



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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Guild Meeting

- Program: A Quilter's Journey presented by Lee Hasse, Sharon Horn, and Dellie Krebs
- Fat Quarter: Nautical
- 50/50 Raffle

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for the following positions:

- Program Director
- Retreat Chair/
Co-Chair
- Webmaster



Guild Address:

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PO Box 64
Boca Raton, FL 33429

Meeting Address:

Grace Community Church
Teen Center— West side
of the Church campus
600 West Camino Real
Boca Raton, FL. 33486

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.*

*Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.*
"Dreams," by Langston Hughes

Right now, as I lie in a fancy bed at Heartland Rehab, being "rocked" on a magic mattress carpet ride of air, the dream to which I am holding fast is that I will recover quickly and by the time the six weeks of antibiotic infusion is finished, the infection will be totally gone and I won't have to face the possibility of a total knee revision. I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate your thoughts and prayers and wonderful visits, cards, calls, and the lovely Comfort Quilt. I can't begin to thank you enough for the many other things that you have done for me.

This ship called the "Quilt Guild by the Sea" has a wonderful co-captain in Rochelle Staiano, who stepped up and took over for me.

I'm not sure I'll be able to join you for the June meeting, but I know that Suzanne and Linda have things under control, and it will be a wonderful meeting as usual. In the meantime as you read, this keep in mind that I am under some really good pain medication so please excuse any weirdness in this president's letter!

Hope to see you all in July. Please keep those kind thoughts and prayers coming. I know that they're working. And keep on dreaming!

Hugs,
Lisa



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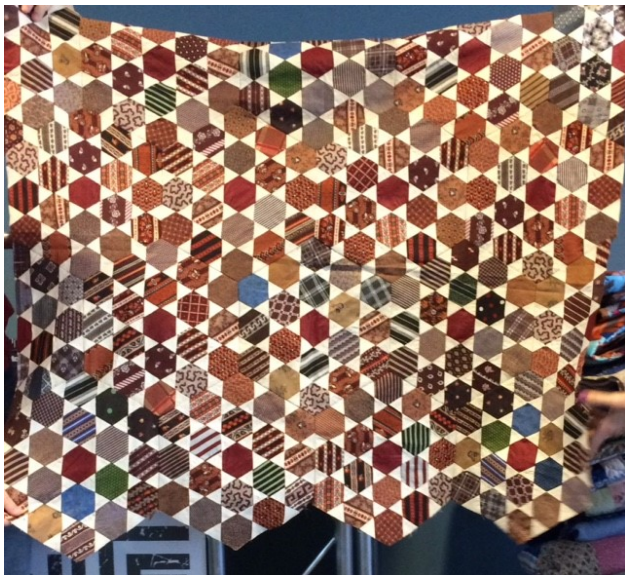
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PAT YAMIN TRUNK SHOW



PAT YAMIN TRUNK SHOW



PAT YAMIN TRUNK SHOW (Cont'd)



PAT YAMIN TRUNK SHOW



WINNERS OF PAT YAMIN GIVEAWAYS:

- Selale Kozanli
- Lynn Koen
- Sheryl Platt
- Joyce Beckman
- Lee Hasse
- Ellen Heckler
- Jo Wilson
- Kristi Kristol
- Jane Gavelick
- Dotty Levine
- Ann Ford
- Frances Student



CONGRATULATIONS TO DIANE PROVOST

Diane's quilt, Blue Nostalgia, was accepted into the Sapphire Celebration with the International Quilt Festival. It will travel around the world until August 2022. It will be first exhibited in Houston 2019.

Diane says, "When living in Japan, I collected a large amount of vintage kimono, hoari, yukata, obi etc... Soon after returning to the US, a deep nostalgia of my life in Japan, of my Japanese & international friends, of the country and it's customs came upon me. What better than making a quilt to cure nostalgia. I selected 5 silk kimonos, took them apart, kept the best pieces and designed it; it is all hand pieced/embroidered and hand quilted. It took me 9 years to complete".



UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

“Quilt as you Go” Method with Diane Provost

(Demonstration Only—only paper and pencil needed)

Date: Tuesday, August 13

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 1:00—3:00 PM

Fee: \$10.00



Halloween Quilts Workshop by Tanya Ricucci

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00



**Making QOV Tops from Block Party Blocks
by Diane Provost**

October 9, 2019

Location: TBD

Time: 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Fee: \$10.00



No Rules/No Stress Workshop by Rayna Gilman

November 13, 2019

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: TBD

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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



QGbtS annual membership dues for 2019 are **\$45.00.**

'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS 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

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS:

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



CARING HEARTS

- Get Well Wishes to Lisa Coles. We miss you!
- Donna Jesse, a member of QGbtS, passed away this week. We send our prayers and sympathy to her family.



NEW MEMBERS:

- Dianne Garvin
- Bea Knight

FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH WINER:

- Elisabet Sartarelli



50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:

- Jan Holler



MEETING REMINDERS:

- PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES
- PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANIMALS TO GUILD MEETINGS

Need a reimbursement check?

- Reimbursement forms must be filled out and submitted to the Treasurer with appropriate receipts to receive a reimbursement check.
- Monies to be turned in (i.e. payments for workshops, donations, and dues) must be itemized on the Money-Turn-In form.
- Forms are available on the QGbtS website.



Expense Reimbursement

"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

**The next workshop will be held on Tuesday,
June 18, 2019**

9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Grace Community Church

Music Room



..: 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 are sewing at home or at the workshop, whether you are sewing stars, sewing strips, assembling tops, making pillow cases, binding, 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 additional information, contact Diane Provost [561-409-3114](tel:561-409-3114), paquinprovost@gmail.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Metallic, glittery fabric and fabric with peace signs should not be used on QOV quilts.

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Members of QGbtS assisted the Palm Beach Patriotic Quilters in awarding a quilt to Cliff Lindgren, who served in Burma, India, and China in 1941-45. He celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by family including his great grand daughter who serves with the ROTC group pictured.



EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

June 4, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops—**CANCELLED**

June 11, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: A Quilter's Journey presented by Lee Hasse, Sharon Horn, and Dellie Krebs
- Fat Quarter: Nautical
- 50/50 Raffle

June 18, 2019

- QOV Workshop

June 25, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting
- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

July 2, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

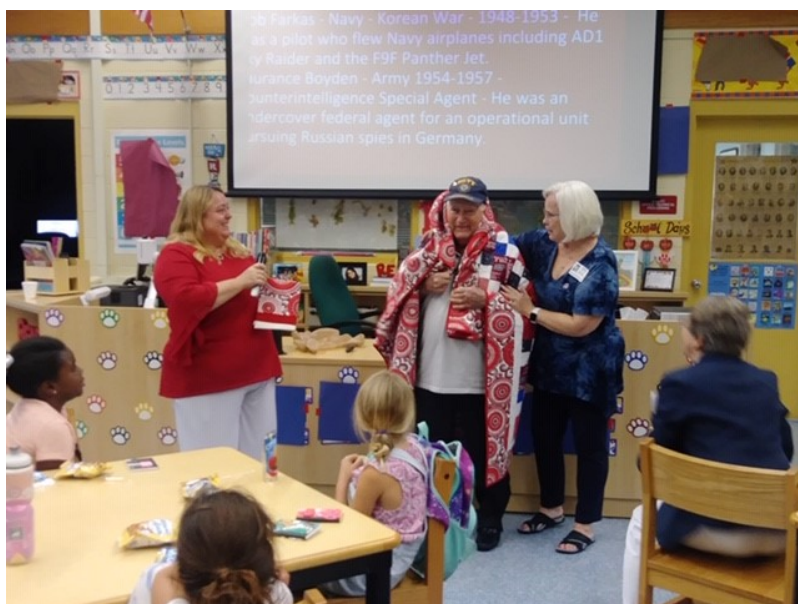
July 9, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: Block Party/Prizes
- Half Square Triangles presented by Linda Freyer
- Fat Quarter: Dogs and Cats
- 50/50 Raffle

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

On April 25, 2019 the students at Banyan Creek Elementary's Samaritans 365 Club hosted Quilt Guild by the Sea's Quilts of Valor Awards. They heard about the four veterans' distinguished service and learned what Quilts of Valor is and what it does for our veterans.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

July 16, 2019

- QOV Workshop

July 30, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

August 13, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: 4 Steps to finishing your quilts: Squaring-Up, Sleeves, Borders—Sue Glassnap, Bindings—Lee Hasse Machine Bindings

- Fat Quarter: Juvenile

- 50/50 Raffle

August 13, 2019

- Quilt As You Go by Diane Provost

August 20, 2019

- QOV Workshop

August 27, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

September 3, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

COMFORT QUILTS

• The next **Comfort Quilts Workshop** scheduled for **June 4th** has been **CANCELLED**.

