



# QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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December 10, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: "What Was I Thinking Sale?" Sale

Bring Cash!

Bring a shopping bag!

- Paint Chip Challenge Due
- Fat Quarter: Shades of Red
- 50/50 Raffle

## Guild Address:

Quilt Guild by the Sea  
PO Box 64  
Boca Raton, FL 33429

## Meeting Place

Boca Raton Community Center (BRCC)  
150 Crawford Blvd.  
Boca Raton, FL 33432

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Are you ready?

I don't mean is all of your holiday shopping finished. I'm not asking if your linens are washed and your silver polished. Is your decorating all finished or are the Halloween pumpkins still holding court on your front porch?

The past year has taught me that at any moment, things can change. Today, I was able to attend my first Board meeting since April. After we finished with business and a quick lunch break, we started on a special project to price all the donated sewing and quilting supplies from the estate of Ann Sweeney, who passed away earlier this year. She was a relatively new member of the Guild and definitely shared her opinions quite freely. But she also was quick to bid on things we were selling and generous to a fault. Her donations will mean a lot for our guild's future.

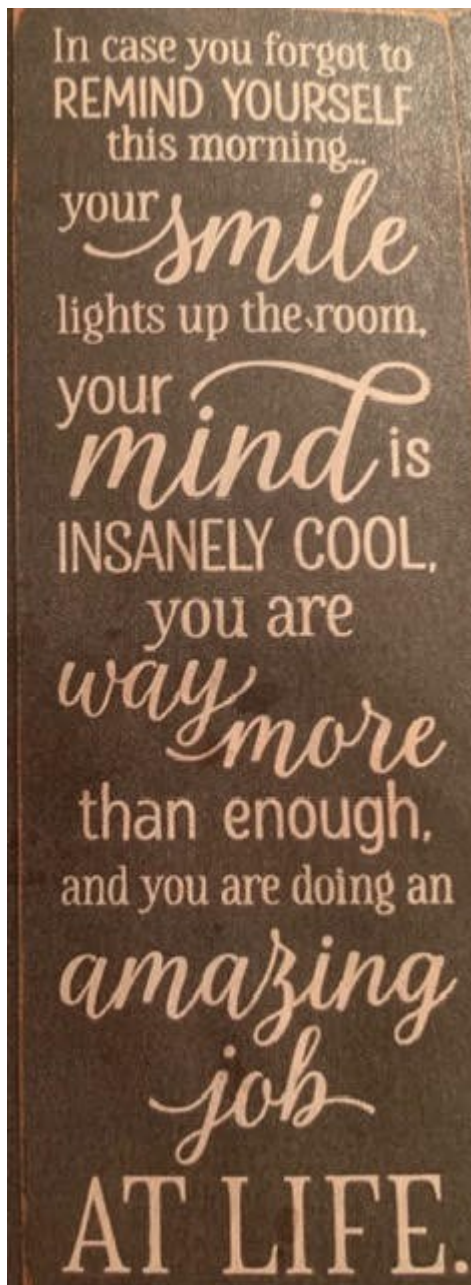
So, my message this month is twofold...

1. Are you ready for our annual What Was I Thinking Sale at our December meeting? Gather all your goodies that you plan to sell now. And finish up those paint chip challenge entries... you may be the winner!

2. And more importantly...are you ready? Ready to remember to breathe during the upcoming busy holiday season. To take time for yourself. To take care of yourself. To offer up thanks for all that we have been blessed with...family, friends, the opportunities you have to serve others and in doing so, feel that warm, fuzzy feeling that comes from sharing yourself and the gifts you have been given.

Hope you have the best holiday season ever and that you'll join us on December 10th for the best WWIT Sale ever!

