



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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Guild Meeting

Reminder:

All meetings and workshops will now be held at the Boca Raton Community Center (BRCC)

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

Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice

So, where do you land on the great pumpkin spice debate?

I have a friend in Illinois, who is majorly obsessed with everything pumpkin spice. She even blogs about it; so, I am always on the lookout for new additions to the pumpkin spice family to share with her. The best one yet, I kid you not, is this year's addition of Pumpkin Spice Spam! Yup, you read that right! SPAM! I think that's where I will have to draw the line! (Although last year's Pumpkin Spice Communion Wafers are right up there in the "Oh no you didn't" category!)

I did find some neat fabric, however, which would be perfect for a fall quilt. What are you up to these days? I am still dealing with the wound vac on my knee and aside from doctor appointments, pretty much confined to quarters. To say this is getting old is a colossal understatement! It has definitely given me a greater appreciation for our wounded veterans to whom we award Quilts of Valor. We have a friend who is a double amputee from the Afghanistan War, and now hold him in much more awe for all he's been through.

In a few days we'll embark on something new when we have our September meeting at the Boca Raton Community Center. A big thank you to Suzanne McGee, our official "Wonder Woman", who has seen to all the details of obtaining this new space. I'm excited for the change and am going to try my best to be there...time will tell.

In the meantime, thank you for your cards, email, calls and visits! They always seem to come when I'm having myself a pity party and lift me up more than you know.

Now back to the weather forecast ...hope we all stay safe during Dorian's travels toward Florida!

Hugs,
Lisa



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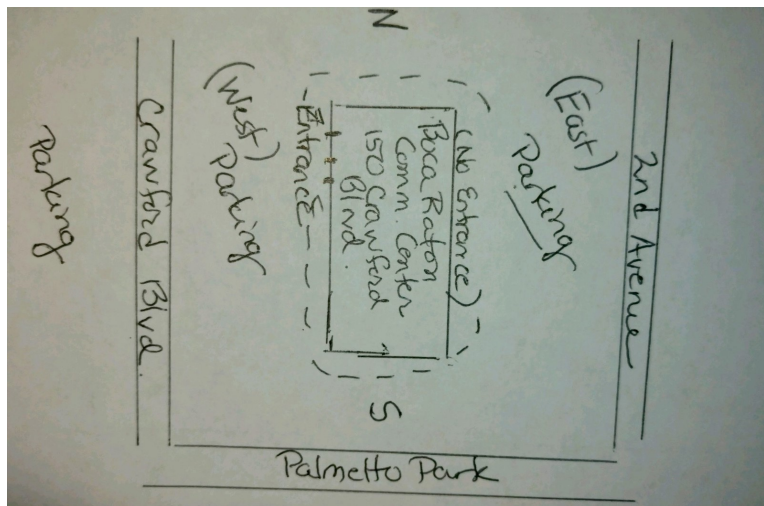
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!!REMINDER!!

OUR MEETING PLACE HAS CHANGED

Boca Raton Community Center
150 Crawford Blvd. Boca Raton 33432

Please take a look at the diagram below. The entrance is on the west side of the building, off Crawford Blvd. Parking is also available on the east side of the building; there are sidewalks on both ends of the building to safely walk around to the entrance. The east entrance is locked.



Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Program Coordinator
- Publicity Chair
- Retreat Chair/Co-Chair
- Webmaster



Program Chair Job Responsibilities:

- Contact prospective speakers/teachers.
- Agree on dates, fees, and equipment needed.
- Complete QGbtS contract and have it signed by presenter/teacher.
- Help presenter set up on day of meeting.
- Announce programs and workshops to membership at meetings.
- Encourage participation at workshops
- Arrange with Treasurer to have check for presenter/teacher.



UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

Halloween Quilts Workshop by Tonya Ricucci

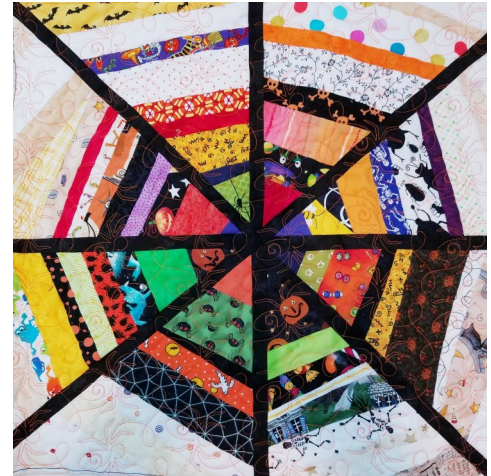
(Create a quilt, wall hanging or pillow using the Spiderweb)

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00



NOW OPEN TO OTHER GUILD MEMBERS

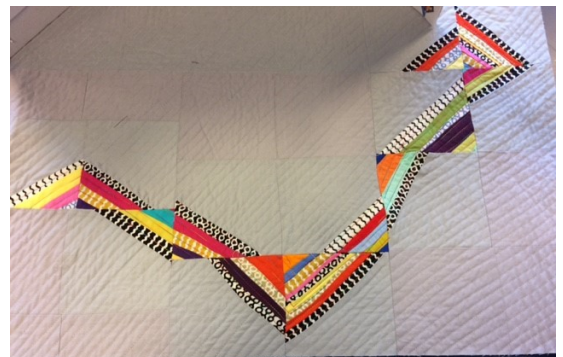
No Strings Attached by International Quilt Artist, Rayna Gilman

November 13, 2019

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$50.00



How to Sew a "Bumpless Binding" from Lee Hasse

Since I will be hand sewing the binding to the back of the quilt, the binding will be machine sewn to the right side of the quilt. If you want to sew the binding totally by machine, the binding is placed on the back side of the quilt and turned to the front to machine stitch.

Step 1. Determine a starting point and keep all raw edges of your quilt and the binding even. Leave an 8"-10" piece of binding unsewn. Sew a 1/4" or 3/8" seam (your preference) using a walking foot.

Step 2. When you are about 2" from the first corner carefully mark a line 1/4" in from the edge of the quilt on your binding strip (3/8" if you are using that seam allowance). Sew to this mark, backstitch if you want. Keeping the needle down at the 1/4" line, pivot the quilt ninety degrees and sew off the quilt.

Step 3. Raise the needle and presser foot and pull the quilt away from the machine. Take the binding strip and make a 45 degree fold and flip the strip straight up away from the quilt. You can pin or hold this fold. Then bring the strip straight down aligning all edges.

Step 4. Begin sewing with a 1/4" or 3/8" seam (if that's what you're using) at the top of this side. Backstitch and continue down the side of the quilt to the next corner. Repeat this process for all four corners.

Step 5. Stop about 10" to 12" from where you started. Backstitch and remove the quilt from the machine. Work on a flat surface.

Step 6. Gather or pleat the quilt top and pull the binding strips down from the quilt. Be generous and allow enough space to work with the binding. Overlap the binding ends – this overlap needs to be exactly the same as the width of your binding strip. Try and have this overlap fall about the middle of the unsewn space. Cut off the excess making sure you have the correct amount of overlap. If your binding is 2 1/4" your overlap will be 2 1/4". If your binding is 2 1/2" your overlap will be 2 1/2"

Step 7. Open the binding strips and place them RIGHT SIDES together. Make sure they aren't twisted. Draw a 45 degree sewing line on the top piece. Visually, you will form a triangle with the point facing you.

Step 8. Sew on the drawn line. Trim to 1/4" and press the seam open. Press the binding in half, line up all the raw edges, and finish sewing to the quilt. VOILA! You will have a perfect fit and a "bumpless binding" join.

Step 9. You can press the binding away from the quilt, then fold it over to the back to begin hand sewing. You can use the little clips to hold it as you go. To make a perfect corner, push the quilt up into the corner of the binding. Have the fold on the back fall in the opposite direction of the front.

References: Justquilty.com , Connecting threads.com (Join Quilt With Us and look for bumpless binding tutorial), YouTube.com



Border Basics

Tutorial by Sue Glasnapp, QGbtS meeting 8/13/19

Check to see if the quilt top is square

Your quilt top is done and ready for borders. In order for the border to lie flat, the quilt top must be square and straight before the border is applied. **First, press the quilt top well so that all the seams lay flat. Important: If the quilt top has bias seams on the edges, stay stitch the perimeter to prevent stretching.**

Following are some methods to determine if the top is square.

