly, as well

Kathy's Quilts hosts a Slow Sunday Stitching links party every Sunday. It's for hand stitching only. As a point of interest, she too is Canadian.

Angela at SoScrappy hosts a party every Saturday for people to show what they are doing for their Rainbow Scrap Challenge. Every months she picks a colour and then challenges quilters to make blocks or quilts out of their scraps and fabrics of that colour.

Amandajean, who blogs at Crazy Mom Quilts, hosts a weekly party to celebrate finished projects called Finish it up Friday. There are no pictures in her link ups, just the titles, which will take you to the person's blog. Incidentally, Amandajean is the co-author of the book Sunday Morning Quilts, which I believe is in our library.

Judy, who blogs at Patchwork Times hosts a whole series of parties on various days. on Mondays she hosts Design Wall Mondays.

I hope you have fun reading through all these posts and get inspired.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:43 AM

Labels: Weekend reading

Mar 18, 2016

Al Cote Workshop

On March 11, 2016, a group of quilters met with workshop leader Al Cote to work on quilted rugs. I really wanted to go to this workshop, but couldn't make it. All the reports I've heard from various people have said that it was great, awesome, fun and inspiring. Sounds like a good one to me. There are a few in progress pictures here, as well as some individual spotlights. I'm hoping we'll see a few completed projects at the April meeting show and tell.





Patterns Only

All of the above are available as patterns at a price of \$16



QQ130 Bug Party
Finished Size 36"x9"
Pattern \$11



QQ111 Temagami Highlands
Finished Size 27"x36"
Pattern \$16

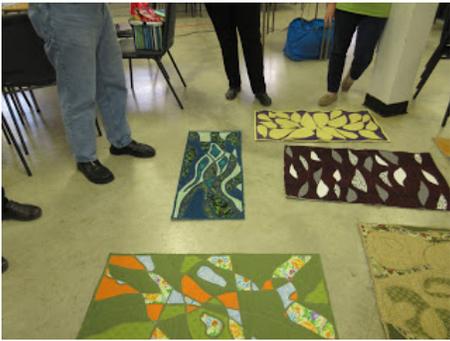


QQ113 Killarney
Finished Size 33"x41"
Pattern \$16



QQ118 Postcards From Muskoka
Finished Size 47"x39"
Pattern \$16







Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Al Cote

Mar 17, 2016
Blog Sampler Spinner

This week's block is named Spinner.



Cutting Instructions:

- Light fabric: cut 2 squares @ 3 7/8 inches. Cut these squares in half once on the diagonal.
- Medium fabric: cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 inches. Cut these squares in half once on the diagonal.
- Dark fabric: cut 4 squares @ 2 inches



Sew the $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch medium fabric triangles to each of the 2 inch dark squares as shown in the picture below.



Arrange these triangle/square units with the $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch light fabric triangles as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this block has the dark large triangles on the outside.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Mar 15, 2016

March 10, 2016 Guild meeting

We met Thursday evening for a great evening of quilty sharing - quilts from members



for our charities,
quilt show in October.

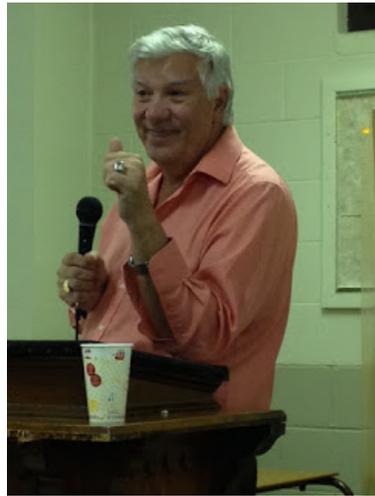
ideas for the boutique table at the upcoming



We were advised that small and inexpensive items were what sold the best the last time we did this. Also, if we're making anything that is going into the microwave to heat up, we need to be using cotton thread. Polyester thread has a tendency to melt.

Oh, and just for fun, how many of us could wear this t-shirt? Most of us, I'd wager.





We were treated to a wonderful trunk show by Al Cote'. He's only been quilting for the last 11 or 12 years. Before that, apparently he didn't even know how to sew. He does have an arts education background, and it sure shows in his work. He and his wife owned a quilt shop for a few years, and his quilting sprang out from that.



This was his first quilt.

And this next one was done as a round



robin.

These next few pictures are done using his rug making technique, which he shared in



his workshop.



He's done some gorgeous art quilts, as well, some more abstract than others.





After Al was finished showing his beautiful work, we were treated to member show and tell. Jacqui brought her finished Indian Orange Peel, the result of a workshop done quite a few years ago.



Joe brought a Chevron Baby quilt.



Anne brought her finished Liberated Baskets quilt, the result of a workshop led by Gail, one of our members, in February of 2016.



And Lorna brought her finished hexagon quilt, the result of a workshop by Karen Howes, held in November of 2015. There are lots more photos of



Al Cote's workshop and also more show and tell pictures on the guild's Picassa page here.

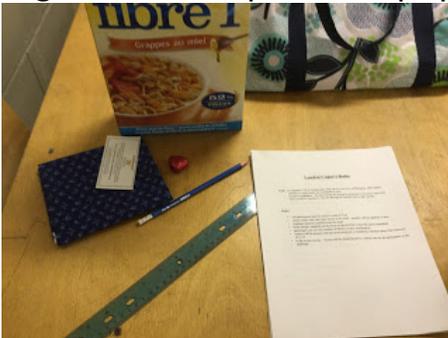
Posted by Blog Editor at 4:45 PM

Labels: Al Cote

Mar 10, 2016

The "London Caper"

Back on Saturday February 27th, a group of adventurous quilters met for the London Caper. Adventurous, because they didn't know anything about what would be happening during that day, other than it was going to be a challenge sort of day. The first thing they were all given was a cereal box. Inside the cereal box they found a regular ruler, a pencil, a paper pattern and the guidelines.



After receiving these things, along with a piece of chocolate to make everything go down a little better, they were told the hard part of the challenge. All rotary cutters and all rulers, other than the one provided in their cereal boxes were to be put away. They were all doing a trip down memory lane to pre-modern quilting times. The cereal boxes provided the material for the old time templates they needed to make in order to do their quilting assignments. There were points to be gathered by various means along the way, as they made the more traditional quilt blocks.



Drunkard's Path,



Dresden Plate,



Churn Dash,

Baskets
and Sunbonnet Sue.



A good time was had by all. But I'm pretty sure that everyone was glad that, when the day was over, they were able to get all their rulers and rotary cutters back and return to 2016. To see more pictures, go to the Picassa page here.

Posted by Blog Editor at 9:33 PM

Mar 7, 2016

March meeting information

This month's speaker and workshop teacher is Al Cote. His workshop will be held on Friday, March 11th. The sign up sheets will be available on Thursday evening. Also available on Thursday evening will be sign up sheets for the workshops in April by Joni Newman and the bus trip to Quilt Canada in June. The vendor for the March meeting is Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe from Stratford.

The notion for the month is anything that "shows your Irish spirit". Bring your name tag, your chatelaine and your blocks for the blog sampler, and receive free tickets for the fat quarter draws.

That's all for now. See you Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:00 PM

Mar 3, 2016

Blog Sampler Crosses and Losses

This week's block is called Crosses and Losses.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric #1:	cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches
Light Fabric #2:	cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 inches
	cut 4 squares @ 2 inches
Dark Fabric #1:	cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches
Dark Fabric #2:	cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 inches



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light 3 7/8 inch square and also on the wrong side of the two light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair up the light and dark 3 7/8 inch squares, right sides together and sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line.

Do the same with the 2 3/8 inch light and dark squares. Cut all of these apart on the drawn lines and press towards the dark triangles.



Arrange as shown in the photo below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this block has the light triangles on the outside.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Apr 29, 2016

Weekend Reading

You may have noticed that the bog looks a little different. I've changed the layout, adding a second side bar to the left hand side of the blog. The one side bar that was there originally was getting quite long, and hard to find things on. I'm going to try and get a bit of an organized system for the side bars, although I haven't quite yet figured out what that will be. The first thought was guild information on one side and workshop, speaker and other things on the other side. Bear with me for a while as I sort it out. The kick that started this was the need for a list of upcoming quilt shows. I'll be working on adding those in the coming days. Adding those onto the single side bar would have made scrolling down to find things even longer. There actually is an option to add a third side bar, which I might end up doing. As I said, bear with me while I sort it out. There is a link to the Canadian Quilters' Association with a calendar showing all the upcoming quilts shows, colour coded according to province. This is where I'll be getting the information for our blog. Go here to find the calendar. It's going to take a while to add them all into the blog. I'll add the ones that are within a 2 hour drive. If you are going to be travelling further than that this year, check the CQA

calendar to see if there are any shows in the area where you're going to be. I'll include that CQA link at the top of the list that will be on the side bar so you don't have to hunt for this post in order to find it later.

In the meantime, I have a selection of sites with free quilt patterns here for your enjoyment.