Hugs,  
Lisa





RAYNA GILMAN TRUNKSHOW:

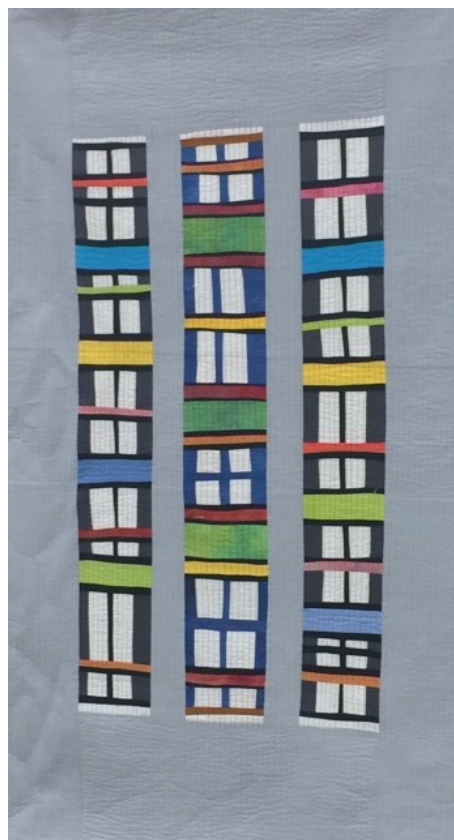
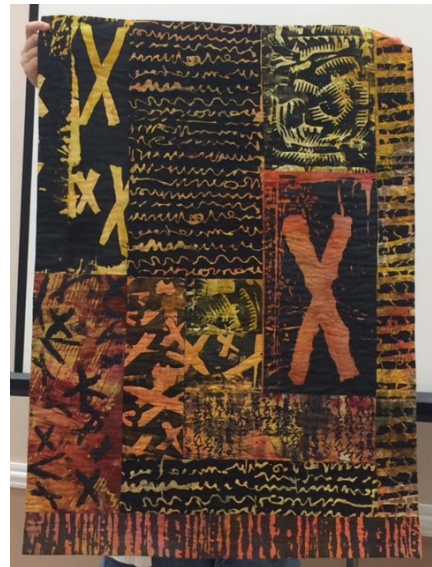


RAYNA GILMAN TRUNK SHOW:





**RAYNA GILMAN TRUNKSHOW:**



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**



**DUES**

QGbtS annual membership dues for 2020 are **\$45.00** through December.

**Special Offer:**

**Non-members, join now and enjoy the benefits of membership through December 2019.**

**'MEMBERSHIP HAS IT PRIVILEGES'**

Paid members of the QGbtS are eligible to:

- participate in Guild programs
- participate in workshops
- receive monthly newsletter
- place ads in the classifieds.
- **Guests are welcome to attend all of our meetings with a donation of \$5.00.**
- Dues are non-refundable.

For further information contact:

Ellen Heckler [561-245-8280](tel:561-245-8280) or

**UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:**

**"Deco Tumbler" Curved Piecing (56"x76") by Barbara Hahl**

**January 15, 2020**

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$25.00 (Pattern and ruler are required. Contact Linda Roraff to order the ruler for \$25.00, and the pattern is downloadable for \$12.50).



**February 12, 2020**

**Quilt in a Day by Reed Johnson**

Reed Johnson is a lawyer turned quilter. During our program he will give us his journey called "reinventing yourself". Reed's workshop will be a "Quilt in a Day" program featuring a pattern from Quilt in a Day.

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$40.00 (A pattern and ruler are required for \$16.00. Place and pay for your order with Linda Roraff by January 15th)



**Workshop Policies: Payments for workshops must be received at the time of sign-up. CHECKS ONLY, please. Workshop fees are refundable up to 7 days prior to scheduled date. If you are unable to attend a workshop at the last minute, please be courteous and notify our Workshop Chair, Linda Roraff ([roraff@gmail.com](mailto:roraff@gmail.com)) so someone else may attend.**

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS:**

**December 3, 2019**

- QOV Workshop

**December 10, 2019**

Guild Meeting

- Program: "What Was I Thinking Sale?" Sale
- Paint Chip Challenge Due
- Fat Quarter: Shades of Red
- 50/50 Raffle

**December 10, 2019**

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

**December 17, 2019**

- Board of Directors Meeting

**January 14, 2020**

Guild Meeting

- Program: Cricut presentation by Kestrel Michaud
- 50/50 Raffle

**January 14, 2020**

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

**January 15, 2019**

- Curved Piecing Workshop with Barbara Hahl

**UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:**

**March 11, 2020**

**Silk/Thread Painting By Andrea Brokenshire**

Andrea Brokenshire is a fiber artist and quilter, specializing in appliqué botanical quilts. Check out her amazing quilts on Pinterest or the internet.