- Fold the quilt top in half lengthwise. The corners at each end should meet if the two quilt sides are the same length. Fold the quilt in half across the width. The corners should meet if the quilt sides are the same length. If one side is longer than the opposite side, the quilt top is not square.
- Lay it out on a flat surface, a large table or the floor, so that the whole quilt top can lay flat. Look at it carefully to see if there are any areas that flare out, ruffle, or pull. If you have a tiled floor, you can use the grout lines to observe if the sides are straight and the corners are square (at right angles.)
- Use a square ruler at each corner of the quilt top to see if the sides align with the sides of the ruler.
- Using tape measure, measure the diagonals from one corner to the opposite. Both measurements should be equal if the quilt top is square.

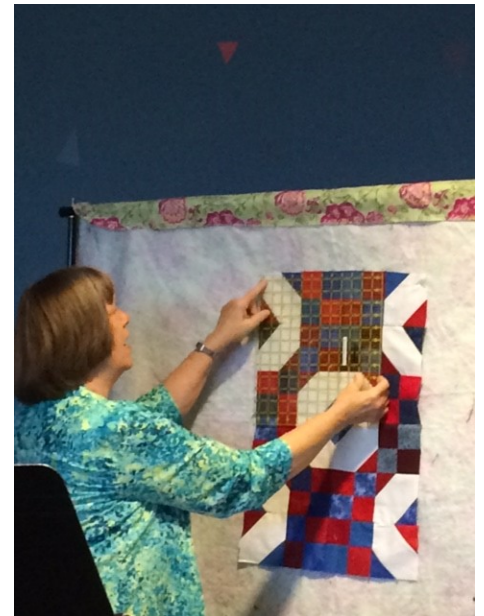
In doing these tests and you find that the quilt does not lay flat, or is not square, try to determine what is causing the problem and correct before moving on to the borders.

Cutting and piecing borders

Some quilters measure the top in several places and take an average for the length of the border. Others cut the borders "a little larger" just in case! I think of a border as another piece of the quilt and cut it to fit the top. When piecing, we don't take an average to figure out the size of a block piece. We cut it to the correct size. The same goes for a border.

Hint: Whenever possible, cut the borders on the lengthwise grain, parallel to the selvage. The lengthwise grain has almost no stretch and will make a very stable, non-stretchy, non-wavy border. I often plan ahead when I'm purchasing fabric and cutting the pieces of my quilts. I determine the longest length I will need for the longest border and buy a length of fabric a little longer than that. I will cut the borders on the lengthwise grain first, label them and set them aside so I won't need to piece the borders later. This is especially helpful if you don't want to have a seam in the border.

If the borders need to be pieced, I generally will piece them on the diagonal for strips up to 3 to 3 1/2" wide. Strips wider than this I will piece straight across, making sure to backstitch to **secure the seam at both ends**. If a hopping foot on a long arm machine catches a loose seam that is not secured, it can pull up the fabric onto the foot. The only way to release it is to cut it, leaving a hole in the fabric. This is not pretty. Please secure any seams that will extend to the edge of the quilt top. The type of fabric will also determine how you piece the border strips. For example, seams in striped fabric are less noticeable when pieced straight across. I usually piece all of the border strips into one long strip before



Border Basics

Tutorial by Sue Glasnapp, QGbtS meeting 8/13/19 (Cont'd)

Cutting the border to fit the quilt top

Lay the quilt top on a large enough surface so that it is completely flat. Fold the pieced border strip in half and lay the doubled strip **vertically** across the center of the quilt top, using a seam as a guide to keep the strips straight. Leave a small amount (a half inch) of the strips hanging off the end of the quilt top and excess border strips hanging off the other end of the quilt top. Make sure the strips are lying smooth and straight across the quilt top. **DO NOT STRETCH**. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, line up the ruler along the edge of the quilt top and cut the border strips **STRAIGHT ACROSS** the edge of the quilt top. It is important that the ends of the borders strips are at right angles in order for the borders to be square. Set aside the remaining border strips to use later for the remaining borders.

