

QUILTERS' QUILL

"The Executive will work together as a team to support and encourage new quilters, challenge and draw upon experienced quilters and provide warmth and comfort to those in need." As your Executive Committee, we are designing some things to meet the above goal."

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Items for Quilters' Quill should be submitted by the Monday of **two weeks** before the Guild Meeting. Please call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you ever thought about how much time we spend preparing for activities in our lives? Last week I was preparing for a workshop with Doris Dungan..(great workshop by the way), it struck me that we all spend a great time preparing. We preparing for workshops, prepare dinner, prepare for company, prepare for a trip, and prepare for work and well you get the idea.

Well, as the Christmas season is upon us there will be more time taken with preparations for the holidays. There will be shopping, cooking, baking, wrapping, decorating as well as many other things to prepare. As we prepare for this season, we need to take some time to prepare ourselves for this hectic time.

Take the time to read a book, sew on a quilt, have lunch with friends. If we prepare ourselves for this season by taking time for ourselves than the time we spend on preparing will be relaxing and fun.

Norma

*Celebrating Helen Knights,
100th Birthday*

*Join her for an Open House
Sunday, January 22nd, 2012
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay
2:00pm – 4:00pm*

QUILTS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

The official kick off for Christmas Cheer is November 25th at noon at the Heritage Building at the CLE.

Maria Bell and Betty Maki have volunteered to take our Teddy bears and quilts to this event.

Please make sure you bring your quilts to November's meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Nov: Please bring along your Teddy Bears/Dolls and their quilts if you have one this month for Christmas Cheer Fund distribution in December.....yes Christmas is getting closer!

Last part of the "non-mystery" in the quill this month, with a bit of sewing you can have a Christmas gift ready for wrapping!

This month is demo night with a few 'giftly' items that can be made in time for Christmas giving! "Brown paper bag" exchange.....more on this during the meeting.

Dec: Potluck dinner on the **2nd Monday of December** Show of "non-mystery" table toppers "Brown Paper Bag" exchange....more about this at the meeting, participants are asked to put a minimum of two – 2 ½" x WOF strips of fabric and five – 5" squares of fabric (all different fabrics) into the bags which will be provided at the November meeting.

Jan: Showing and method of making dry wall picture/fabric mounting by Marlene Bosma Hoping to get a quilter of the month??

Feb: Still in the planning process.

As always if you have any suggestions to the program, please come forward, you are always welcome.

See you at the meeting

Linda

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Executive has been busy planning for the next ten months and I hope that you will be able to join us at our monthly meetings and activities that will happen throughout the year.

Last month's programme was, in my humble opinion, one of those magical evenings filled with great energy and sharing. Our members outdid themselves in recounting their experiences at the Ricky Tims Seminar in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. You could still feel their enthusiasm months after the event and the wealth of information shared was priceless.

I want to personally thank Linda Guitard and her group for sharing their bus trip and seminar experiences with the Guild members. I felt like I was magically transported to the event through show and tell and shared experiences.

As Christmas is quickly approaching:

47 Days

11 Hours

36 Minutes

as I write this report! But who's counting?

I found some interesting sites for pillowcases. They make great gifts by themselves or as a package to wrap larger gifts. The patterns and instructions can be found at:

tipnut.com/pillowcase-patterns/

Upcoming Events:

Marlene McRobb and Doris Dungan will be offering a "Beginner's Quilting" 6 week course in the New Year. A sign-up list will be available for any new or beginning quilter who is interested in learning the basics or just refreshing your basic quilting skills. If interested please make sure to get your name on the list. Further information will be made available at the meeting.

Our February Quilt Bee has been booked for Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel. A large banquet room overlooking the Sleeping Giant will give us wonderful vistas as we gather to sew comfort quilts for our great community – Thunder Bay. Please make an effort to come out and share your talents....just for a few hours or gather a group and come and spend the day or evening. We will be there from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and have even ordered breakfast, lunch and supper to be served throughout the day. Hot and cold beverages will be available all day long. WAIT there is more! the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel has graciously donated a

Weekend Get-A-Way for Two complete in a Jacuzzi Suite with Breakfast. Every member who comes out that day will have their name entered in the draw – you might be the lucky winner! A sign-up sheet will be available so please take the time to sign up at the October meeting so that the Quilt Bee Committee can prepare further for the Quilt Bee.