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$45.00

Material Cost: \$55.00 (must be prepaid and ordered; check to Andrea Brokenshire)



**April 15, 2020**

**Crazy Quilts By Betty Pillsbury**

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$50.00



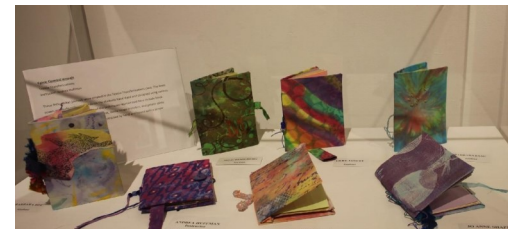
**May 13, 2020**

**Mini Journal by Andrea Huffman**

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: TBD



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**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS**

**February 11, 2020**

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Quilting Journey/  
Quilt in a Day by Reed  
Johnson
- 50/50 Raffle

**February 11, 2020**

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts &  
Comfort Bears Workshops

**February 18, 2020**

- QOV Workshop

**March 10, 2020**

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Silk/Thread  
Painting by Andrea Broken-  
shire
- 50/50 Raffle

**March 10, 2020**

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts &  
Comfort Bears Workshops

**March 11, 2020**

- Silk/Thread Painting By  
Andrea Brokenshire

**April 7, 2020**

- QOV Workshop

**SPRING CAMP 2020**

**Pique-Nique in the Park**

Join Quilt Guild by the Sea's **7th Annual Spring Camp**. Everyone makes memories with their friends and receives a surprise or two!



**Place, Dates and Times:**

- Junior League of Boca Raton: 261 NW 13th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432
- Wednesday, March 18 from 9:30am to 9:00pm
- Thursday, March 19 from 9:00am to 9:00pm
- Friday, March 20 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

**What to Bring:**

- Your sewing machine with basic accessories and your sewing projects.
- All sewing machines, tools, and fabrics can be left in the room on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- Your lunch, drinks for all days, and your dinner for Thursday night.

**Cost:**

- \$55.00 per person.
- The cost includes your dinner on Wednesday night. Please check with us later for the menu. Note: If the menu does not meet special diet requirements, you must bring your own dinner.
- There is a fridge and a microwave for your convenience.

**Payment Instructions:**

**Mail payment « ON or AFTER » January 1st, NO EARLIER**

- Send to: Quilt Guild by the Sea  
c/o Diane Paquin Provost  
22600 Esplanada Circle W, Boca Raton, FL 33433
- We will honor RSVP's in the order received AFTER the 1st of January 2020
- **No refund** after February 11, 2020
- Checks from members on the waiting list will be deposited only when space becomes available and after they confirm their attendance.

Please indicate the following when sending your payment:

- I own a portable sewing table and will bring it or have one you can share.
- I plan on coming without a sewing machine for hand sewing only.
- This may open spaces for more members to attend.

Your Spring Camp Committee



**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**QUILT SHOW CALENDAR:**

**February 1, 2020**

- Airing of the Quilts, Venice, Fl
- February Farm Festival & Quilt Show, Dade City, Fl

**February 6-8, 2020**

- Quilting in Paradise Quilt & Fiber Arts Show, Port St. Lucie

**February 7-8, 2020**

- What's Old is New Again Quilt Show, Fort Myers, Fl
- Timeless Treasures Quilt Show, Melbourne, Fl

**February 14-15, 2020**

- Suncoast Quilt Expo, Bradenton, Fl
- Saint Andrews Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Panama City, Fl

**February 21-22, 2020**

- Gathering of the Quilts, Punta Gorda, Fl
- Ocala Quilt Show, Ocala, Fl
- A1 Quilter's Extravaganza, Amelia Island
- Quilt by the Sea Quilt Show, Fernandina Beach, Fl

**QOV ON AMAZONSMILE**

**What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

**How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**QOV PRESENTATION:**

A Veterans Appreciation Luncheon was held at Delray Medical Center to honor those who have bravely served in the Armed Forces. Thank you to Quilt Guild by the Sea for their generous donation of Quilts of Valor that were presented to: Stephen Auerhart, Guillermo Barriga, Brunel Carabio, Jason Berlongieri and Jamie Torres.