Bonnie Hunter
Quilters Cache
Hoffman Free Patterns
Timeless Treasures Free Patterns
Fons and Porter
All People Quilt
Quilt in a Day
Riley Blake Free Patterns
Moda Bake Shop

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:47 PM
Labels: Weekend reading

Apr 23, 2016

Stained Glass Workshop with Joni Newman.

On April 15th a group of us, maybe 15, met to work on a variety of stained glass quilts designed by Joni Newman. We had all done our homework, which involved tracing the design onto our black fabric and again onto our fusible web. That meant that, after a bit of guidance on how to proceed from Joni, we were ready to start cutting and placing our fabrics. It was so much fun to see the variety in the designs chosen, and also the variety of fabrics. Some of us bought kits from Joni, and some of us brought



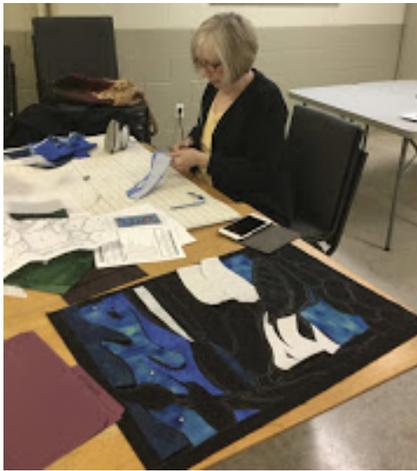
our own fabrics. Susan,



Edith,



Yvonne

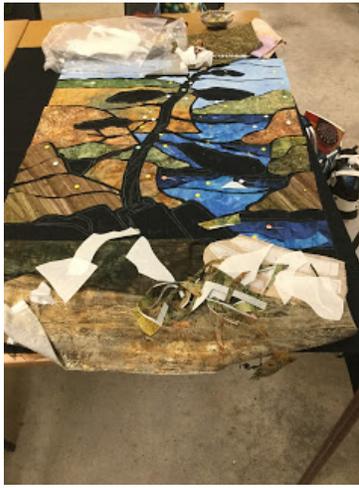


and Lorraine

are all hard at play with their fabrics, scissors and irons. Any of these pictures can be clicked on to be biggie sized. Some of us



fused our pieces down as we went, and some pinned, wanting to make sure that everything was where they wanted first. I didn't keep track



of who was doing which project, at various stages of construction.

so the rest of these are pictures



It was a great workshop, with Joni as an instructive and fun



teacher.

For more pictures,



go to

out group's google photos page here.

Posted by Blog Editor at 4:55 PM
Labels: Joni Newman, Stained glass

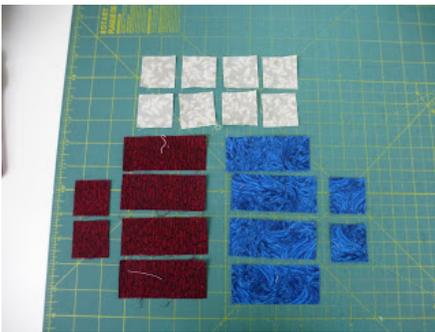
Apr 21, 2016
Blog Sampler Four H

Here's the next block in the sampler series, called Four H.



Cutting Instructions

Light fabric: cut 8 squares @ 1 1/2 inches
Dark fabric #1: cut 2 squares @ 1 1/2 inches
cut 4 rectangles @ 1 1/2 inches x 3 1/2 inches
Dark fabric #2: cut 2 squares @ 1 1/2 inches
cut 4 rectangles @ 1 1/2 inches x 3 1/2 inches



Sew a light 1 1/2 inch square to opposite sides of each dark 1 1/2 inch square, as shown below.



Then, arrange the dark 1 1/2 inch x 3 1/2 inch rectangles as shown below, and sew together.



Arrange your finished H blocks as shown, and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The darks are on the outside for this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Apr 19, 2016

April 14, 2016 Guild Meeting

We tried a bit of a change in format this meeting. We had reports only from executive members who had something to report. Rather than waiting to be called, they were up at the front, ready to give their reports. It made quite a difference in the time it took. The other thing we tried this time round was to extend the break time to 30 minutes. That gave us time to shop with the vendor, check out the library, check out the new bulletin board containing announcements, check out what's happening at the programme committee table and do some old fashioned visiting with each other. It seemed a lot more relaxed and less rushed doing it this way.

After the break we heard from our speaker for the evening, Joni



Newman.

She told us that she has been sewing for most of her life, starting with making clothes and doing embroidery. She got her first sewing machine by offering to sew clothes for her mother on it. She showed us one of her



first quilt, a Garden Twist, in the 80s. From there she branched out into a more art quilt approach, drawing her

a pattern that was quite popular

inspiration from nature. Her designs come from her own travels, places and



things

that she's seen which she then translates into her designs. Both the



Poppies

and the Sunflowers



are dimensional, with

the blooms seeming to grow right from the quilts. The



Columbines

are quite small, and have beading added to them.

She's done numerous designs for the Row By Row quilts that are quite popular to



collect while travelling during summer vacations.

Most of them are done with her now signature stained glass technique. This next one is just



plain fun.

It's called "It's All About the Beer". There were also some of her landscape stained glass quilts to be admired. I can't remember the

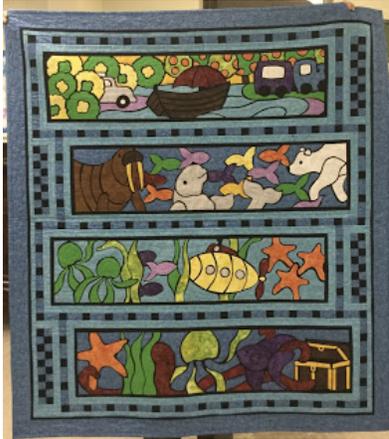


name of this one, but it's gorgeous.

And then there's the



moose, so incredibly detailed. One of my favourites from her quilts was one based on some of the songs by The



Beatles. Can you name the tunes represented in each row? After Joni finished her presentation, we had member show and tell.



Gail showed her "In the Coop",

Rose showed a bag she'd



made,

Micki Showed one of her UFO



finishes

and Susan showed her sampler from a Jennifer



Chiaverini book.

meeting here on our Group photos page.

There are lots more pictures of the April

Posted by Blog Editor at 8:46 PM

Labels: Joni Newman

Apr 11, 2016

Information for April's Meeting

This month's speaker is Joni Newman. She has a website called Quirks and Quilts. Joni will be giving a talk at the Thursday evening meeting and the a workshop teaching her stained glass technique on Friday. Our vendor for the evening will be Joan from Sew Creative in Mt. Bridges.

The Outreach committee is requesting some donations of fabric strips. To be specific they are requesting

A: one strip of fabric cut at 2 1/2 inches across the full width of the fabric, so it would measure 2 1/2 x 40-ish. This one strip would be a neutral cream or white solid or tone on tone.

B: two strips cut from the same fabric in either dark or medium tones. These strips from the same fabric would need to measure 2 1/2 inches across the full width of the fabric. So, that would be two strips 2 1/2 x 40-ish inches. I say 40-ish because width of fabric can be anywhere from 40 to 44 inches wide. Please bring these with you to the meeting.

The banquet has been booked this year at the Fanshawe College Student Union Cafe on June 9th, starting at 6 pm. More information will be available at the meeting. Tickets are \$40.00.

Both the Programme Committee and the Outreach Committee are looking for volunteers for next year. Please think about serving on one of these committees. What happens in our meetings, the speakers and the workshops are all planned by the Programme Committee. They need 4 or 5 people to work with them for ideas on speakers and activities. It's amazing how the ideas develop when there is a group of quilters in the room. This was the first committee I served on as a new and very shy guild member, and it was an amazing experience. Please think about it and approach Lorna Martin or Susan Day.

Also, for the Outreach Committee, some of the quilts that go out from them are donated, but they also among themselves do quite a bit of sewing. Then there are the fabrics to cut, the quilt batts and backings to get together and sandwiched so the quilts can go out for quilting. If you can donate some of your time to the sewing and assembly of the various projects that they work on, please consider working with them. Please approach Lorna Martin or Edith Ward if you can give them some of your time.

Our notion of the month is two six inch squares of quilter's cotton fabric. These will be used as Quilters' Candy at the quilt show. As usual, wear your name tag, bring your chatelaine and the quilt squares for the blog sampler and receive free tickets for the fat quarter draws.

See you Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at 11:16 AM

Apr 7, 2016

Blog Sampler Squares Within Squares

Here's this week's sampler block, Squares Within Squares.



Cutting Instructions

Dark fabric:	cut 1 square	@ 3 1/2 inches
Light fabric #1	cut 2 squares	@ 2 inches
	cut 2 rectangles	@ 2 inches x 3 1/2 inches
Light fabric #2	cut 2 squares	@ 2 inches

cut 2 rectangles @ 2 inches x 3 1/2 inches



Sew the light fabric #1 and light fabric #2 rectangles together as shown in the picture below. Sew the light squares together also as shown in the picture.