See you at the meeting,

Luci Andreacchi

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library will sport a few new faces when you come to visit and check out some books this month.

Sharon Melville, Meghann Choquette, Betty Maki and Ellen Lang have all agreed to join on as the Library Committee and assist the members as they make their monthly selections.

Just a reminder that the Library will be closed for the December meeting and will reopen for the January meeting. Please make sure that you return your books each month, so that every member has a chance to enjoy the books available in our Library.

This month's picks include three new books just introduced to the Quilting community that feature charm packs, jelly rolls and layer cakes.

Do you like collecting charm packs, layer cakes and jelly rolls. It's a great way to get a sample of every fabric in a collection without having to buy a ton of fabric (easier on the budget too). But then, what to do with them? I found the answer in these books!

Another Bite of Schnibbles by Carrie Nelson

If you loved the first Schnibbles book, then you'll want to continue the fun with Carrie's latest designs using 5" and 10" squares. Each of the 12 projects has a large quilt and a small quilt option. This book is nicely designed with clear instructions and techniques, and it would be great for the beginner or experienced quilter alike. The quilt designs featured are all stunning; you'll want to get started right away.

Techniques: piecing

24 projects – 96 color pgs.

3 Times the Charm! By Barbar Groves & Mary Jacobson

It's time to grab your favorite charm packs and whip up these beautiful quick quilts. Each design is sewn up in three different colorways, so you get lots of inspiration. The projects are small, so they work well as baby quilts, wall hangings, or table toppers-it all

depends on what kind of charm pack you choose to sew them with. You will want to get started right away cutting and piecing these cute quilts together.

Techniques: piecing

7 designs – 40 color pgs

Fresh Fabric Treats by Moda Bake Shop Designers

Take a handful of colorful fat quarters, add a sprinkling of charms, plus a cup of 2-1/2" strips, combine with love, and stitch up these delicious projects from your favorite Moda Bake Shop designers. Projects include seven quilts, totes, organizers, and more. The easy-to-follow instructions and vibrant photos, plus a variety of clever tips, make this the perfect collection of projects for sewists of all levels.

Techniques: piecing, applique and basic sewing

16 projects – 128 color pgs

Enjoy, The Library Committee

THE BEE COMMITTEE

Thank you again to those wonderful members, who came to the last kit cutting session. Thank you again to Luci for giving us space to work. We still have a few kits available for members to take home. If you have any unfinished quilts for the bee that you do not have time to complete, please bring them in, and someone will be glad to finish them up. Marlene Audet has volunteered to long-arm the tops for us. Thank you Marlene. We are hoping to put aside some of the larger twin bed size quilts for the Hospice at St. Joe's. Please contact Linda or myself if you have any questions, or need help working on your kit. We will contact all those that have volunteered to set up the next "kit cutting" day.

Thank you again Aila & Linda

QUILTERS' CHALLENGE - PART II

Greetings Fellow Quilters – if you enjoyed the Polka Dot Challenge, you won't want to miss the sequel (Quilters' Challenge – Part II)

We (Val Kosloski, Shirley Aussant and Pat Inch) had sew much fun with the polka dots that we begged Linda to let us have the **May 2010 meeting program** for Part II - ***All God's Creatures Great and Small***

Everyone is invited (challenged) to create/make something to bring forward at the May 2012 meeting for Show and Tell. We will have an assortment of projects to show at the meeting and discuss (time permitting) in terms of the inspiration, patterns, fabric choices, colour variations and more.

We will also have some fun draw prizes for those who meet the challenge of bringing at least one item within the theme (***All God's Creatures Great and Small***)

Sew – be creative! You have lots of time to find some great fabric(s) and make something to bring in May. Have fun with the theme – Almost anything goes – as long as it features something that creeps, crawls, flies or swims!

Enjoy the challenge.

QUILTING GROUP

Would you like to join a quilting group? We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1-4 pm at 55+ Centre on River Street. The cost is \$2.00 per time. Just bring what you need to work on your own projects. Interested, call Linda at 345-7073

CLASSIFIEDS (BUY/SELL/TRADE)

Three-line non-business quilt-related classified ads can be placed in the Quill for \$2.50. Each additional line costs \$1.00 Please pay Aila Metsa in advance.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS QUILT SHOPPE

218 Tupper Street
(between Court and Cumberland)
Thunder Bay, Ontario
807-344-2625

Cozy flannels, hand-dyed felted wool, warm handmade quilts, fleece lined wool mittens, steaming herb tea, homemade cookies hot from the oven, ...thinking warm thoughts doesn't bring back summertime, but it can bring to mind some of your favorite things about the cold weather. These warm thoughts might also lead to a visit with quilting friends to Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe. Sometimes a new project can make all the difference as you watch the world from the inside. Let me know how I can help make your winter season cozy and enjoyable.