Applying the border to the quilt top

To apply the borders that were just cut, find the center of one of the border strips and mark with a pin. Find the center of the side of the quilt where the border strip will be applied and mark with a pin. With right sides together, match the pin in the quilt with the pin on the border strip. Pin together. Next pin together the two ends of the border to the two ends of the quilt top. Find an approximate midpoint between the pins already placed, and pin the border to the quilt top. Continue this process until the border is pinned to the quilt sufficiently to hold it in place for sewing. If the quilt top is square, the border should fit nicely. If some easing is necessary to accommodate a small amount of fullness, sew the border on with the larger piece on the bottom so the feed dogs can help ease the fullness. If there is more fullness than gentle easing can correct, determine the cause and correct before sewing the borders. Sew the border to the quilt. Press the seam toward the border. Repeat the process for the opposite border. Press the seam toward the border.

To cut and apply the last two borders, repeat the process as above, folding the remaining border strip in half, laying it across the quilt **horizontally** across the center of the quilt. **DO NOT STRETCH**. Make sure the strips are smooth and straight, using a seam line as a guide. Line up a ruler along the edge of the quilt and cut the border strips **STRAIGHT ACROSS** the edge of the quilt top.

Pin and stitch the top and bottom border in the same manner as was done with the side borders. Press the seams toward the border.



Quilt Binding by Machine submitted by Maureen Drudi:

1. Prepare a 2 1/2" wide binding strip with diagonal joins, fold in half lengthwise and press to equal a 1 1/4" wide French fold binding. This size binding will finish at 3/8" wide on both the front and the back of your quilt.
 - **TIP:** For a thinner binding that will finish at 1/4" wide on your quilt, prepare a 1 3/4" wide binding strip with diagonal joins and fold in half lengthwise to equal a 7/8" wide French fold binding.
2. Sew binding onto the **BACK** of the quilt using a 3/8" seam allowance or a 1/4" seam allowance for the thinner size binding. Use your machine's walking foot for this step and increase your stitch length from 2.5 to 3.5 to accommodate sewing the bulky three layers. Remember to use the same seam allowance when you get to the corners.

Quilt Binding by Machine submitted by Maureen Drudi:

- **TIP:** Use a NEUTRAL thread color that you can SEE. Black thread on a black quilt is difficult to see what you are doing and a white thread on a black quilt may peek out from the seam later in the process.
 - **TIP:** As you are stitching, keep your binding strip fairly taut. This will help to prevent a wavy looking finished binding.
3. Turn the quilt over to the front and place under your machine presser foot. Begin in the center of any side of the quilt and fold a few inches of the binding over to the front of the quilt to just barely overlap and cover the seamline and lower your presser foot.
 - **TIP:** Try not to pin or use clips as they can distort the binding. Fingers work best to hold in place until you get this section in place under your machine presser foot.
 4. Begin to stitch the binding in place onto the front of your quilt using a decorative stitch (buttonhole/blanket stitch is a good one!). The left side of your decorative stitch should be on the quilt and the right side of your decorative stitch should be on the binding. Sew a few inches at a time, stop with needle down and fold a few more inches of the binding over to the front of the quilt, just barely covering the seam line and sew in place. Repeat this process until the binding is complete. Lock last stitch in place using a few tiny straight stitches close to the seamline. Your decorative stitch will run along the seamline on both the front and the back of your quilt providing a nice finished look to your binding.
 - **TIP:** Again, use a neutral thread color that you can see. The more you practice, the better your stitch becomes and then you can play with bolder thread colors.
 - **TIP:** The more complicated the decorative stitch you choose, the longer it will take your machine to sew it. For example, the feather stitch gives a very pretty, elegant finish but takes a lot longer than the versatile buttonhole/blanket stitch.



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 [quiltguildbythesea2011](mailto:quiltguildbythesea2011@gmail.com)

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CARING HEARTS

Caring Hearts is an on-going part of our newsletter. Any information to be included in this portion of the newsletter should be emailed to: DebShoemaker22@gmail.com.



GUESTS:

Patty Sullivan

FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH WINNER:

Leny Smith



50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:

Mitzi Hallidy



MEETING REMINDERS:

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

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS:

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



"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

The SEPTEMBER QOV WORKSHOP IS CANCELLED

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

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, paquinprovost@gmail.com



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- **October Guild Meeting:** QOV Presentations—Members, please wear red white and blue.
- **QOV Foundation membership:** Dues of \$5.00 are due to Diane Provost prior to December 20, 2019. Please give them to Diane during the September, October, or December meeting or send them to: Diane Provost, 22600 W. Esplanada Circle Boca Raton, FL 33433.
- Metallic, glittery fabric, and fabrics with peace signs should not be used on QOV quilts.