Arrange the 2 inch square units on either side of the 3 1/2 inch square as shown and sew together. Take note of the fabric colour placement.



Arrange the rectangle units as shown below and sew together. Again, take note of the colour placement.



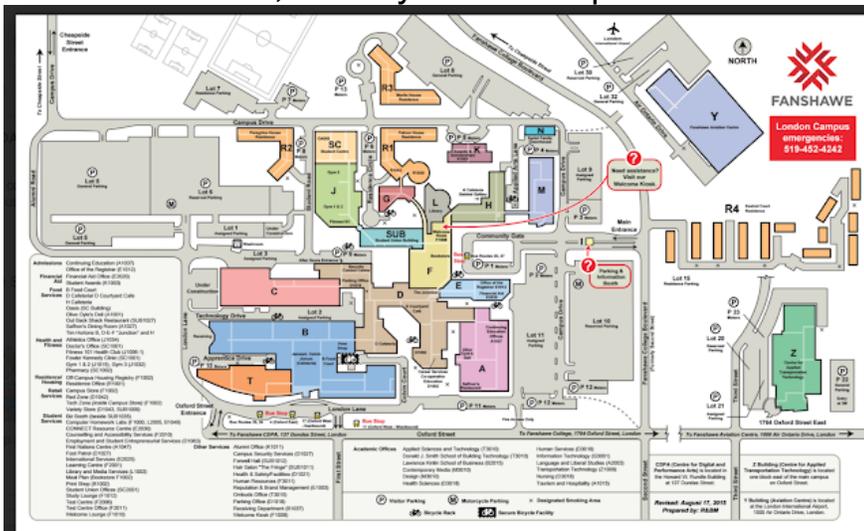
Go here for the finishing instructions, taking note that the light large triangles are on the outside of this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

May 24, 2016 Banquet Reminder.



I received a request from Lorraine that I put up a reminder about our year end banquet and let you know that tickets are still available. It will be held Thursday, June 9th at Fanshawe College's Oasis Cafe, beginning around 6pm. Dinner will be at 7pm. This year's speakers are Judy Pearce and Louise Miller, members of the organizing committee for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale and Quilt Auction. Judy and Louise will be showing photos of some of the amazing quilts from this year's auction. To find out more about the auction, you can check out the link at <https://nhmrs.com>. Tickets are \$40.00 and members are welcome to bring a guest. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased until June 1st by emailing. vlorrainej@aol.com Here's a map of the Fanshawe College Campus. The Cafe is up in the top of the map, just to the left of centre, in the yellowish square marked SC.



Posted by Blog Editor at 9:31 PM

May 19, 2016 Blog Sampler Mosaic #18

Here's this week's block. I have no idea why it is called Mosaic #18, but that's what the Electric Quilt Software calls it.



Cutting Instructions:

Lightest Fabric: cut 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
Light Fabric: cut 6 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
Medium Fabric: cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
Dark Fabric: cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all the light squares. Pair up the 2 lightest fabric squares with two of the medium fabrics. Pair up the rest of the light fabric squares with the remaining medium and dark fabrics.



Place your pairs right sides together and sew a 1/4 inch on either side of the drawn lines on the light fabrics. Cut these apart on the drawn lines and press towards the dark fabrics. Arrange your triangle squares as shown in the photo below and sew together. Pay close attention as you arrange and sew them together. It's easy to get one turned the wrong way.

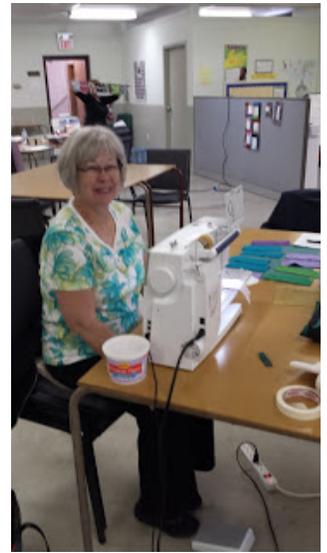
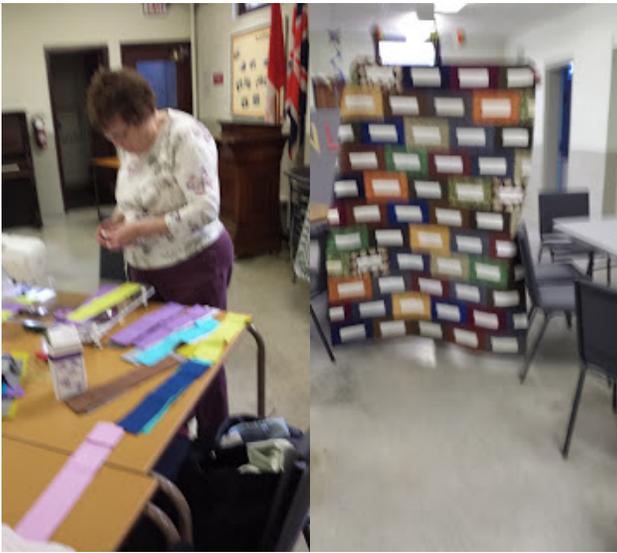


Go here for the finishing instructions. The large dark triangles are on the outside of this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

May 18, 2016
May 14, 2016 Outreach Committee Sewing Day





A group of quilters met on May 14th to work on projects for the outreach committee. Lorna sent me some pictures of some of the people and projects. It looks like everyone had a fabulous time and got lots done.

Posted by Blog Editor at 1:28 PM

Guild Meeting, May 12, 2016

This month was the time for our annual business meeting. We had the report from the various committees on the executive, and then voted on the members for next year's executive. They have all stayed the same, with the exception of Anne L. will remain on the program committee, but will no longer be co-chair person. We finished all the business in record time, in order to be able to take advantage of the wonderful treats and to shop till we dropped.



Due to the February meeting being cancelled, we had to postpone our annual rummage sale. In addition to articles our members brought for sale, Karen W.'s family donated her fabrics, patterns and other odds and ends to be sold at the rummage sale. All of the proceeds go to our outreach committee

in order to finance their needs for fabrics and battings for all the quilts that go to so many great causes. The tables were pretty empty by the time the sale was over. After the rummage sale we had member show and tell.



A shop hop sampler, I think by Maureen H. If I'm wrong, let me know and I'll change it. Pam S, a new member this year, brought her Disappearing four Patch and also a modern quilt that she'd made. Gail brought a quilt top that she put together for the evacuees at Fort MacMurray. Anne brought her stained glass moose from last month's workshop with Joni N.



Lorraine brought her rug from the



workshop in March with All Cote.

There are more pictures from the May meeting on our photo sharing page here. Some of them aren't the greatest, as I'm getting used to using the new camera. So far, it seems to be working well. Any issues with the pictures have been user error.

Also, I received a comment on the blog from Pat F. stating that she bought an Attic Windows tool from PhillipsFibreArts.com at the rummage sale. She says that the

instructions for the tool are there, but the actual tool is missing. Anyone have a triangular ruler tool that they can't account for?

Posted by Blog Editor at 1:12 PM

Labels: Guild meetings

May 8, 2016

Banquet Information



This year's banquet will be held on Thursday June 9th at Fanshawe College in the Oasis Cafe. Plan to arrive at 6 pm. A map showing the location of the cafe and parking will be available at the next guild meeting. Parking is free after 6 pm.

This year's speakers will be Judy Pearce and Louise Miller. They are members of the organizing committee for the New Hamberg Mennonite Relief Sale and Quilt Auction which takes place every May and raises funds for international relief projects. Judy and Louise will have a powerpoint presentation that includes photos of quilts from this year's auction. To find out more about the auction, you can check out the link at <https://nhmrs.com>.

Tickets for the banquet are \$40.00. Guests who are not guild members are welcome.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:06 PM

May 7, 2016

May Meeting information

For our meeting on May 12th, we are having our annual business meeting, followed by the rummage sale. Included in this rummage sale are items from Karen W. These were donated to the guild by Karen's family and the proceeds generated from the sale of her quilting stash are to go to the Community Outreach Committee. Please bring any items you wish to sell at the rummage sale. They should be already clearly priced.

Anything that does not sell should go back home with you. So, come prepared to



shop.

The notion of the month for May is in keeping with the shopping theme..... an eco-friendly shopping bag to hold all your rummage sale purchases.

The library committee is asking that you please remember to bring back any outstanding library books.

There are a couple of other pieces of news to share here. The Community Outreach Program is having a sewing day on May 14th. They will have numerous projects with them in various stages, needing willing hands to work on them. This is a guild sponsored event, with no charge to members for attending. Bring your own lunch. Also, seats on the bus for the trip to Quilt Canada are sold out, and there are a couple of people on a waiting list.

There are still tickets available for the banquet in June. More details on this will be available at the meeting.