**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS**

**April 14, 2020**

Guilt Meeting:

- Program: Crazy Quilts by Betty Pillsbury
- 50/50 Raffle

**April 14, 2020**

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

**April 15, 2020**

- Crazy Quilts By Betty Pillsbury

**May 12, 2019**

Guilt Meeting

- Andrea Huffman Trunk Show
- 50/50 Raffle

**May 13, 2020**

- Mini Journal by Andrea Huffman

**June 2, 2020**

- QOV Workshop

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**QUILT SHOW CALENDAR:**

**February 26-29, 2020**

- AQS, Daytona Beach, Fl

**March 6-7, 2020**

- Naples Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Naples, Fl

**"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL  
QOV WORKSHOP"**

**The next workshop will be held on  
Wednesday, December 3, 2019**  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM  
Boca Community Center



*..: quilt of valor ..:*

Thanks to the generous participation of our members: we are producing a remarkable amount of quilts for our veterans. We would like to thank everyone who is doing her share, whether you sew at home or at the workshop, whether you sew stars, sew strips, assemble tops, make pillow cases, bind, or longarm quilting, etc..... Every little bit helps.



Bring your sewing machine with basic accessories, thread, and lunch.

For those unable to attend the workshop, prepared kits are available to pick up at the workshops and guild meetings.

A huge **THANK YOU** for your participation.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- **QOV Workshops** will be planned five (5) times per year going forward. The future dates will be: December 3, 2019, and February 18, April 7, and June 2, 2020.
- **QOV Foundation Membership** dues of \$5.00 are due to Diane Provost at the latest **December 10, 2019**; money will not be accepted after that. Please give it to Diane during the December meeting or send them to: Diane Provost, 22600 W. Esplanada Circle Boca Raton, Fl 33433.
- **Longarmers Needed:** We have many tops ready to be quilted, if you are a longarmer and have time to volunteer to quilt QOV tops, please contact Diane Provost.

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

**QUILT SHOW CALENDAR:**

**March 6-7, 2020**

- Festival of Quilts, Venice, Fl

**March 13-14, 2020**

- Pensacola Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Pensacola, Fl

**March 19-20, 2020**

- Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Lakeland, Fl

**March 20-21, 2020**

- Suncoast Quilting Circle Quilt Show, St. Petersburg, Fl
- Florida Keys Quilters Quilt Show, Tavernier, Fl

**March 20-22, 2020**

- 14th Biennial Broward Quilt Expo, Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

**QOV PRESENTATION:**



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Members of Quilt Guild by the Sea awarded a Quilt of Valor to **Yohama Solorzano**, Army 1996-2003 Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and **Brynel** at the Delray Hospital on November 20, 2019.



QOV PRESENTATIONS:



**QOV PRESENTATIONS:**

Linda, Rochelle and Jane awarded the following veterans at the Vizcaya in Delray on Veteran's Day: Morrie Berger, William Bogard, Joel Dash, Sherman Potter, Russell Rogers, Richard Spencer, and Steve West.



**QOV PRESENTATION:**

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Army veteran Tania S. Throughout her Army career, she served in numerous locations, including Kuwait and Iraq.



**QOV PRESENTATION:**

Members of Quilt Guild by the Sea awarded a Quilt of Valor today to Joseph N. during a special Veterans Day service at his church. Joseph served in the Army during Vietnam. We thanked him for his service and welcomed him home.



**QOV PRESENTATION:**

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Marine veteran Patrick B. The combat veteran served in Vietnam and was awarded a Purple Heart. He is shown with his fellow Marine Jerry J., who nominated him after he was awarded with a Quilt of Valor.



**CARING HEARTS**

- Congratulations to Diane Provost and her family; Diane became a Grandma for the first time at the end of October.



**NEW MEMBERS:**

Barbara Williamson

**FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH WINNER:**

Elisabet Sartarelli



**50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:**

Jo Wilson

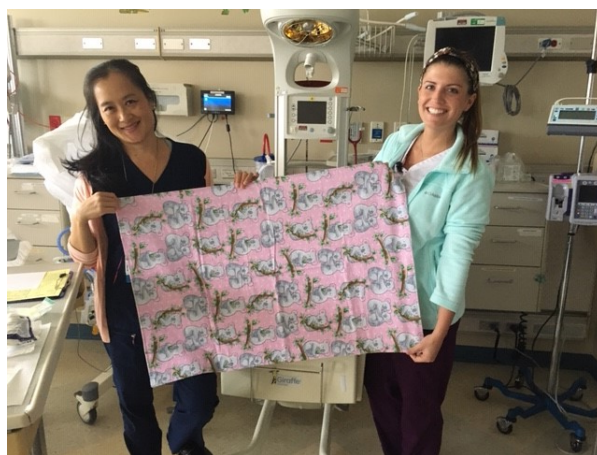


**FAT QUARTERS - 2020**

January	Batiks
February	Green
March	Pastels
April	Neutrals
May	Dots
June	Patriotic
July	Juvenile
August	Plaids
September	Autumn (not Halloween)
October	Black & White
November	Bright Solids (not holiday)
December	Stripes