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, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as 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 from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

QOV PRESENTATION:

Members of Quilt Guild by the Sea had the great honor of awarding Quilts of Valor to five veterans. Charles Higgs served in the Marines during WWII and Korea, earning a Purple Heart. Daniel Berger, Joseph Laudicina, Frank Denardo, and Joy Allington all served in the Army during the Vietnam War.



QOV PRESENTATION:

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Air Force veteran Nora Archer on August 28th. Her deployments included Qatar and Baghdad.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Two volunteers, 1 presenter and 1 wrapper, are needed for the QOV presentation on September 24th at the Racing Track in West Palm Beach.

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

September 10, 2019

Guild Meeting

Reminder: All meetings are held at the Boca Raton Community Center (BRCC)

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

September 10, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

September 11, 2019

Halloween Quilts Workshop by Tanya Ricucci

September 17, 2019

- QOV Workshop **CANCELLED**

September 24, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

September 24, 2019

- QOV Presentation—Race Track, West Palm Beach;

October 8, 2019

Guild Meeting

- Program: Presentation of QOV Quilts to Veterans, Parade of Quilts
- Fat Quarter: Jewel Tones
- 50/50 Raffle

COMFORT QUILTS



- The next Comfort Quilts Cutting and Sewing Workshop scheduled for **September 10, 2019**.
- To date, we have delivered 153 Comfort Quilts to recipients at the Infusion Center and Trauma Center.
- Four (4) more quilts were delivered to the Delray Medical Trauma Unit in August.
- On August 26th, 18 quilts were delivered to the Lynn Cancer Center. **WE ARE OUT OF QUILTS! Members please do your magic; quilt tops are needed.**
- 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. If you are using your own backing and batting and are doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

October 8 , 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

October 9, 2019

- QOV Workshop

October 22, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

November 11, 2019

- QOV presentation at Viscaya (Invitation only)

November 12, 2019

Guild Meeting

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

November 12, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

November 13, 2019

- "No Strings Attached" Workshop by International Quilt Artist, Rayna Gilman

November 26, 2019

- Board of Directors Mtg

- ♦ Comfort quilts would like tops to be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and do not have to piece the backs.

- ♦ Kits will be available at the Guild meeting. There is something for everyone to do!

Any questions, contact: Janet Fredricks 954-242-9010 or email quilthoney@aol.com or Wanda Goldfarb 516-592-7575 or email: unity_777@hotmail.com



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

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

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

December 10, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

December 17, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

February 18, 2020

- QOV Workshop

April 7, 2020

- QOV Workshop

June 2, 2020

- QOV Workshop

COMFORT QUILTS:



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

December 3, 2019

- QOV Workshop

December 10, 2019

Guild Meeting

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MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

December 10, 2019

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

December 17, 2019

- Board of Directors Meeting

February 18, 2020

- QOV Workshop

April 7, 2020

- QOV Workshop

June 2, 2020

- QOV Workshop

COMFORT BEARS:

- The next Comfort Bears Workshop is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019.**
- **WE DID IT!** We produced 104 bears to exceed Stormy Schevis' request of 85. Stormy has requested more bears ... We can do it again. 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 Faillace: hfaillace@bellsouth.net



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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

EVENT CALENDAR:

QUILT SHOW CALENDAR:

October 2—5, 2019

- AQS Quilt Week, Virginia Beach, Va.

November 15-16, 2019

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

FRIEND US!

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

Send in your pictures, comments, etc. to Joanne Miller at:
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I can't clean my sewing room because I get distracted by all the good stuff I find

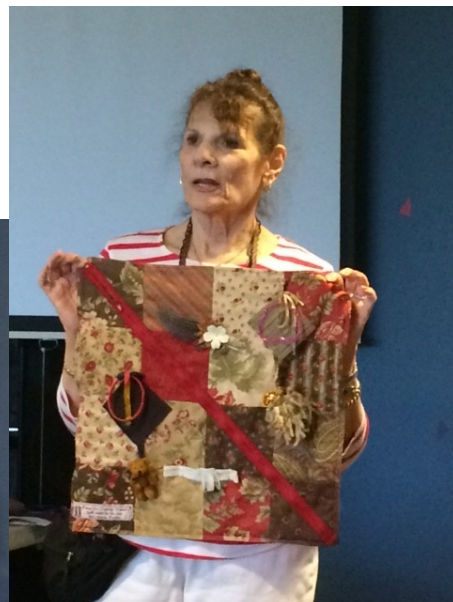
www.cottonandstitch.co.uk

FIDGET QUILTS:

- The next Fidget Quilt Workshop is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019.**
- Kits 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



FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH: SALEM QUILT SHOW—WITCH QUILT GUILD PANEL

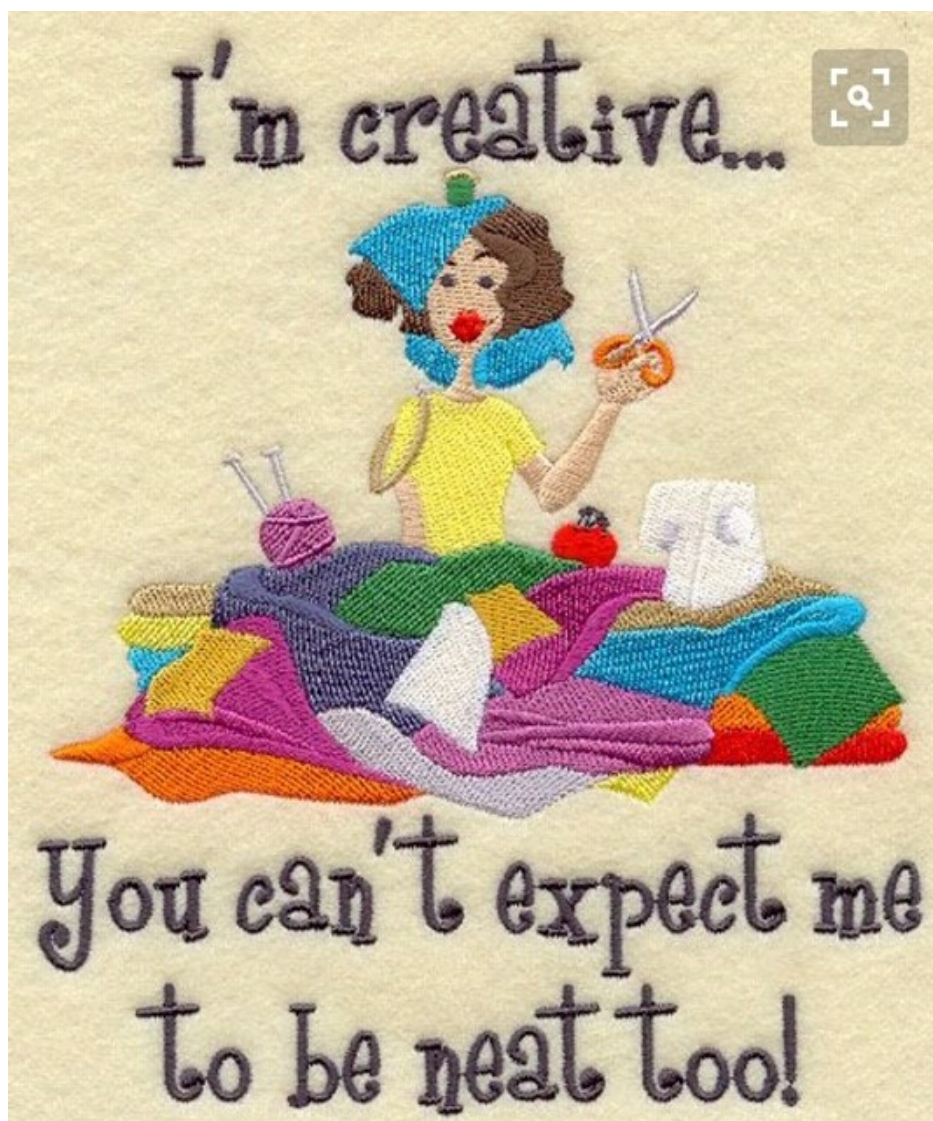
Witch Quilt Guild is a 24" panel; it includes one 21" x 17" frame of a quilt show decorating the exterior of the witch's mansion and the landscape, and two 13" x 7" frames, two 7" square frames, one 13" x 7" frame and one 9" x 7" frame depicting witch's brew recipes, a witch class in session, various potion bottles, quilts, and witch's hats. Colors included in this wonderful panel include yellow, orange, sprout green, aqua, light purple, natural, ash, and charcoal gray. From the 'Salem Quilt Show' collection by Meg Hawkey for Maywood Studios.