See you all on Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at 12:51 PM

May 5, 2016

Blog Sampler Dutchman's Puzzle

Here is the Dutchman's Puzzle block.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric: cut 8 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
Dark Fabric 1: cut 1 square @ 4 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches
Dark Fabric 2: cut 1 squares @ 4 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 8 2 3/8 inch light fabrics. Use the same construction method found in the second part of the Next Door Neighbour block here to make your flying geese units. The difference will be that you are using light 2 3/8 inch squares on top of your dark 4 1/4 inch squares.

Arrange your flying geese units as shown below and sew them together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this block has the light large triangles on the outside.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Jun 16, 2016

Blog Sampler Scrap Zig Zag

Barbara Brackman's Block Base calls this one Scrap Zig Zag. This is block number 19 out of 35, so we're over half way there.



Cutting Instructions:

Medium fabric: cut 4 rectangles @ 2 x 3 1/2 inches
 cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches

Dark fabric: cut 4 squares @ 2 x 2 inches
 cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the medium 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these up, right sides together with the 2 3/8 inch dark squares. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut these apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark fabric.



Pair these triangle squares with the 2 inch dark fabric squares, making sure that they are turned as shown in the photo below.



Pair these units with the 2 x 3 1/2 inch medium fabric rectangles, as shown in the photo below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that the outer large triangles are dark fabrics.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

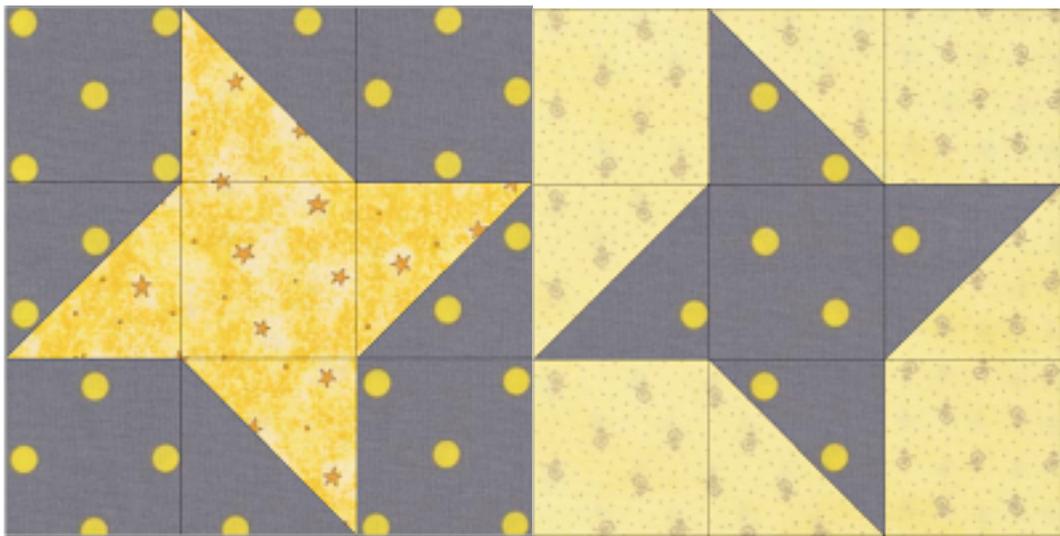
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Jun 14, 2016

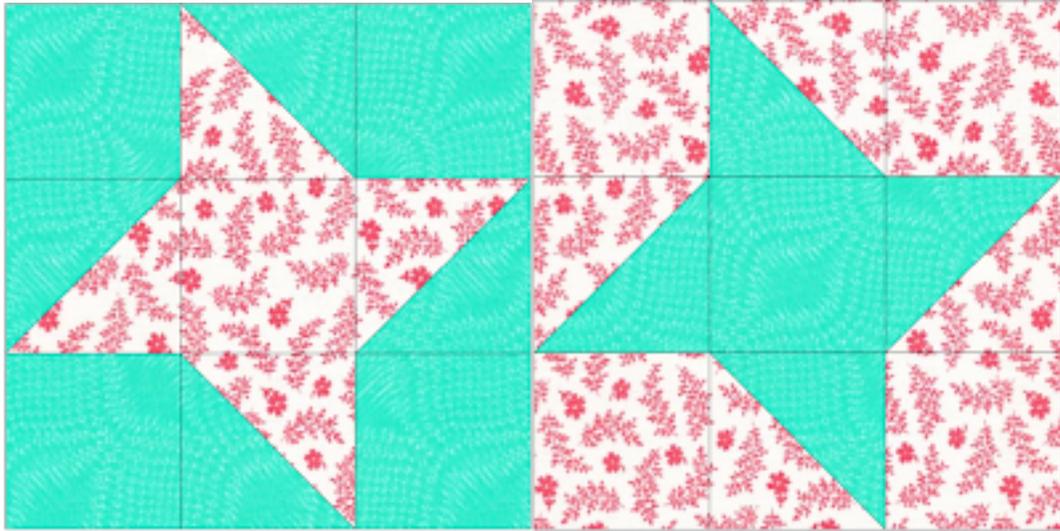
Comfort quilts pattern and colours

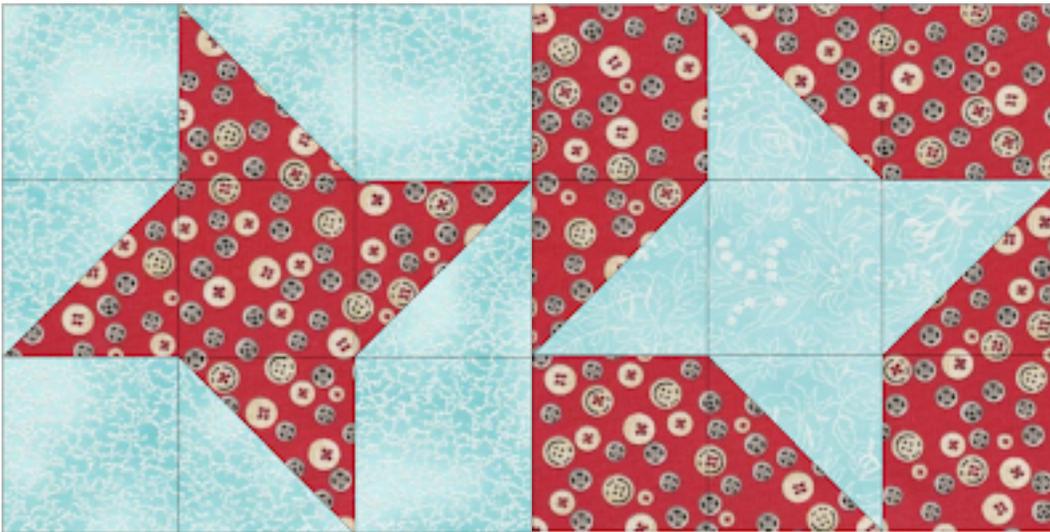
It has taken me way too long to get this information out to you all. Here is the link to the instructions. Friendship Star Block. I'll also post the link to the block instructions in the side bar swell as here, so that it can be found without having to come back to this post. The colour combinations for the blocks for the summer and into September will be:

1st Yellows and greys



2nd Reds and aquas





You don't need to do both of these combinations, unless you want to. When working these blocks, you'll still be making pairs of blocks with the fabric placements reversed, same as stated in the instructions and as shown in these pictures. I hope you have a bit of fun with these colour combinations. If you are coming to the sew-in day on July 23rd, bring them with you. If not, bring them to the first meeting in September.

Thank you so much!

Posted by Blog Editor at 11:57 AM

Labels: comfort quilt blocks

Jun 7, 2016

A Message from the outreach Committee



Penny and Edith have asked me to pass a message on to all of you. If you have any outreach quilts that you have completed, please bring them to the banquet, should you be attending. They will be bringing more quilt kits to go out to be finished to the banquet, as well. After all, we want to make sure that we all put our time this summer to the best use possible..... sewing and quilting. (grin)

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:06 PM

Here's this weeks block, called Fireflies.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric 1: cut 3 squares @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ x $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Cut 2 of these in half along a diagonal

Light Fabric 2: cut 2 squares @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ x $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches

Medium Fabric 1: cut 1 square @ $3\frac{7}{8}$ x $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut this in half along the diagonal.

Medium Fabric 2: cut 2 squares @ 2 x 2 inches
cut 1 square @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ x $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches

Dark Fabric: cut 2 squares @ 2 x 2 inches

cut 2 squares @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ x $2\frac{3}{8}$

inches



Take the Light Fabric 1 $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch square that was left uncut and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric. Pair this square with the medium $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch square right sides together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut this apart on the drawn line and press towards the darker of the fabrics. Pair these triangle squares with the $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares that were cut in half on the diagonal. Arrange as shown below and sew together.

Pair these winged units with the medium $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch triangles as shown below and sew them together.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the remaining light $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. Pair these up, right sides together with the dark $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn lines and then cut apart on the drawn lines. Press towards the dark.

