

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

September 2020

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"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 email or call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

mail to: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

MEETING AGENDA

September 21, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

To be held over Zoom – link will be sent in the email with this Quill

1. Welcome
2. Programme
3. Show and Tell
4. Break (Breakout Rooms)
5. Acceptance of Agenda
6. Acceptance of Minutes
7. Business Arising from Minutes
8. Council Reports
9. New Business
10. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 19, 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome all of our new and returning members – to this year like no other 2020/2021. When the pandemic hit in the spring of last year, who knew it would affect our lives as much as it has. The members of the Executive decided to take on the challenge and develop new opportunities for all of us to continue to meet, show and learn. I would like to personally thank them for all of their hard work over the summer. There are going to be changes in this new journey – thanks for joining us!

The membership form is available from the website at www.thunderbayquilters.org with instructions for submitting it online. E-transfer your membership fee to tbayqg@outlook.com. There are so many reasons to join but we have highlighted our Top 10 on the website!

We have a new Council which includes members of



the Executive, the Committee Chairs and various other positions held within the Guild. The TBQG's Council will be an advisory group to the Executive. The Council will meet regularly to share ideas, discuss issues, seek guidance, and provide support to initiatives of the Guild.

Also added this year as a pilot, is a Communications Coordinator. Ruth Hamlin-Douglas has agreed to take on this role for the year. Already she has been valuable in managing the postings in both our Facebook and Instagram accounts. We are also working with Ruth to develop our members-only Facebook group and our members-only portal on our Guild's website. Stay tuned for more information.

This is going to be exciting and yes, at times a bit daunting. But we have this. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the other members of the Executive.

See you all on Monday!

Cathy

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

To join or renew your memberships, please download the TBQG 2020/2021 Membership form (available in the email sent with the Quill or from the website at www.thunderbayquilters.org) and follow the instructions to send the pdf by email to tbayqg@outlook.com or print and mail a copy to 1100 Memorial Avenue, Suite 213, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 4A3. Payment of your membership fee – e-transfer \$40.00 (before October 19 or \$45 after this date) to tbayqg@outlook.com. If you have any questions about this please contact Ginny at treasurer.tbqg@gmail.com

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Guild Calendar

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES



A useful calendar of key dates to make note of for Guild Meetings, Events and other notable dates. This calendar will be updated on a monthly basis and published in the Quill.

If you have an important date to add to the calendar, please contact the Executive by email with details.

Date	Time	Event / Description
September 21, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
October 3, 2020	15:00	Program Office Hours 3-4:30 pm
October 5, 2020	19:00	Executive Meeting
October 19, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
October 24, 2020	09:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson Workshop
October 24, 2020	19:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson Trunk Show
October 25, 2020	09:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson Workshop
November 2, 2020	19:00	Executive Meeting
November 16, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
November 30, 2020	19:00	Executive Meeting
December 14, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
December 14, 2020	19:00	Christina Cameli Lecture



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hi everyone and welcome back to another year! This one is going to be different for sure but very excited about what each month will bring.

Don't forget to send in your completed membership form along with your retransfer to tbayqg@outlook.com or print the form, complete and mail along with your cheque to TBQG, 1100 Memorial Avenue, Box 213, Thunder Bay ON P7B 4A3

If you have any questions or concerns about your registration or payment please don't hesitate to reach me at treasurer.tbqg@gmail.com

This will be my last year as treasurer so you need to start thinking of someone to nominate for my position.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the zoom meetings! It's going to be a fantastic year!

Ginny Strey

SEW DAYS

Saturday, October 17 & November 28, 2020

I would like to thank everyone for the great response to my email asking about their interest in attending Sew Days this fall. I have booked one date in October and one in November. All the members who have replied to my email will be sent an invitation to attend in order of their response to my "are you interested" email. We are only accepting 10 members in each session so not everyone will have the opportunity to attend the October date. Those members not making the cut for October will be placed at the top of the list for November. Anyone who did not reply to my email and wants their name on the Sew Day list just send me an email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net and your name will be added.

Ellen Lang

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Welcome to a new (interesting and unique) guild year! Each year our guild members make and donate over 400 placemats to be distributed to clients of Meals on Wheels in Thunder Bay. These placemats are a great opportunity for you to try a new technique, practice your machine quilting and binding skills, use up some scraps and get a satisfying "quick fix" of sewing. Recommended size for donated placemats is 12" x 18". We have guild labels to be sewn in under the binding on the back of the placemats. At the moment, however, Meals on Wheels is not permitted to distribute anything beyond food to their clients, due to Covid-19 health and safety restrictions. We ask that you keep any placemats you have made to donate until such time as we can donate them once again. Happy quilting!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

WORKSHOPS

We have a couple of workshops in the planning stage. We will let you know as soon as they are confirmed. If anyone has any ideas for workshops or would be interested in running a workshop, please contact me- vp.tbqg@gmail.com We have equipment to borrow, and training and assistance is available.