!!SAVE THE DATE!!

**SPRING CAMP 2020
WILL BE HELD
ON
MARCH 18, 19, & 20, 2020
DETAILS WILL BE REVEALED SOON.**





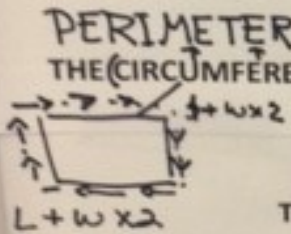
PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE

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





TOOLS FOR QUILTERS

Courtesy of Quilting Board

You have finally made up your mind that you want to start doing some quilting. You walk to the quilting store just down the street and stare through the window at all the quilts and accessories. Suddenly, you realize that you don't really know what you need to buy to make your own quilt. You are totally lost. Don't worry. After reading this article, you'll know everything there is about buying the right tools for your quilting project.

To begin with, I have divided the tools into different categories, so you have a better understanding of what you'll need. You could broadly classify your quilting tools by the following:

- Marking Tools
- Cutting Tools
- Other Tools
- Safety Tools
- Needles and Pins

Marking Tools

The marking tools are used for drawing patterns, marking measurements on fabric, and marking the cuttings on the fabric.

Graph Paper

Many of you might be wondering why on earth you would need graph paper for quilting. Using a graph to make your patterns and designs is a lot easier than using ordinary paper. It also gives you the chance to use your creativity to the maximum. And the availability of ideas using the graph paper squares is endless. Hence, you can say that your graph is your rough draft.

Transparent Rulers

Normally, when a person uses a ruler to draw something, we think of it as on paper. The principal here is almost the same when it comes to drawing on fabrics. With the aid of transparent rulers, you will find you can cut more accurately.

Measuring Tapes for Quilters

A measuring tape is a great way to measure fabric that you want to cut. A measuring tape of around 120 inches is ideal.

Templates for Quilts

You can get ready-made templates to draw on your quilt. If you want to be creative when making your quilt, you could make your own with a clear plastic sheet, or use a template that is already pre-cut and add your own creativity to it. However you decide to do it, make sure you have a template.

Cutting Tools

The tools involved are mostly those that are used for cutting fabric. They are listed below with a description:



TOOLS FOR QUILTERS (Continued)

Self Healing Mat

The self healing mat is a mat that is specially designed for Rotary Cutters. Whenever the Rotary Cutter finishes cutting the fabric, it touches the surface and leaves a mark. The Self Healing Mat is specially designed for this one, single purpose: it takes the cut, absorbs it, and becomes unmarked again.

Curved Safety Pins

After you have done your quilting, you will need to put together the layers that you have made. For this task, curved safety pins are preferably.

Walking Foot

The walking foot on a sewing machine prevents any tight stitches, meaning it will help you stitch the quilt evenly.

Fabric Eraser

After any markings are made on the fabric, you can erase it with a fabric eraser. The fabric eraser can also be useful in removing the markings on the quilt after it is finished.

Quilting Thread

In quilting, there are different types of thread. Depending on your pattern needs, you could use quilting cotton, invisible nylon thread, silk finishing thread, and many others.
Safety Tools

Thimble

The thimble is a protective accessory that is worn on the thumb and is used by practically anyone who stitches. It is a must for every quilter. They are available in practically every size and shape to accommodate different sizes of thumbs. You can also get metal and leather thimbles, too.

Needles and Pins

Quilt Pins

You can distinctly identify these pins. Unlike other pins, these pins are longer and have a ball head on them. Some even have flat heads. You can get different types of pins based on the type of patchwork, too.

Hand Quilting Needles

The hand quilting needles are used for binding, basting, and other applications.

Sewing Machine Quilting Needles

These needles are a bit longer and have a larger eye, so it can go through extra layers of fabric.

Making a Baby Quilt

It's your baby's first birthday and you have no idea what to give him at such a young age. Suddenly, you have an idea! You can give your son a brand new quilt. You think of buying one, but then you decide to "make it special" -- why not make it with your very own hands? Now every time you cover him, he will feel the warmth of the quilt made with your love.