• 4 quilts today to the trauma center at Delray Medical Center. Thanks to Janet Fredricks who quilted until 10:00 PM last night so they could have quilts for the children.

• Fourteen (14) quilts were delivered to the Lynn Cancer Infusion Center. As these two quilts were held up to be photographed, two patients were eager to say, "I want one!".

• Juvenile Comfort Quilts are needed in Trauma Centers. Crib size is suggested.

• Novelty and juvenile fabrics in blues and browns are needed as well as 2 yards of fabric for backings.

• New Comfort Quilts and Fidget 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.



**Carolyn & Edwin Levy
Infusion Suite**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

September 10, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: Tonya Ricucci Trunk Show presenting Halloween Quilts
- Fat Quarter: Halloween
- 50/50 Raffle

September 11, 2019

Halloween Quilts Workshop by Tanya Ricucci

September 17, 2019

- QOV Workshop

September 24, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, , 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

October 8, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: QOV
- Fat Quarter: Jewel Tones
- 50/50 Raffle

October 9, 2019

- Make QOV Tops using Block Party blocks by Diane Provost

COMFORT QUILTS

◆ Comfort quilts would like the tops to be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and not have to piece the backs. If you are using your own backing and batting, and doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.

◆ Kits will be 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 or Wanda Goldfarb [516-592-7575](tel:516-592-7575) or email unity_777@hotmail.com

Please note, our Comfort Quilts, Comfort Bears and Fidget Workshops have moved to the 1st Tuesday of every month, same time, same place.



EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

October 15, 2019

- QOV Workshop

October 29, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

November 12, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: Rayna Gilman Trunk Show
- Fat Quarter: Outdoor/Scenic
- 50/50 Raffle

November 13, 2019

- No Rules/No Stress Workshop by Rayna Gilman

November 19, 2019

- QOV Workshop

November 26, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

FIDGET QUILTS

- The next **Fidget Quilts Workshop** scheduled on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 is **CANCELLED**.



- Seven (7) fidget quilts were delivered to the observation unit at Delray Medical Center. The staff was so excited to receive these much need quilts and are starting a collection of items for future quilts.
- Fourteen (14) Fidget Quilts were given to the Neurological unit at the Boca Raton Regional Hospital. The staff were so pleased with the two given previously as a trial, they have requested more.
- Kits with supplies are available for anyone who would like to participate in making a Fidget Quilt.

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

COMFORT BEARS:

- **ATTENTION ALL BEAR MAKERS:** 80 Comfort Bears are needed; the bears already have a forever home. We just need more bears! Nine (9) Bears are in the nursery waiting to be placed.
- The next **Comfort Bears Workshop** scheduled on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 is **CANCELLED**.



- 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 Faillace: hfaillace@bellsouth.net

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

December 10, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: What was Thinking Sale
- Paint Chip Challenge Due
- Fat Quarter: Shades of Red
- 50/50 Raffle

December 10, 2019

- BOD Meeting following Membership Meeting

December 17, 2019

- QOV Workshop

December 17, 2019

- QOV Workshop

QUILT SHOW CALENDAR:

October 2–5, 2019

- AQS Quilt Week, Virginia Beach, Va.

November 15-16, 2019

- "Fan"tastic Quilt Show, Mt. Dora, Fl.

LINCOLNWOOD BEE/HEART PILLOWS FOR BREAST CANCER

The Lincolnwood Bee is **CANCELLED** until further notice. We hope Sarah will be quilting again soon.

For additional information contact Sarah Crew: 561-620-2856 or Crewhawk@aol.com.



FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH: SMOOTH SAILING—YACHT RACES

"Smooth Sailing Yacht Races is digitally printed with dark red, pink, yellow, leaf green, maple brown, grey, ocean blue, navy blue, ivory, and fog blue. The larger sail boats measure approximately 5 1/4". From the 'Smooth Sailing' collection by Dan Morris for Quilting Treasures.



FRIEND US!

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



Send in your pictures, comments, etc. to Joanne Miller at: Barniesmom123@gmail.com

BOOK SALE

Visit our Library table on the way in to the next Guild meeting.