Arrange all your units together as shown, paying close attention to the way the units are oriented in the

photo, and sew together.

The finishing instructions are here. This one has the light large triangles on the outside.



This block takes the sampler quilt to just over the halfway mark. Here's what mine looks like at this point. I hope you are all enjoying this project and liking what you see so far. The blocks will continue to be published on the first and third Thursdays throughout the summer. By the time of the September meeting, should you keep up with this, you will have 24 out of the 35 blocks finished.

Jul 28, 2016
Summer 2016 sew-in day

About 20 quilters gathered together on July 23rd to catch up on summer happenings and sew a few stitches on a variety of projects. We sewed on Quilts of Valour, Comfort Quilts for the guild and some of our own personal projects. It's always a good opportunity to use the large tables to lay out a project, or baste a project,



without having to crawl around on the floor. What's more, it's fun, and a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones and get to know each other better. There are more photos of the sew-in day here.



Posted by Blog Editor at 9:20 PM

Jul 21, 2016
Blog Sampler Blockade

Here is this week's block, called Blockade.



Cutting Instructions:

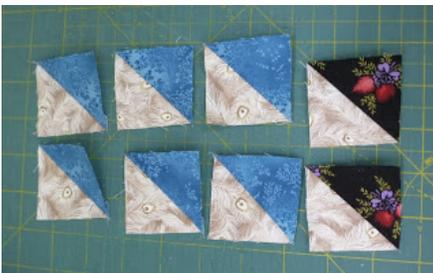
Light Fabric: cut 4 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches
Medium Fabric: cut 7 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches
Dark Fabric: cut 1 square @ $4 \frac{1}{4}$ x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ inches
cut 1 square @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches



Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line down the centre of each of your light $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. Pair these squares up with the dark $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch square and with 3 of the medium $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press your seams towards the darker fabrics.

Take your 4 remaining medium fabric $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares and draw a diagonal line through the middle of each. Using the method described here, pair them up with the dark $4 \frac{1}{4}$ inch square to make 4 flying geese units.



Arrange your pieces as shown below, and sew together, first into quarter sections and then to make the complete block.

Go here for the finishing instructions. The dark triangles are on the outside for this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

Jul 18, 2016

A couple of announcements and reminders

We have a new sponsor listed in the links to various businesses and shops. It's called Knit Stitch. Check it out, when you get a minute. The rest of the links to our other sponsors are found in a list about halfway down the right hand side bar.

Rose B. who is chairing the quilt show committee, wants to put up a display of various challenges the guild has done over the years. She has requested that we go through our quilts and find any challenge pieces that we have done. If you have them, these can go back in time as far as possible. Are you thinking about the show yet? Have you decided what quilts to enter? Are you thinking about the 35th anniversary challenge piece? What about getting items together for the members' boutique?

I just want to give a quick reminder about the sew-in day on Saturday, July 23rd from 9am to 4 pm. Bring your lunch. This is a free sewing day, there's no charge for it and no time line. Come when you can, for the entire day or just an hour or two. Visit with some old friends and make some new ones and catch up on what has been happening over the summer. If you are planning on coming, would you take a few minutes and make a set of comfort quilt blocks. The link to the colours is found here. The instructions are found close to the top of the right hand side bar. Please bring them with you. A few of the comfort quilt committee members will be there working to put some blocks together into quilts. If you can't be there on Saturday, please bring your blocks to the first meeting of the year in September.

Posted by Blog Editor at 11:34 AM

Jul 7, 2016

Blog Sampler Susannah

This week's block is called Susannah. There is an error in the picture of the finished block here below. The light squares in the sampler block should all be in the outer corners. One of mine got turned the wrong way during construction. The picture at the end of this post showing the layout also has one of the light squares in the wrong place. They should all be in the outer corners.

Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric #1	cut 4 squares	@ 2 x 2 inches
Light fabric #2	cut 4 squares	@ 2 x 2 inches
Dark fabric #1	cut 4 squares	@ 2 x 2 inches



Dark fabric #2
inches

cut 4 rectangles @ 2 x 3 1/2

Take two of the light fabric #1 2 inch squares and two of the light fabric #2 2 inch squares and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each. Following the picture placement below, place these light squares right sides together with the 2 x 3 1/2 inch dark fabric rectangles and sew on the diagonal line. Pay close attention to the direction of the sewing line. Trim 1/4 inch away from the drawn line and press towards the triangle.

Pair the remaining light squares with the 4 dark 2 x 2 inch squares, right sides together and sew into pairs.



Arrange these pairs with the rectangle units as shown in the photo below, and sew together. Pay attention to the placement of the light fabrics, as I clearly did not. The light square in the bottom left section of the photo here is in the wrong spot. It should be flipped so that the light square is in the left bottom corner.

Go here for the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that the large triangles on the outside of this block are the light fabric.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

Jul 3, 2016
Mid-summer reminders and news

Our president, Lorna, and also the programme committee and quilt show committee have asked for a few reminders to be posted onto the blog.

Unfortunately, due to the June 30th fire at the plaza in Hyde Park, Cornerstone Quilts is closed. We are thinking of Judy as she deals with this devastating event.

A reminder about our free Sewing Day at the church on July 23 from 9:00 to 4:00. Bring your own lunch and stay for the day or drop in for a few hours. Work on your own projects or help with some community outreach and comfort quilts sewing. It's a great opportunity to meet some new friends and catch up with old acquaintances. If



you are coming, would you please check out the blocks for the comfort quilts, posted here. The current colours and the link to the instructions are on that page. Please make up a few, if you can, and bring them with you. We'll be putting some quilts together from the blocks.

We hope you are working on your challenge piece to celebrate 35 years of London Friendship Quilters Guild. Use your own interpretation of the theme

35 and create a small quilt no bigger than 70 inches in total perimeter. Please attach a short explanation of your design and bring it to the September meeting. Do not attach your name to the quilt. Members will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite piece. These challenge quilts will be on display at our quilt show in October.

The quilt show registration form is on the blog. Print off copies, and consider which of your quilts you would like to enter into the show.

Charlene O. appreciates your help in distributing bookmarks to quilt shops etc. Please let her know about locations you have covered and contact her if you need more bookmarks.

We are looking for members who would be willing to do techniques demonstrations at the quilt show e.g. basting a quilt, paper piecing, hand piecing, hand quilting. Please contact Julia C.

If you completed your Canadiana Row Quilt, please consider entering it in the show. We would like a display of these wonderful quilts.

Thanks everyone.

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:01 PM

Aug 22, 2016

Spaces available in a workshop

I received a message from The Modern Quilt Guild a week or two ago, asking to post this information for our guild members. Here it is:

Could you let the Friendship Guild members know that we have a few spaces available in an upcoming workshop. Thanks

October 1, 2016

Anita Zobens Thread Bar Workshop

\$75 for all day class which includes the class fee, kit fee and lunch is provided

Here is a link for more information

<http://www.londonmodernquiltguildcanada.com/thread-bar-workshop.html>

Posted by Blog Editor at 7:50 PM

Aug 18, 2016

Blog Sampler Hovering Hawks

Here is this week's block, named Hovering Hawks.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric #1:

Light Fabric #2:

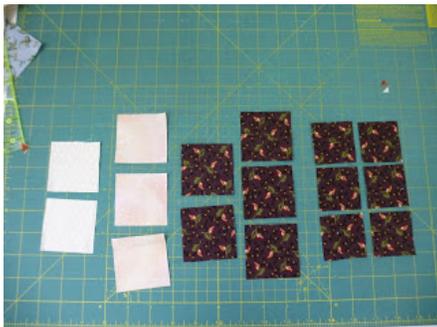
Dark Fabric:

cut 2 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches

cut 3 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches

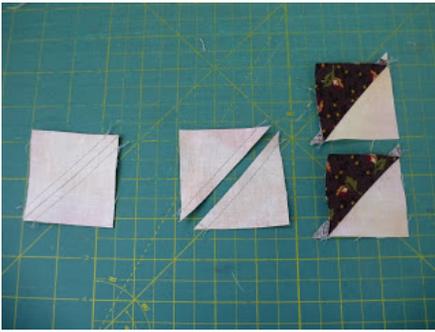
cut 5 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches

cut 6 squares @ 2 x 2 inches

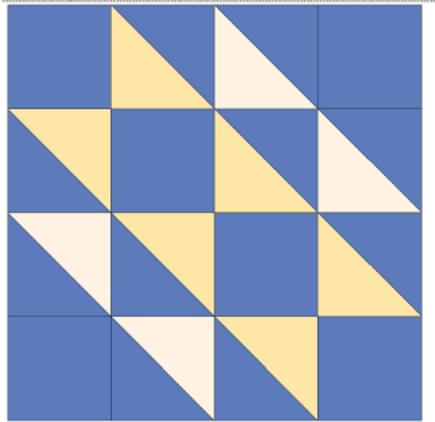


Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all the light squares. Pair these, right sides together with the 5 dark $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut the apart on the drawn line and press to the dark.