**COMFORT QUILTS**

- The next Comfort Quilts Cutting and Sewing Workshop is scheduled for **December 10, 2019**. The workshop will start after the General Meeting. Bring lunch; there is a refrigerator to keep perishables.
- To date, we have delivered 191 Comfort Quilts to recipients at the Infusion Center and Trauma Center. We should reach 200 by the end of the year!
- Rochelle Staiano and Linda Bouvier delivered six (6) quilts to the Pediatric Trauma Center at Delray Medical Center. They will definitely brighten the days for the children that receive them.
- Nine (9) quilts were delivered to the BRRH Infusion Center.
- Juvenile Comfort Quilts are needed in Trauma Centers. Crib size is suggested.
- Last month, QGbtS received a new request for small quilts to cover NICU isolettes in the Neonatal Unit at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Twenty (20) covers were delivered for the NICU. The nurses were so excited and very impressed with the sewing.



NICU Nurses with isolette cover

**Revised size:  
The size of the  
NICU coverlets  
quilts is 36" X  
36" with  
rounded  
corners.**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

**COMFORT QUILTS (Cont'd)**

- Novelty and juvenile fabrics are needed as well as 2 yard measures of fabric for backings.
- New Comfort Quilt kits are available at the Guild meeting. Please stop by the Comfort Quilt table.

**Comfort quilt size specifications are:**

- ◆ a minimum of **38 - 42" wide**, and a minimum of **48 - 54"** in length. If you are using your own backing and batting and are doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.
- ◆ Quilt tops should be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and do not have to piece the backs.
- ◆ Kits are available at the Guild meeting. There is something for everyone to do!

Any questions, contact: Janet Fredricks [954-242-9010](tel:954-242-9010) or email [quilthoney@aol.com](mailto:quilthoney@aol.com) or Wanda Goldfarb [516-592-7575](tel:516-592-7575) or email: [unity777@hotmail.com](mailto:unity777@hotmail.com)



**FIDGET QUILTS:**

- The next Fidget Quilt Workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**. The workshop will start after the General Meeting. Bring lunch; there is a refrigerator to keep perishables.
- The demand for Fidget Quilts is higher than we are able to meet. Think about using a UFO or some unfinished projects and turning them into Fidgets!
- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.
- New kits are available.

Any questions, please contact Linda Eddy: [561-376-3996](tel:561-376-3996) or email: [eddylinda1007@yahoo.com](mailto:eddylinda1007@yahoo.com) (Cont'd)





COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

MEETING REMINDERS:

- PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES
- PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANIMALS TO GUILD MEETINGS. SERVICE ANIMALS ARE WELCOME WITH THE PROPER CERTIFICATION.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS:

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE GUILD MEETING!



COMFORT BEARS:

- The next Comfort Bears Workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**. The workshop will start after the General Meeting. Bring lunch; there is a refrigerator to keep perishables.
- We have a need for more bears! Stormy Schevis has requested more bears ... in addition to new organizations that have shown interest in Comfort Bears. The children are always grateful.
- Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric, and ready-to-sew-on bear faces are available. This is a quick and easy project that will make a child smile. **Please do not fringe corduroy bears — they shred!!**



For additional information, contact Holly Failace:

**SOUTH FLORIDA MODERN QUILT GUILD  
MARVELOUS MINI QUILT EXHIBITION**

Selections from the South Florida Modern Quilt Guild

- Date:** November 2—December 19, 2019
- Location:** North Regional/Broward County College Library  
1100 Coconut Creek Blvd  
Coconut Creek, Fl.
- Time:** 10:00 AM—6:00 PM



**FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH: GLACIER—ICE CANYON—RUBY RED**

This stunning large scale abstract print, "Glacier"—Ice Canyon, with sweeping tones of ruby red, burgundy, pomegranate, cranberry, rose pink, blush, and white reaches from selvedge to selvedge. The repeat is approximately 24". "Glacier" by Caryl Bryer-Fallert for Benartex.