Books will be on sale

2 For \$1.00

PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE

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EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE GIVEN A 3 COLOR PAINT CHIP.
FROM THESE COLORS THEY WILL MAKE A WALL HANGING
UTILIZING ALL OF THE COLORS IN THE PAINT CHIP.

THE PAINT CHIP COLORS **MUST** BE SOLIDS OR TONE ON TONE.
IN ADDITION, WHITE AND BLACK CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO
THE WALL HANGING.

PERIMETER SIZE:
THE (CIRCUMFERENCE) WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 96 INCHES AND A
MAXIMUM OF 120 INCHES.

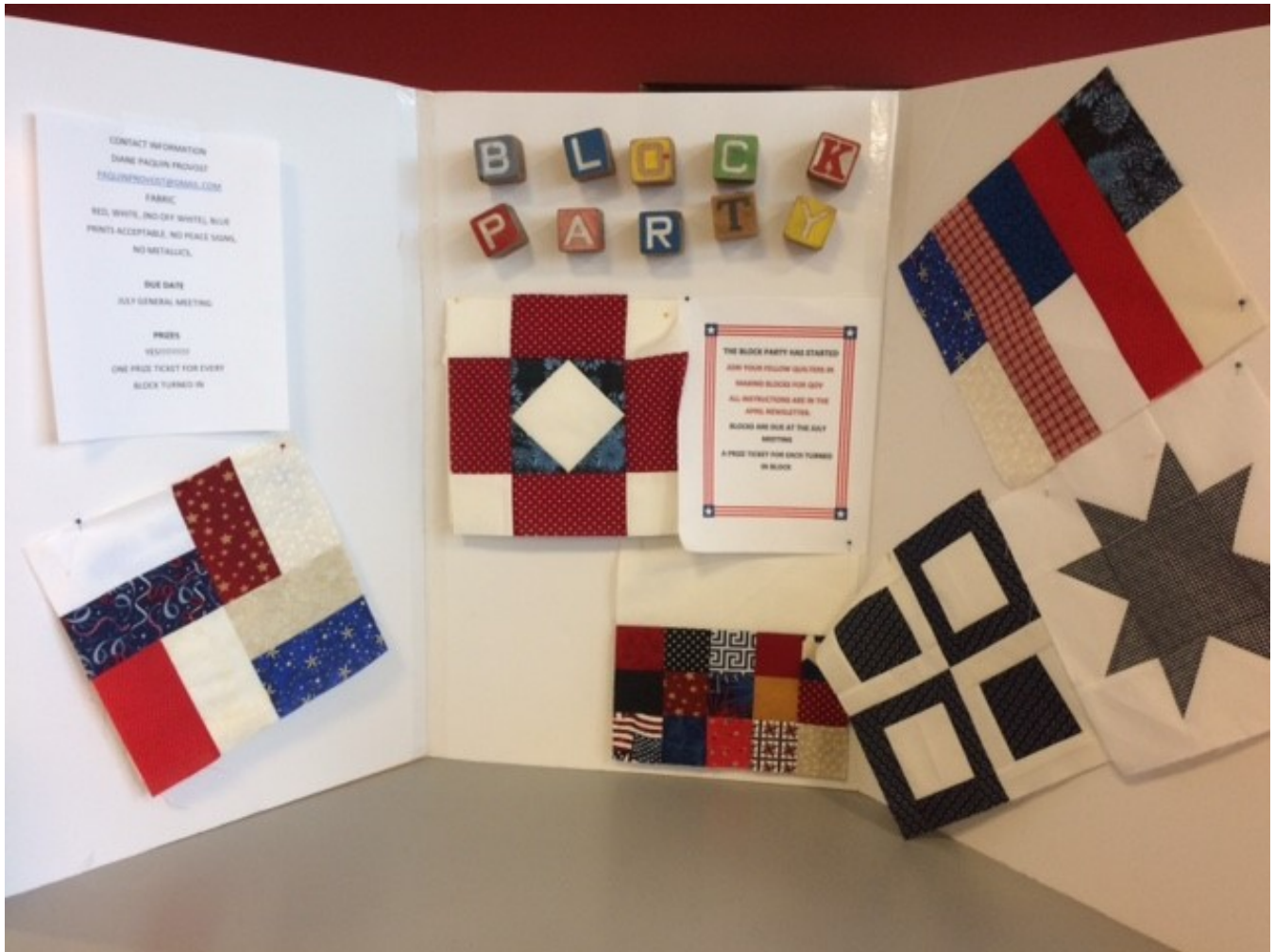
PRIZES:

TWO PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED:
A VIEWER'S CHOICE
A RANDOM DRAWING OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.
(VIEWER'S CHOICE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE RANDOM DRAWING)

PAINT CHIPS WILL BE PASSED DURING THE APRIL 2019 MEETING
ALL WALL HANGINGS WILL BE JUDGED DURING THE DECEMBER
2019 MEETING
SIGN THE LIST BELOW TO PARTICIPATE



BLOCK PARTY



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA 2019 BLOCK PARTY



Be sure to be a part of our July 9th Block Party this year!

1. Start now!!
2. Choose any of these block patterns.
3. Make as many as you want.
4. Use only red, white, and blue fabric. (patterns are fine)
5. Use as many patterns as you want.

Bring them to the July 9th QGbtS meeting and become eligible to win great prizes!

Last year we made enough blocks to make nearly fifteen (15) beautiful Quilts of Valor! Can we do that again?



15 + 1



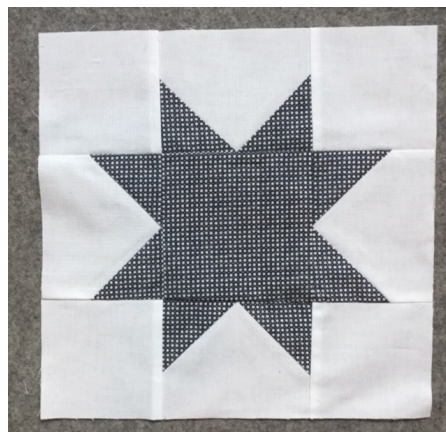
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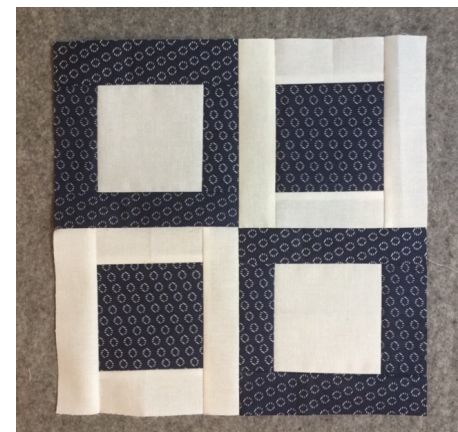
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FAIR AND SQUARE



SAWTOOTH STAR



CUBBY HOLES



QOV – BLOCK PARTY 15 + 1 PATTERN

By Diane Paquin Provost

Cutting Instructions for one 10 ½ block

WHITE / OFF WHITE : cut 1 strips 4 ½” x 10 ½”
From Blue, Red, Gold, any Patriotic Print: cut 15 x 2 ½” sq

Block Assembly

Sew the 2 ½” squares in 3 rows of 5 squares
Join the 2 rows together
Add the white strip to the 2 ½”sq unit



This block will measure 10 ½” sq

Thank you for making BLOCKS for QUILTS of VALOR

SEW PROUDLY!



QOV – BLOCK PARTY POSTS & RAILS PATTERN

Pattern from Judy Martin

Cutting Instructions for one 10 ½ block

Make it scrappy; choose different White, Bleu & Red

WHITE / OFF WHITE : cut 3 strips 2 ½ x 5 ½"

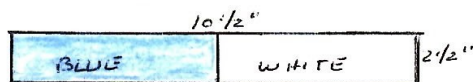
BLUE: cut 3 strips 2 ½" x 5 ½"

RED : cut 2 strips 2 ½" x 10 ½"

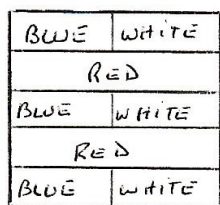
Block Assembly

Sew a WHITE strips to a BLUE strip on the short side of the rectangles to create a long strip measuring 2 ½" x 10 ½", press towards the BLUE

Repeat 2 times



Layout the units as shown on the diagram and join them in one unit with the RED strips.