Arrange your triangle squares along with the 2 inch dark squares as shown below. Pay close attention to the arrangement and position of your triangle squares. The picture here is from the Electric Quilt program. In the picture I took of mine, they were all turned the wrong way, so I couldn't use it here. It is very easy to get them turned in the wrong direction.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large dark triangles are on the outside this time.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

Aug 13, 2016
Registration and Volunteer Forms

Good afternoon, everyone. I have added the registration form and also the volunteer forms to the blog. They can be found at the top of the right hand side bar. If you click on them, they should be printable. I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's hard to believe it's almost the middle of August. Get your forms printed off and sent to Teresa early, and save yourself the line up at the first guild meeting.

Edit: Oops..... having trouble with the links.... this is going to require a do-over.

Double edit: the registration form seems to be there, but I'm still having trouble with the volunteer forms.

Triple edit: the volunteer form is here now too.

Posted by Blog Editor at 4:51 PM

Aug 4, 2016
Blog Sampler Whirlpool

Here is this week's block, called Whirlpool.

Cutting Instructions:



Light Fabric: cut 8 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
 Medium Fabric: cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
 Dark Fabric: cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches

Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side, through the middle of each of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these up with the 4 medium and 4 dark fabrics. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the darker fabric. Arrange all your triangle squares as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large triangles on the outside are the lights this time.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
 Labels: Blog Sampler

Sep 15, 2016
 Blog Sampler Mosaic #5

This is another block with only a number for a name, in my programs, at least. It's Mosaic #5.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric: cut 8 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
 Medium Fabric: cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches
 Dark Fabric: cut 6 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches



Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these right sides together with

the 2 medium and 6 dark squares. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark fabrics.



Arrange as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large triangles on the outside of this one are the darks.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

Sep 12, 2016
Sept. 8, 2016 meeting





We started our year off with a great meeting. The first order of business was the executive reports. They took a while, as we had to get all caught up on all the happenings. After all the reports, we took a break, and had an opportunity to go around and visit, sign up for workshops, and to vote on the five submissions for the challenge that was issues last year to create a piece to interpret the theme “35”, in



honour of the guild’s 35th anniversary this year.



After our break we were treated to a Power Point lecture by Johanna Masko.



It was interesting to see her way of sorting her scraps. She has four large tubs sorted according to light neutral, dark neutral, colours, and one more that I don't remember. She pulls her fabrics from those, rather than pre-cutting into set sizes. She has definite ideas about what is and is not a scrap quilt. She defines this appliqué quilt, with the leaves all string pieced is definitely scrappy. But she thinks that a quilt made from a single collection of fabrics isn't.

After her power point presentation, we got to see some of her quilts, all made from her scraps.



There was a beautiful Log Cabin



Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

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After her power point presentation, we got to see some of her quilts, all made from her scraps. There was a beautiful Log Cabin and a fun Tumbler.





This one was made from a wide variety of blues, in a repeating rectangular shape.

After Johanna's presentation, we were treated to members' show and tell.

Nancy brought some baby quilts.



Barb showed this lovely grey and pink.



Mibsie showed her gorgeous appliqué piece.



Toni brought her finished stained glass picture from a workshop from last year.



And Sharon brought a quilt she made featuring a night sky line. There are more photos here on our Google photos page from the meeting.

Posted by Blog Editor at 7:22 PM

Sep 7, 2016

A reminder from the Program Committee

I've had a request from the Program Committee to remind everyone about signing up for workshops. I don't know what they are, at the moment, although I do know that one of them is going to be given by Lorna from Sew Fresh Quilts. Please come prepared with cash or cheques for the workshops.
Thank you.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:50 AM

Sep 2, 2016

Information for First Meeting of the year

Am I the only one who thinks summer went by way too fast?

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, Sept 8th. The speaker for the evening is Joanna Masko. It's going to be a busy evening, with lots to do and remember. I'm putting a list here of reminders to do and to bring.

-registration forms for the guild membership

-volunteer forms for what you can do to help out at meetings through the year.

-35 year challenge projects. Attach an explanation of your interpretation of the theme.

Your name

should not be visible. There will be a table set up where the vendors usually set up for dropping off your projects. Members will vote during the break.

-bring your registration forms for the quilts you are entering into the quilt show.

Link here

-fill out the volunteer information for the quilt show, during the meeting.

-bring your items for the member's boutique.

-remember to attach hanging sleeves to all your quilts. How to link is here

-please consider entering any challenges or workshop projects you have done from previous years.

-please consider entering your Canadiana Row quilt.

-if you have any bookmarks left, please bring them to the meeting for Charlene to distribute.

-bring your mug for tea, as there will be treats at the meeting.

-bring your Friendship Star blocks for the Comfort Quilts. Instructions and colours found here

-notion of the month will be "show us your thimbles".

Posted by Blog Editor at 8:41 PM

Sep 1, 2016

Blog Sampler Mosaic #13

This block doesn't have an official name in the Electric quilt or Block Base programs that I have. It's simply called Mosaic #13.



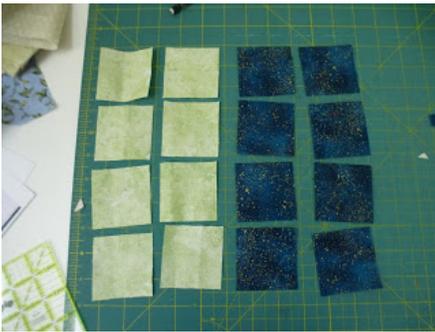
Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric:

cut 8 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches

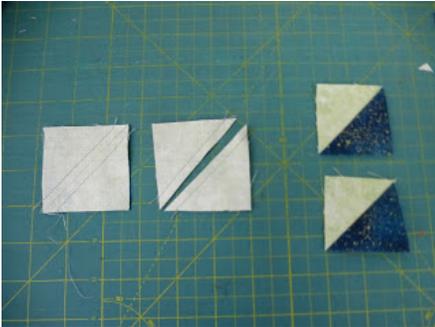
Dark Fabric:

cut 8 squares @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches



Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares. Pair these with the dark $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares, right sides together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark.



Arrange your triangle squares as shown below and sew together.



Go here for finishing instructions. The large light triangles are on the outside of this one.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
Labels: Blog Sampler

Oct 24, 2016

October 13, 2016 Meeting

Our speaker for this month's meeting was Carol Freer. She works as a Nurse Educator at Parkwood Hospital, in the Veterans' Care division. As a guild, we do a lot of work for the Quilts of Valour, which go out to our country's current serving and recently discharged military. Carol's presentation gave us a glimpse into the lives of veterans from past conflicts, notably from World War 2 and Korea. She gave a Power Point Presentation of the history of Parkwood Hospital, and a very touching tribute to some of the Veterans who have called that facility home.



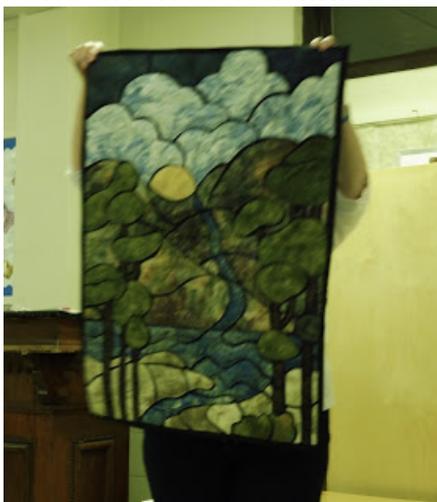
The average age of the veterans in that facility is now 92. They are renovating some of the rooms on their veteran's units to become comfortable and homey places where the veterans and their families may spend their last days together. With this in mind, Carol has asked if we as a guild, would work together to make some quilts using poppy themed fabrics, to be placed and used in these rooms. Carol is going to approach one of the legions who provide special funding for projects for the veterans, in order to procure the funds for the fabric for 6 quilts. We have the beginnings of some ideas for these quilts, including using the pattern found here. There will be more information provided about this, likely in January.

After Carol's presentation, we had member show and tell. Christine showed a plus sign quilt that she made.



Micki showed a Quilt of Valour.

Jane showed her finished piece from Joni Newman's Stained Glass Workshop.



Susan showed her red and black music themed quilt.



Susan showed her red and black music themed quilt.

There are more photos of the meeting to be found [at the link meeting photos](#)

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:20 PM

Oct 20, 2016

Blog Sampler The Colorado Block

This week's block is the Colorado.



Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric: Cut 8 @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches square
Dark Fabric: Cut 8 @ $2 \frac{3}{8}$ x $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches square.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all the light squares. Pair the light squares with the dark squares, right sides together and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark.



Arrange your squares as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large triangles on the outside of this one are the darks.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Oct 14, 2016

Quilt show information

Last night at the monthly meeting, Rose gave out quite a lot of information about the quilt show, what needs to be done when and by whom. It was a lot of information to take in all at once, so I'm going to post it all here.