**FRIEND US!**

QGbtS now has its very own  
**FACEBOOK.**



Send in your pictures, comments,  
etc. to Joanne Miller at:  
[Barniesmom123@gmail.com](mailto:Barniesmom123@gmail.com)

**LINCOLNWOOD BEE**

The Lincolnwood Bee is scheduled for the **1st and 3rd Friday** of the month. Join us!

For additional information contact  
Sarah Crew: 561-620-2856 or  
[sfcrew41@gmail.com](mailto:sfcrew41@gmail.com)



## SCHMETZ NEEDLE FACT

### Free Motion embroidery with a Spring Needle



Are you curious about free motion embroidery using a spring needle? Have you always wanted to try it, but weren't sure how to set your machine? Spring needles combine the function of a darning spring on the needle itself. Available in a variety of sizes, this needle is a dream for free-hand machine embroidery or monogramming in a hoop without a foot. The instructions below can be applied to any of the spring needles. While there are a variety of spring needles available, the following instructions will cover Free Motion Embroidery using a SCHMETZ Embroidery Spring Needle.

Here's what needs to be done to prepare your machine for free motion:

Lower the feed dog as described in your machine manual. (With some machine models, you cannot lower the feed dog; in that case, you need to cover the feed dog with the cover enclosed in the accessories box.)

Remove the presser foot.

Lower the presser foot bar.

Insert the Embroidery Spring Needle and thread it.

Use a straight stitch.

Start with the tension set at normal. Stitch on a scarp (the same as your project).

Remove the fabric from the machine and check the tension. You should have a good stitch top and bottom as shown below. If the top thread is pulling to the back as shown, raise the upper thread tension to a higher number. Continue to increase the tension until the stitch is balanced.

Remember: You removed the presser foot and lowered your feed dog. You are now regulating the length of the stitch yourself by moving the fabric manually. Do not move the fabric too fast. The machine speed should be uniform: not too fast, not too slow. Experiment which speed suits you best. You may need to practice for a while until you achieve even stitches.

Stabilizer may be needed depending upon the weight of your fabric.

#### Tips:

Always take a few stitches in place when beginning to sew until your machine reached the proper speed. Continue stitching, e.g., with stippling and other designs.

Try free motion embroidery with satin stitch: Use the zigzag stitch. Begin stitching as before to get the feel for it. You have to move the fabric very slowly to form the satin stitch.

Use multi-colored threads for a special effect.

Available in a variety of sizes and styles.



# Race to Retreat

Gold Coast Quilter's Guild invites members of Quilt Guild by the Sea to join us in Sebring, Florida at the Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel, February 3-6, 2020 with an optional arrival on Sunday, February 2nd.



Single Room - \$480 or \$584 for Sunday arrival  
Double Room - \$325 or \$377 for Sunday arrival

Price includes 2 lunches (Tues & Wed) and 3 dinners (Mon, Tues, Wed). Breakfast each morning.

Registration form on Gold Coast Quilter's Guild website in the October newsletter, Page 7.

[gcqg.org](http://gcqg.org)

Complete the Registration form and mail to Stormy Schevis with your check.





## RAW EDGE APPLIQUE, Courtesy of Quilt Board

Raw edge appliqué is a fast and fun way to finish quilts; it is simply appliquéing the patch, without the use of a fusible product, leaving the raw edges unturned.

Any shape can be raw edge appliquéed. There are many traditional quilt blocks that utilize curved piecing such as drunkards path or orange peel. Many of these blocks could be constructed by using raw edge appliqué technique.

For raw edge appliqué simply lay down a fabric shape on a piece of background fabric. Then machine stitch 1/8" to 1/2" inside the raw edge of the shape. To decide the width of the seam allowance needed for raw edge appliqué decide how much fraying you prefer. If you prefer a fuzzy look use the larger seam allowance. If you wish appliqué pieces to be more defined, stitch shapes with a 1/8" seam allowance. You will have to adjust your seam allowances according to the width you choose for your seam line.