New arrivals at the shop include super soft cozy flannels from Moda and Kansas Troubles. Gorgeous deep autumn colors in great medium & small prints. Fabrics are 44/45" wide & 100% cotton.

Another new fabric line "Lately Arrived from London" features quilting cottons by Barbara Brackman. These reproduction prints are her latest designs from the late 1700's and early 1800's. In this era, American traders imported cotton fabrics from London to the colonial ports of New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. Each pattern is named after a trading ship that sailed at the time. The prints are larger in scale, because they served so many uses. Their designs originated in India, Holland, France, and England. The colors reflect the vegetable dyestuff available at the time--China blue, India red, Pompadour purple, Nankeen tan, and Muslin white. Come visit Tuesday through Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. and be inspired to create some wonderful winter memories.

71 REASONS TO BUY FABRIC

by Penny Sanford Fikes

Can you think of more reasons to add to this list?

Compiled by Frances Tankersley of Jackson, TN from contributions by members of Online Quilters Guild.

<http://qcn.tripod.com/71reason.htm>

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1. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
 2. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills, and quilt shops.
 3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
 4. "Oh, it's not for me! I'm buying it for a friend!"
 5. My cat/dog needs a fresh, new pile of fabric to sleep on and roll around on at least once a week.
 6. Because it's on sale.
 7. Okay, it wasn't on sale, but by the time it was, all the good stuff would be gone.
 8. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next ten years.
 9. I'm participating in a contest—the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
 10. It keeps without refrigeration, and you don't have to cook it to enjoy it. Also, you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose, or walk it.
 11. I need extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Southern California, as you never know when the weather will change.
 12. Because I'm worth it.
 13. It's non-fattening. Registered dietitians have confirmed that a fat quarter has 100% fewer calories than a hot fudge sundae.
 14. I am working on building a complete collection.
 15. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining room table....
 16. It's a medical test to see if your husband is still alive. If he is, a fabric purchase will make him start fussing about more fabric in the house.
 17. When the Big Earthquake comes, all the quilt shops might be swallowed into the ground and never seen again.
 18. Because it's there.
 19. It's prettier than salt and pepper shakers.
 20. It won't break.
 21. A strong interest in fabric purchases will leave you no time to spend in the pool hall or out stealing hubcaps.
 22. It's much cheaper to cover the floor with fabric than new carpeting, and you can change the look more often.
 23. The devil made me do it.
 24. Stress from dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (my husband) made me do it.
 25. It's the only remotely artistic thing I have ever done.
 26. If all else fails, you can use it for cleaning rags.
 27. I might set up my own fabric shop and I'll need a starter inventory.
 28. To keep the bed from falling down—we all know that most Quilters store part of their fabric under the bed.
 29. To save a beautiful fabric design for posterity. They might stop making it, and it would be lost to the world forever.