VOLUNTEERS:

- we still need volunteers. some of the spots were filled in at the meeting, but there is still a need
- sign up with Joy L. joychristinelove at gmail dot com
- still looking for some ladder climbers and rack assemblers for set up on Thursday, starting at 10am and take down on Saturday after the show.
- if possible, do not bring a purse with you. Each volunteer will be loaned a neck pouch to wear during their shift. It will hold a phone, credit card, cash etc. These must be turned in at the end of the shift for someone else to use.
- if you have your own white gloves, bring them along
- please wear your guild name badge

DROP OFF:

- quilts must be in CLEAR plastic bags, not pillow cases or special bags and definitely not in green garbage bags.
- the quilt must have a label with your name clearly marked
- all quilts must have a hanging sleeve for display purposes. Instructions can be found in a tutorial here.
- other quilted items, i.e., challenges, old workshop display items etc. will be receipted.
- please bring in the 35 year challenge pieces as well.
- Where: Oakridge Presbyterian Church 970 Oxford Street West at Freele Street
- When: Wednesday October 19

-Time: 2:00-7:00 pm

PICK UP: (this information will be on the receipt)

-Where: Rose's home. 44 Midale Crescent (north of Fanshawe Pk Rd and east of Adelaide in Grenfell)

-When: Sunday, October 23 2:00-5:00 pm

-a receipt will be issued for each quilt as proof of ownership. The receipt MUST be returned in order to pick up your quilted items. If someone else is picking up your entry(s), your receipt MUST accompany that person. NO EXCEPTIONS.

BAKED GOODIES:

-all goodies should be in sealed, disposable containers. They may be dropped off on Thursday during set up, 10-4, or Friday morning.

-they can also be dropped off when you come in for your volunteer shift, if necessary

Thank you, everyone, in advance, for all your entries into the quilt show, and all your help for the running of it.

Posted by Blog Editor at 9:09 PM

Oct 7, 2016

October meeting information

Our speaker for the October meeting is Carol Miller. We will also be holding a job fair, with information on the job descriptions for all the executive positions. We will answer the questions of who, what, where, when, why and how. The vendor for the meeting will be Lana from the Quilt Junction.

The comfort quilt committee continues to work putting together the blocks that have been donated. We are changing out the colours this month to purple/cream. The links and the side bars continue to be missing somewhere out in cyber space, so the link to the pattern for the block is still missing. I'll put a link to the Friendship Star pattern here and I will also bring some print copies to the meeting with me.

Saturday, October 8th is the last day for registration forms for the quilt show. Please get them to Rose so your quilts can be enjoyed by us all.

If anyone happens to have any of their placemats for Meals on Wheels done, would you bring them to the meeting, please. Edith would like to use them in the quilt show display for the Outreach committee.

The notion for the month is something orange.

Posted by Blog Editor at 8:58 PM

Oct 6, 2016

Blog Sampler An Envelope Motif

The name of this one is given as “An Envelope Motif” in Barbara Brackman’s Block Base program. It probably has all kinds of other names as well.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric #1:

cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches

Light Fabric #2:

cut 4 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches

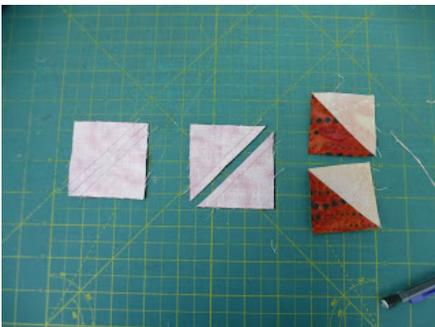
Dark Fabric # 1, #2, #3 and #4

cut 2 squares @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches



Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair up the four light #1 fabrics with the dark #1 and dark #2 fabrics. Pair up the four light #2 fabrics with the dark #3 and dark #4 fabrics. Sew all these pairs with a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn diagonal lines. Cut them apart on the drawn line and press to the dark fabrics.



Arrange your triangle squares as shown below and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large triangles on the outside are lights this time.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

Oct 4, 2016

Blog problems

Good afternoon, everyone. The company that hosts our blog, blogger, is having issues. There have been multiple complaints from multiple bloggers stating that their link lists have suddenly vanished. Ours is one of those. I received a phone call today alerting me to the fact that the registration forms for the quilt show are no longer visible on the blog, which is when I discovered that not only was that link gone, but all the others as well. I have a message into Blogger asking for help. In the meantime, if you need copies of the registration forms for the quilt show, please email me at caleeshepherd at gmail.com or Lorna at lornamar at explor.net.ca

Please complete your forms and have them to Rose by Saturday October 8th, at the latest. You can email your forms to her. She needs the time in order to be able to get all the documentation for the quilts ready in time. Waiting to hand your forms in until the next meeting will be too late. There is plenty of room for quilts left in the show. In fact, the number of entries for the show is down considerably from other years. Please, consider entering your work into the show.

I'm truly sorry for the problems with the blog. I hope the hosting company, blogger, can figure out what their issue is and can fix it.

I'm also going to put a link here for the forms. I'm hoping it will work and that the link problems are only on the side bar information. Registration form

Posted by Blog Editor at 2:16 PM

Nov 17, 2016

Blog Sampler Road to Oklahoma

This week's block is a quite well known one, Road to Oklahoma.

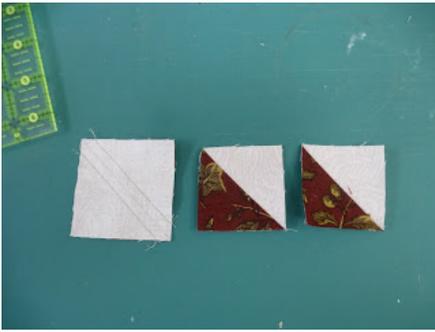


Cutting instructions:

Light fabric: cut 6 @ 2 x 2 inches square
cut 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square
Dark fabric: cut 6 @ 2 x 2 inches square
cut 2 @ 2 3/8 X 2 3/8 inches square



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these, right sides together, with the dark 2 3/8 inch squares. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark.



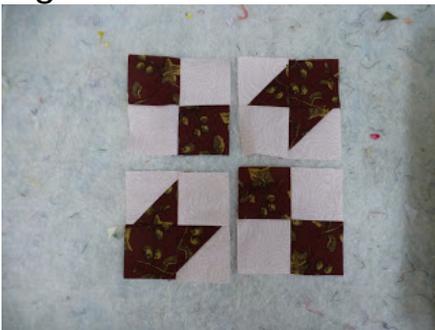
Lay out four of the light 2 inch squares and four of the dark 2 inch squares, as shown below, to make two four patch units.



Lay out the two remaining light and dark 2 inch squares, along with the triangles squares already made, as shown below, and sew together.



Lay out your four patches and your triangle square units as shown below, and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The outer triangles on this one are the darks.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Labels: Blog Sampler

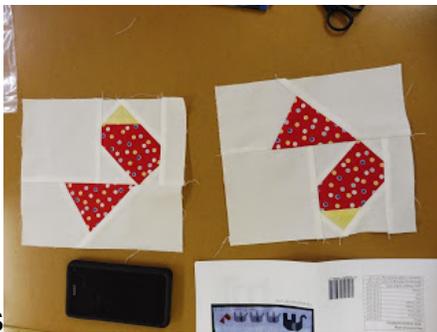
Nov 15, 2016

Lorna McMahon Workshop

A group of very enthusiastic animal lovers gathered together on Friday, November 11 to make animals from fabric. The patterns for the animals were provided by Lorna. The colours and fabrics used for the animals were limited only by the participants' fabric choices and imaginations. Some of us went literal, and some went very whimsical. It was a fun workshop, full of friends and learning and laughter.



Blue birds



and red birds



Literal elephant



Whimsical elephant



Literal dog



Whimsical dog



Two sizes of dogs.

A large amount of the fun in the workshop was just seeing the variety of interpretation in the choices everyone made for their colours, fabrics and patterns. For more photos of the workshop, go to our Google Photo albums .

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Nov 14, 2016
Nov. 10, 2016 Meeting

We were treated tonight to the announcement of the viewer's choice awards from this years quilt show. In addition to that, was a wonderful talk and trunk show from Lorna

McMahon, and the some show and tell. So, just a warning, this is going to be a photo heavy post.

First up, the awards from the quilt show.

Honourable mention- Other quilted Items- Linda W. for her appliquéd and quilted bag.



Honourable Mention- Miniatures- Anne L for her Cardinal.



Honourable Mention- Wall Hanging- Tiny C- Ocean Meets Lava



Honourable Mention- Small Quilt- Cathy S- La Passacaglia



Honourable Mention- Bed Quilts- Yvonne Y- Owls



First Place- Other Quilted Item- Deb M- Wool Appliquéd Table Mat



First Place- Miniature- Liz G Double Wedding Ring



First Place-Wall Hanging- Lorna M Twisted Log Cabin.