This block should measure 10 ½" sq

Thank you for making BLOCKS for QUILTS of VALOR

SEW PROUDLY!



QOV – BLOCK PARTY PIPELINE PATTERN

Pattern from letsquiltsomething.blogspot.com

Cutting Instructions for one 10 ½ block

From 4 different WHITE, cut 4 strips 5 ½ x 3”

From 2 different BLUE, cut 2 strips 5 ½” x 3”

From 2 different RED, cut 2 strips 5 ½” x 3”

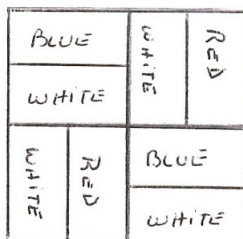
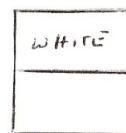
Mix the WHITE, BLUE & RED, this will give the quilt a scrappy look.

Block Assembly

Sew a WHITE strip to a colored strip along the long side

Press the seams towards the darker fabric

Repeat 3 times



Layout the 4 units as shown on the diagram and join them in one unit.
It is a very different layout than we are used to, please be mindful while joining the unit together.

This block should measure 10 ½” sq

Thank you for making BLOCKS for QUILTS of VALOR

SEW PROUDLY!



QOV – BLOCK PARTY Fair & Square

By unknown

Cutting Instructions for one 10 ½ block

RED: cut 4 rectangles 3" x 5 ½"

BLUE: cut 4 x 3" square

White: cut 4 x 3" square & 1 x 5 ½" square

Block Assembly

Sew skimpy ¼" seams

Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each **BLUE** squares

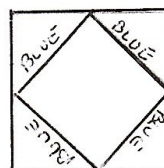
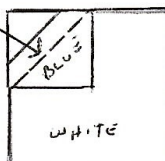


Lay a **BLUE** square on the corner of the **WHITE** 5 ½" square

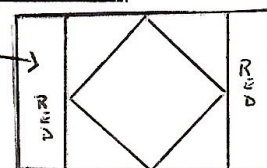
Sew on the diagonal line as marked.

Trim excess fabric and press seam.

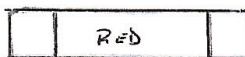
Repeat on the 3 other corners



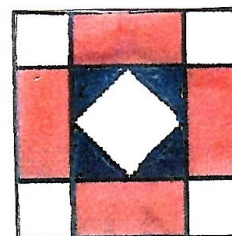
Sew 2 **RED** rectangles on opposite sides of this Unit
Press



Sew 2 **WHITE** 3"sq to the sides of 1 **RED** rectangle as diagram
Press. Repeat to make 2 strips.



Assemble the 3 rows together and press.



Thank you for making **BLOCKS** for **QUILTS** of **VALOR**

SEW PROUDLY!

SAWTOOTH STAR QUILT BLOCK for QUILT OF VALOR

Prepared by Quilt Guild by the Sea

Cutting instructions for this block:

A- Star Points: cut eight squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$

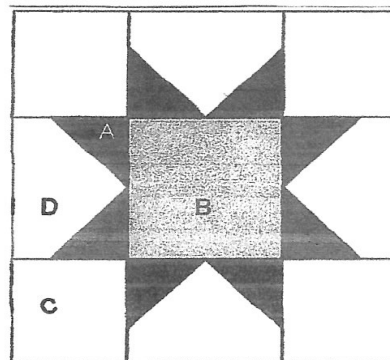
B- Center square: cut one square $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$

Background:

C- Corners: cut four squares $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

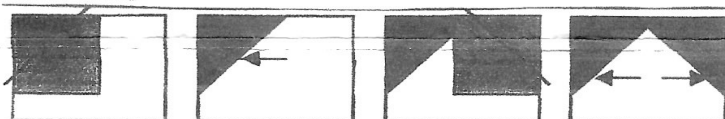
D- Sides: cut four rectangles $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$

This will make an unfinished $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ block

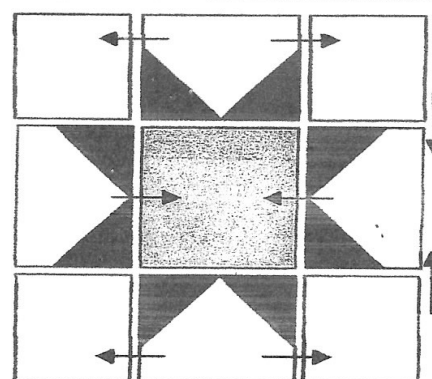


Sewing instructions:

- 1- Using A and D, place A at the left end of D. Sew diagonally from the corner to corner as in the diagram (be sure to sew them all at the angle shown).
- 2- Press toward corner to make triangle. Trim excess leaving $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance.
- 3- Repeat on the right side of D. Unit should measure $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.
- 4- Repeat with remaining A & D to make four.