30. Neighborhood children might need just the right color for a scavenger hunt.
31. I need something new for show and tell party games.
32. My friend has more variety than I do, and I have to keep up with her.
33. Because I can't live without it.
34. It fights the empty nest syndrome—my youngest child is getting married, so I have another empty room to fill with fabric.
35. Because, this fabric just talks to me and calls my name.
36. It comes in whatever size or quantity you want.
37. It's important to invest in cotton futures.
38. I'm too old to have sex. (This was suggested by a Quilter's husband.)
39. I have new shelves for fabric storage, and if I don't fill them up, they won't look right.
40. They get angry when you steal it.
41. It will go with some I bought last year.
42. It's so pretty, and I'll use it some day.
43. I want my daughter to have a proper inheritance.
44. Well-known medical fact: prevents washing machine withdrawal symptoms on light laundry days.
45. Keeps the people who make cardboard inserts in bolts of fabric employed, thus supporting the national economy in yet another way.
46. Assists the little birdies with their nests when scraps, threads, and little whispies are allowed to blow in the wind.
47. Opens up new opportunities for curators and quilt show judges to ply their skills
48. Ophthalmologists recommend quilting to support the sagging eyeglasses industry.
49. Without fabric I would have nothing to do with my rotary cutter and my mat and my sewing machine and my iron and my thread and my needles and my quilting books (and my time).
50. I'm setting a good example for my children.
51. There's just one more piece I need, and I'll know it when I see it.
52. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
53. Someone else has cornered the market on hog bellies.
54. It does not promote tooth decay.
55. Nobody told me not to.
56. It's raining (sleeting, snowing, hailing, thundering, sun's too hot?).
57. It's not immoral, illegal, or fattening.
58. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul, and makes me feel good.
59. Buy it quick, before all the good stuff is gone.
60. Surgeon General says: "Ten yards a day keeps the blues away."
61. Step 32 of Master Plan to drive husband crazy.
62. Everybody else does it.
63. "Oh, what a feeling!"
64. A yard a day is all the quilt shops of America ask.
65. If you don't buy it now, you may never see it again.
66. If I don't buy it, my husband won't have anything to complain about.
67. It was awful! I was trapped in the quilt shop, and the only way out was to buy my way out!
68. Unless my fabric stash is reasonably impressive, people might think my family is destitute, and my children would be embarrassed.
69. A large fabric stash is the sign of a creative mind.
70. I owe myself a reward for that half-pound I lost last month.
71. "Because I don't have it yet!"

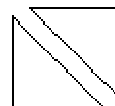
Christmas Table Topper Mystery

Part 3

Creating rows and units



Using the ten remaining color A sqs., cut diagonally to create two triangle pieces as shown at right.



Using the pieces as shown in diagrams, and one group of greens for each unit, create the units in rows as described below.

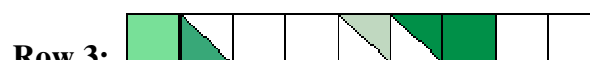
Create four of each row below.



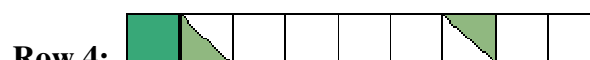
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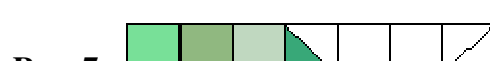
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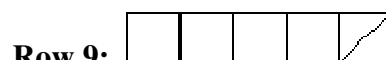
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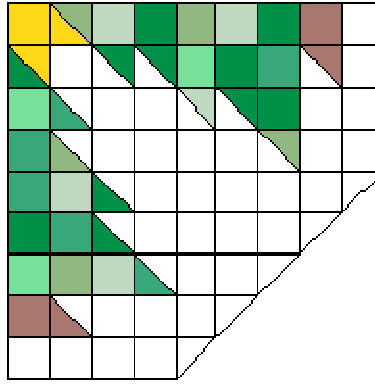
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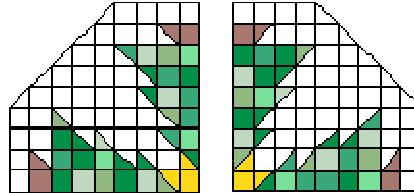


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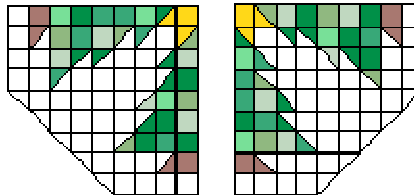


Turn the four units into position as shown below. Sew into two rows, then join the two halves to create the topper.

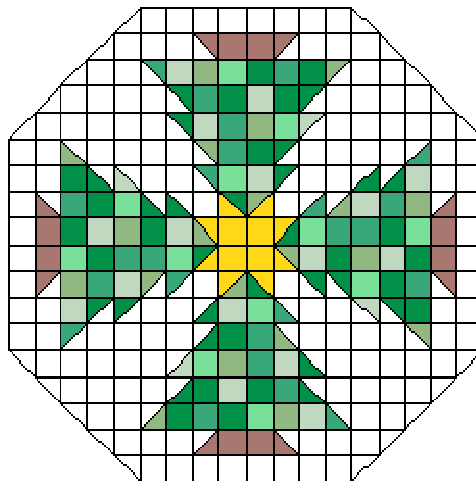
Row 1:



Row 2:



Your table topper should look like diagram below.



Your top is now ready to be layered and quilted as desired.
We hope you have enjoyed this pattern and will watch for future mysteries.