You obviously know that baby quilts are not the same as regular quilts. But what would you need when making a baby quilt? Before answering that, you would first want to define what exactly it is you want to do with that baby quilt. You should ask yourself what purpose the quilt will serve. **Is it for bedding? Are you going to** use it as a mattress for the baby when s/he sleeps? Or do you simply want to make something soft that will help stimulate the baby's senses while it's playing, much like a soft toy?

Have you thought about it? Great! Now that you are ready to begin, I'll walk you through the process, and by the end, you will be left with many ideas on how to finish your quilt.

TOOLS FOR QUILTERS

Courtesy of Quilting Board

Let's Get Started

You should be very careful when choosing the material for your baby's quilt, because their skin is very delicate. The quilting material should not be rough; otherwise, it could scratch the skin or cause some side effects like allergies.

You will first have to choose two coordinating fabrics (about 1 1/4 yards each, enough to make two large squares), batting, and similar color-coordinated thread. Then, wash and iron the fabric before you start working with it. Next, place one piece on the floor right-side down, followed by the batting, and then on top of that, the other piece of fabric right-side up. After you have done that, draw two diagonal lines with a quilter's pencil and a straight edge, forming an X. Pin everything together starting from the center. Here you will have to decide which fabric you want to be on top and which one you want to be on the bottom. Now fold the bottom fabric up over the top fabric, folding it twice and making a 1/4-inch fold; sew on the fold. There you have it, your basic baby quilt!

Some Tips That Might Come in Handy

Now that the main part is complete, you can add color and design using your own creativity. One personal piece of advice is to not use small tidbits, like embellishments and buttons, which could harm the baby. Instead, try something like appliqué. This is one of the simplest quilts that you can make. It consumes only five hours of your time, and it is also a lot of fun to create.

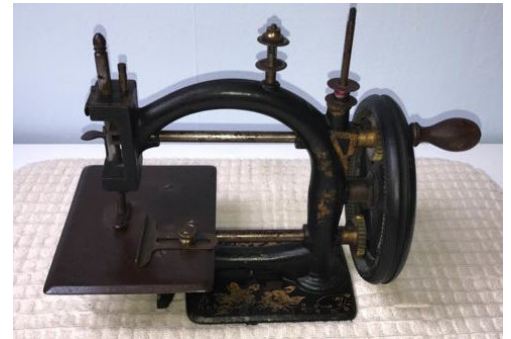
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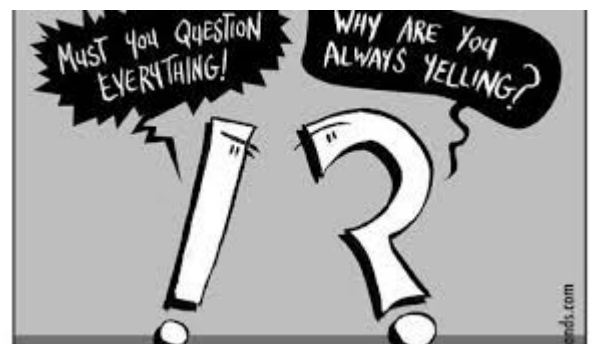
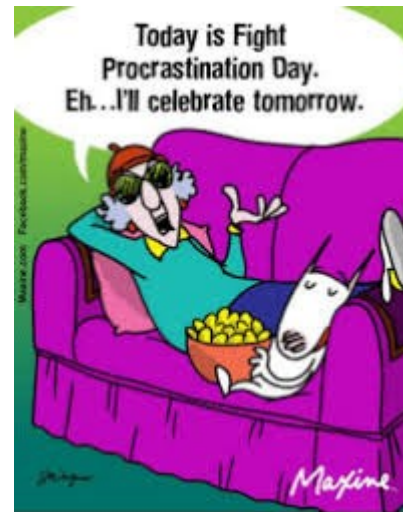


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- September 2: Labor Day
- September 3: National Skyscraper Day
- September 6: National Fight Procrastination Day
- September 8: National Grandparents Day
- September 10: TV Dinner Day
- September 11: 911 Remembrance Day
- September 13: Defy Superstition Day
- September 18: Rice Krispies Treat Day
- September 19: Talk Like a Pirate Day
- September 21: Oktoberfest
- September 23: Autumn Equinox
- September 24: National Punctuation Day
- September 28: Museum Day
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