- 5- Lay out units and remaining pieces as in drawing.
- 6- Sew units together in rows.
- 7- Press the seams as indicated by arrows inside the diagram.
- 8- Sew rows together as shown



You can duplicate this block with any of your Red, White & Blue fabrics.

Your blocks will be collected at the guild meetings

Any problem, please call Diane at 561-~~312-1341~~

409-3114

Happy Piecing!



QOV – BLOCK PARTY

Pattern from Fons & Porter

CUBBYHOLES PATTERN

Cutting Instructions for one 10 ½ block

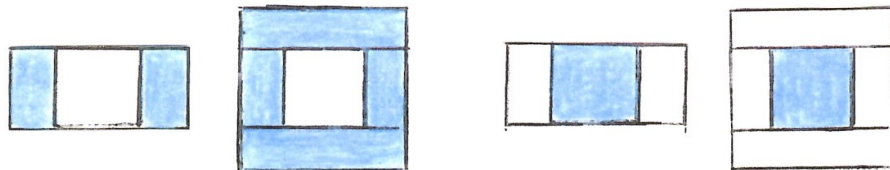
BLUE Block

Cut two 3 ½” sq in White
Cut two 3 ½” sq in BLUE
Cut four 3 ½” x 1 ½” strips in White
Cut four 5 ½” x 1 ½” strips in BLUE

RED Block

Cut two 3 ½” sq in White
Cut two 3 ½” sq in RED
Cut four 3 ½” x 1 ½” strips White
Cut four 5 ½” x 1 ½” strips in RED

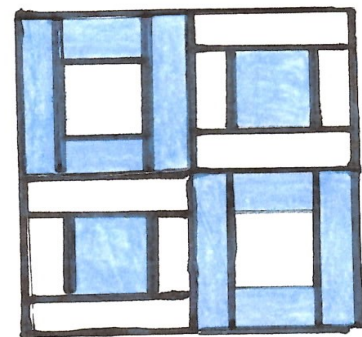
Make the blocks in Blue OR in Red (not Red & Blue together) see diagram below



Block Assembly

Lay out one white 3 ½” sq
Sew one colored 3 ½” x 1 ½” strip on each side of the 3 ½”square
Press the seam towards the strips
Sew one colored 5 ½” x 1 ½” strip on the Top & Bottom of the unit
Press seams towards the strips and square to 5 ½”sq
Repeat once.

Lay out one colored 3 ½” sq
Sew one 3 ½” x 1 ½” white strip on each side of the 3 ½”square
Press the seam towards the strips
Sew one 5 ½” x 1 ½” white strip on the Top & Bottom of the unit
Press seams towards the strips and square to 5 ½”sq
Repeat once.



Layout the 4 units as shown on the diagram and join them in one unit
This block should measure 10 ½” sq

Thank you for making BLOCKS for Quilts of Valor

SEW PROUDLY!

FIVE STEPS TO SOLVING THREAD TENSION PROBLEMS

Courtesy of We All Sew, Bernina, October 2015

Carol Ann Waugh shares five tips on how to solve thread tension issues. Read below how to make your future sewing experience even more enjoyable and successful with some quick and easy adjustments. It works!

Most modern sewing machines, like Bernina, are sophisticated, computerized, finely tuned and rarely have tension problems.