### Quilt Options

You can stitch the entire quilt top together as usual and then layer the top with batting and backing. Quilt in your usual manner and bind or you may choose to stitch and quilt and the raw edge appliqué at the same time. Simply layer the quilt top background fabric with batting and backing. Then place the raw edge appliqué pieces on the quilt top. Stitch the appliqué pieces to the quilt top and quilt the sandwich at the same time.

### Wash the quilt

After you have finished assembling your quilt, wash and dry it. The washing and drying process will give your quilt the necessary fraying to soften the raw edges. Repeat washing and drying to achieve the amount of fraying you prefer.

### How To Cut Bias Strips From A Fabric Square

In a recent newsletter, I mentioned cutting bias binding from a square. By cutting bias binding or bias strips for appliqué vines from a square you will save fabric. If you compare the amount of fabric needed to cut bias from a square and to cut straight grain strips, you will find the same area of fabric is used for each method.

Binding strips cut on the cross grain would simply be cut the width of fabric and be stitched together. If they are stitched on the diagonal, there would be a small amount of waste on each strip. When cutting bias binding from a square the strips are already angled for stitching together and there is very little waste.

Place a few pins and carry to the [sewing machine](#). Remember to offset the seam 1/4" - stitch the seam and press open. You now have a very large parallelogram. Simply cut strips, using your predetermined width, parallel to the bias edge. Stitch strips right sides together remembering to



### RAW EDGE APPLIQUE (Cont'd)

offset the quarter inch at the beginning and end of the seam. This seam is stitched on the straight grain to minimize stretch. When all strips are stitched together you have just made bias binding from a square. Press seams open and prepare as needed for bias binding or appliqué vines.

For example, if you cut several bias strips from the center of a large cut of fabric obviously you will have two fairly large triangles that will be remaining. While scraps are not a waste to a quilter it is still disconcerting to cut a few strips out of the center of a large cut of fabric and have such large triangles remaining.

If you cut your bias from a square it is very easy to calculate the amount you need does use a smaller amount of fabric then simply cutting strips from the center. Remember your bias binding will take the same number of square inches of fabric as if you simply cut strips.

So let's decide what size of square we need to make bias binding for any size quilt. Take out your inexpensive pocket calculator. First measure the perimeter of the quilt. Or calculate the yardage of bias needed for appliqué vines. This is very simple. The length of the quilt times two plus the width of the quilt times two. For appliqué vine measure the length you will need.

Add the measurements of the four sides of the quilt together. Multiply by the width of the bias you will be cutting and push the square root button. (The square root button looks like a check mark with a flat tail.) Round up one full number plus any fraction.

Example -- the size of your quilt is 72" x 90". That would be  $72 + 72 + 90 + 90 = 324 \times 2.5$  (width bias will be cut) = 810. Now push the square root button = 28.46. Round up one full number plus any fraction so your total will be 30. You will need to cut a 30 inch square to cut your bias.

The simplest way to cut a large square is simply fold fabric in half and in half again. Take your largest square ruler. Place the fifteen inch line along BOTH folds of fabric and cut along the edges. If you don't have a large square you may need to draw a few chalk or pencil lines and use your 6" x 24" acrylic ruler.

When your square is cut, place it on the cutting table and slice on the diagonal once to form two large triangles. Your new cut is on the bias and your square is cut on the lengthwise and crosswise grain.

Simply pick up the crosswise grain side of the triangle and with right sides together flip it over to the crosswise grain side of the other triangle. (The crosswise grain has a small amount of stretch, the lengthwise grain is firm.)

SHOW N TELL—NOVEMBER



SHOW N TELL—NOVEMBER





SHOW N TELL—OCTOBER



**HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER:**

**December 4:** Santa's List Day

**December 6:** Mitten Tree Day

**December 7:** Pearl Harbor Day

**December 9:** National Pastry Day

**December 12:** Poinsettia Day

**December 13:** Violin Day

**December 14:** National Bouillabaisse Day

**December 18:** Bake Cookies Day

**December 20:** Go Caroling Day

**December 21:** Crossword Puzzle Day

**December 22:** Chanukah - date varies

**December 24:** Christmas Eve

**December 25:** Christmas Day

**December 31:** New Year's Eve





**CLASSIFIED**

**Just Imagine Quilts**

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**Custom  
Longarm Quilting**

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