First Place- Small Quilt- Ruth M- Feathered Friends



First Place- Bed Sized- Anne L- Christmas In Times Square. This quilt also took the CQA Viewer's Choice Best in Show.



After we saw all these wonderful quilts, we were treated to a trunk show by Lorna McMahon.



She has a wonderful modern style, focusing mostly on animals. They are all pieced using squares, rectangles and triangles; no paper piecing and no appliqué. She says she was inspired quite a bit by the designer Charlie Harper. She publishes patterns for quite a few of her designs. And, here's the amazing thing, she's only been quilting for 4 years. She's also hosted a couple of sew alongs on her blog, for which she gives free patterns.

Alligators



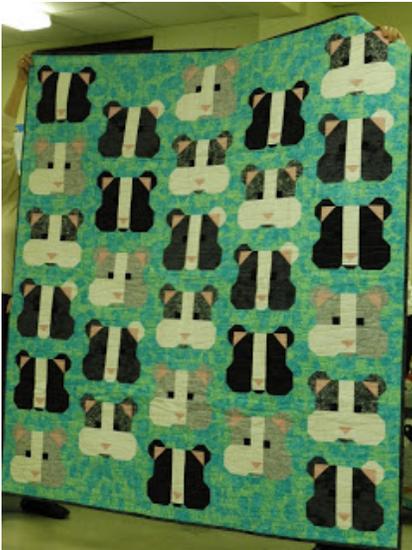
Elephant Parade



Mod Bear Paw, the free sew along pattern found [here](#).



Hamsters



Some very guilty looking cats.



Squirrels



And if all that quilty goodness wasn't enough, there was show and tell. Cynthia shared her Foxes.



Jacqui shared one of her UFO finishes.



Toni showed her Thorgie..... part Thor the mythological character and part Corgi dog.



Kim brought her bag, made from the selvages she received in her box from a scrap challenge held a couple of years ago.



There was much more to see in this meeting. The rest of the photos can be found in the Google Photo album [here](#).

Posted by Blog Editor at 3:22 PM

Nov 7, 2016

Vendor for November meeting

Just a quick post to say that our vendor for this Thursday evening is going to be Bert from Grantham Books. So there should be lots of inspiration at the meeting, between Bert's books and Lorna McMahon's patterns. So much fun.....

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:26 PM

Nov 4, 2016

November Meeting Information

Our speaker for the November meeting is going to be Lorna McMahon from Sew Fresh Quilts. She will be doing a trunk show of her quilts on Thursday evening and a workshop on Friday.

Workshop info- Friday Nov. 11th from 10am to 4pm. Please bring your own lunch. If you are interested in a spot in this workshop, Lyndsey J wants to sell her spot. Please contact her ljanzen5 at gmail dot com.

Sewing day- Saturday Nov. 26th 9am to 8 pm. Supper will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Comfort quilts- we are still collecting blocks for these quilts. The colour for the next few sets remains purple and cream. Instructions for the blocks are back in a link on the left hand side bar. Please bring your blocks to the meeting and give to Cathy Shepherd.

Quilt show- it was a fabulous show, and the quilts displayed were all stunning. There is a link here to see the photos from the show. I tried to get a picture of all the member quilts on display. I will also put a link to the quilt show photos in the left hand side bar.

We are continuing to collect place mats for the Meals on Wheels Christmas delivery. They don't necessarily have to be Christmas themed. If you have yours done, please bring them with you.

Notion of the month for Nov.- poppies

Notion of the month for Dec.- donation of toiletries for My Sisters' Place.

Posted by Blog Editor at 4:15 PM

Nov 3, 2016

Blog Sampler Another Pinwheel

This week's block really is named Another Pinwheel.



Cutting Instructions:

Light #1: cut 4 @ 2 x 2 inches square
cut 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square

Light #2: cut 4 @ 2 x 2 inches square
Dark: cut 4 @ 2 x 2 inches square
cut 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light #1 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these two light squares with the 2 dark 2 3/8 inch squares, right sides together. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the dark.



Arrange your light #1, light #2 and the dark 2 inch squares and your triangle squares as shown below. Sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large outside squares on this one are the lights.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM
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Dec 23, 2016
Comfort Quilt new colours



The new colours for the comfort quilt blocks for the next few months will be blacks and whites with coloured centres. The centres should be a solid or a tone on tone in a bright colour. This will involve a slight change in the cutting instructions for the blocks.

Black- cut 4 @ 3 1/2 inches

White- cut 4 @ 3 1/2 inches

Brights- cut 2 @ 3 1/2 inches

The rest of the instructions as posted in the side bar remain the same.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

Dec 21, 2016
December 2016 Meeting

It was an ugly Christmas themed evening for the December meeting.



Members were encouraged to wear their ugly/funky/festive Christmas sweaters to the meeting. The best, or worst depending on your point of view, were voted on.g on your point of view, were voted on. These three were the winners.



The theme continued into the crafts.



We had our annual parade of placements that were collected for the Meals on Wheels organization. We ended up with a total of 130 placemats.



And then there was show and tell. Joan, Bonnie and Yvonne Made up a quilt for the Veteran's Care Palliative Care Rooms on a retreat they went on a few weeks ago.



Susan showed her finished pillow from the workshop led by Lorna McMahon.



Lorna showed her absolutely insane houses wall hanging. Those houses are tiny!



Toni showed her game character quilt.



Posted by Blog Editor at 1:35 PM

Dec 15, 2016

Blog Sampler Virginia Reel

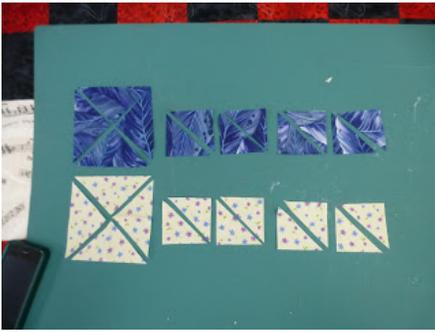
This week's block is the Virginia Reel.



Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric: Cut 1 @ 4 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches square. Cut this square twice on the diagonals
Cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square. Cut these squares once on the diagonal.

Dark fabric: Cut 1 @ 4 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches square. Cut this square twice on the diagonals.
Cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches squares. Cut these in half once on the diagonal.



Using the photos below as a guide, pair up a light $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch triangle with each of the dark $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch triangles, right sides together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on the long seams.



Do the same with the dark $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch triangles and the light $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch triangles. You'll end up with 8 units looking like this.



Press towards the $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch triangle.

Pair up the remaining light $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch triangles with the dark $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch unit, and the dark $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch triangles with the light $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch units.



Sew along the long seam on each one. You'll end up with 8 units looking like this.



Press towards the $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch triangle. You'll end up with two sets of four flying geese, with opposite placement of the colours. Arrange these geese units as shown below, and sew together into pairs.



Arrange those pairs as shown, and sew together.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The dark triangles are on the outside this time.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM

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Dec 3, 2016

December 2016 Meeting information

This is going to be our Christmas meeting. There won't be a speaker for this meeting. Instead there are some fun activities planned.

- Wear your fun/funky/ugly Christmas sweaters.
- Bring a basic hand sewing kit. There are some crafts planned.
- The vendor for the meeting is Shirley from the Marsh Store.

Here are a few reminders of other things to bring with you.

- a mug for coffee or tea

-placemats for Meals on Wheels
-notion of the month- personal hygiene items for My Sisters' Place
-purple/cream Friendship Stars. This is the last month for purple/cream. The colour for January will be announced in a separate post.

See you Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at 11:25 AM

Dec 1, 2016

Blog Sampler Anvil

This week's block is the Anvil.



Cutting Instructions.

Light fabric: cut 4 @ 2 x 2 inches square
cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square

Medium fabric: cut 1 @ 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches square

Dark fabric: cut 4 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches square



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light 2 3/8 inch squares. Pair these, right sides together, with the dark 2 3/8 inch squares. Sew a 1/4 inch seam on

either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark fabric.



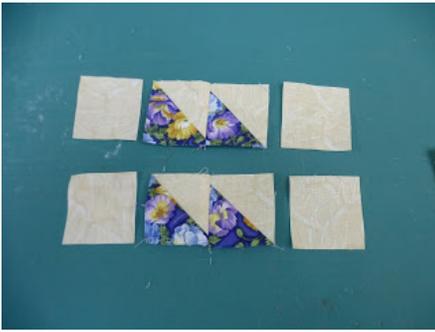
Referring to the photo below, make 4 pairs of triangle squares, in two sets. Note the direction of the light and dark sides of the triangles in the two different sets.



Referring to the photo below, sew a set of the triangle squares to the top and bottom of the medium 3 1/2 inch square.



Take the other set of triangle squares and sew a 2 x 2 inch square on either end, as shown below.



Sew these to the sides of the 3 1/2 inch square.



Go here for the finishing instructions. The large triangles on the outside of this one are the lights.

Posted by Blog Editor at 10:00 AM