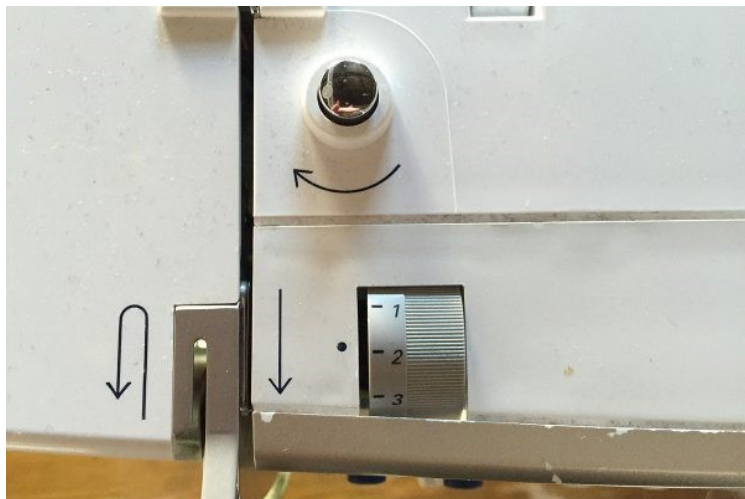
But I teach all over the country at quilt guilds and at national quilting shows and invariably, several students in my class have problems adjusting their tension. Because this is an important aspect of sewing, I need to fix these problems right away so that the student will have a great learning experience and not become frustrated. Consequently, I have to solve these problems for every different type of machine on the market—including all those older machines that my students inherited from their moms and grandmothers! (No manuals!)



So, I've come up with a 5-step method to solving tension problems and unless the machine has never been oiled or serviced (seriously???), I can usually get the tension to be perfect.

I'm going to share these steps with you!

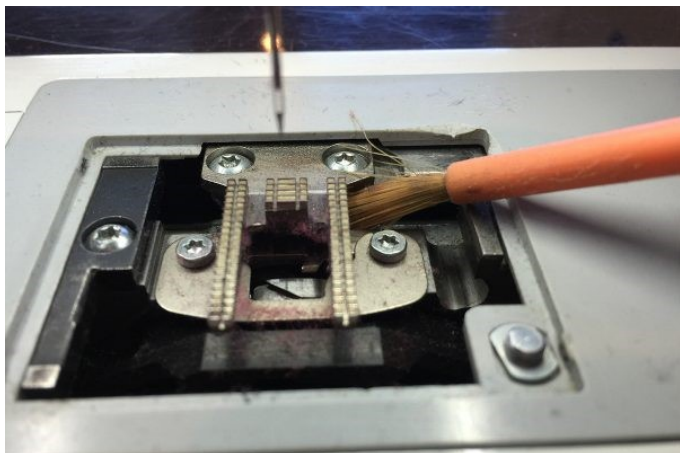
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Remember, as an overall understanding of tension, unless you are doing some fun decorative stitching (like I like to do!) perfect tension means the stitches look the same on the front as on the back. If the bobbin thread is showing on the top, loosen your tension (decrease the number on your tension indicator). If the top thread is nesting on the bottom, increase the tension (increase the number of your tension indicator). If these simple adjustments don't work, follow these steps in order. (Test the tension after every step.)

Five Tips to Solving Thread Tension Problems

Use a brush to clean under the needle plate and in the bobbin case to remove any accumulated lint.
Oil if necessary.



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Replace the needle. Even new needles can be damaged. (I recommend always using a topstitch needle for decorative stitching because of its sharp point and large eye)

Re-thread your machine.

Re-set the bobbin, making sure the bobbin is turning in the direction the manufacturer recommends. (Clockwise or counter-clockwise)

Change your thread in the top and bobbin so they are the same weight and composition. I like to use a 40wt cotton for this step. Make sure you have your thread spooled correctly. Cross-wound spools need to feed into your machine on your horizontal spool holder and parallel wound spools need to be mounted on your vertical spool holder with the thread unspooling from the back.

If these steps don't solve your tension problems, it's probably time for a tune-up at your local dealer.

Print out this article and put it into your travel machine's case so the next time you go to a workshop, you can refer to these 5 steps and fix your own tension problems FAST!

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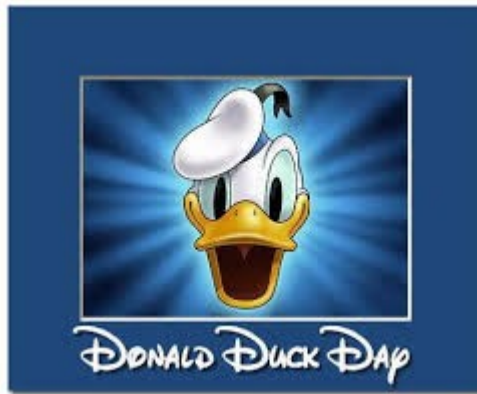
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