Laura



LIBRARY REPORT

Due to the pandemic the Library Committee is unable to access the library located at the Calvary Lutheran Church. We are working on a plan. Will keep you informed.

Please send me your wish list for new books in the library.

The alpha list of library books has been added to the web site. Please browse.

Library Chairperson, Maria Watson at mcwatson@tbaytel.net

QUILT SHOW 2021

Mark your calendars! The next Superior Quilt Show has been booked for May 26-28, 2023 at the CLE! So you have almost four years to create some beautiful things for the next show!

There will be no quilt show in May 2021 because we don't know what the regulations on large groups will be and how that will affect attendance. We need a fairly high volume of people coming to the show in order to cover our costs.

The Northcott Quilt Challenge will go ahead in Spring/Summer 2021, more on that below.

Christina

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who is completing quilts for donation! We are doing a great job of keeping our recipients warm this winter.

If you have finished a charity quilt and hand it in at a meeting please remember to let Adrienne, Leona or Wendy know so your name can be marked off the list. Remember to attach the guild label before handing it in. Thanks

If you are in need of batting or backing, or if you'd like a kit to make a top, please email Adrienne. If you'd like to hand back a complete top to be quilted by others please see Adrienne, Leona or Wendy at a meeting. Any questions? Email Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net.

Thank you. Keep up the great work (quilting).

Adrienne

NORTHCOTT 2021 CHALLENGE

Superior Quilts 2021 has been cancelled due to that nasty virus called COVID-19 but the challenge is still going ahead!

Isn't this fabric gorgeous! How could you not want to sew something with it. The quilt committee has decided that even though the quilt show is cancelled the challenge can still proceed. The same basic rules (see below) will still apply however the submission date will change to a later date. More details to come re the submission date and location of display of challenge quilts. All the fat quarters have been purchased and at this time only fat eights are available for \$5 for a bundle of the three fabrics. Presently we are only selling one bundle per member but at the end of March if any fat eights are available extras can be purchased if required.

REFLECTIONS

What does 'reflections' mean to you? Could it be our unique aurora borealis with its blue and green colours shimmering across the night sky? Possibly you see a reflection in a mirror or pond. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

Once again Northcott Fabrics has graciously provided 3 bolts of fabric for our challenge. Each bolt has been divided into fat quarters and fat eighths.

All the fat quarters have been purchased and there is a limited amount of fat eighths available. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Fat eights are available for \$5.** Payment for the challenge fabric will be **cash or etransfer only to Ellen Lang.** Contact Ellen Lang at 623-2307 or by email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net if you are interested to arrange payment and coordinate pickup.

More details to follow but here are some highlights:

1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted & bound.
2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
3. Must use all 3 challenge fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
4. The 3 challenge fabrics must be prominent in the quilt.
5. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
6. Only use 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.

Submitted by Ellen Lang



Quilt Bee

MAKING COMFORT QUILTS TO BE ENJOYED BY OUR COMMUNITY

The Quilt Bee Committee works hard every year to prepare good quality patterns and kits so that our members can create beautiful quilts to brighten our community.

We also organize a fun and productive quilt bee for our members. During the Bee we gather together to work on comfort quilts, learning from and encouraging one another.

This year will be a bit different as we plan for kit preparation and distribution over the coming months with a **Virtual Quilt Bee** being planned for January 2021.

If you have kits or unfinished projects from previous years, please consider finishing them.

If you are interested in working on a quilt kit for a comfort quilt or if you are interested in practicing your quilting or binding skills, please contact Adrienne (alopes@tbaytel.net) to make arrangements to get a quilt kit or a quilt to complete. We have lots of options available!

If you are interested in helping to organize the Virtual Quilt Bee in January 2021, please also let Adrienne know by email.

Thank you! Keep up the great work.

Adrienne Lopes



The Dessert Table at the Quilt Bee will be one of the things we will all miss by having a Virtual Quilt Bee... But don't worry - we will still have lots of fun!

Program 2020/2021

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE



Hello!

You are going to be hearing a lot from us over the coming months so we thought we would introduce ourselves. Adrienne and Mary Catharine will be the Program Chairs for 2020 / 2021 and 2021 / 2022. We are looking forward to providing you with some fun and educational content through the coming two years. We have a full year planned already and have started brain storming for next year! It's going to be great!

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqg@gmail.com

[Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy](#)

QUILT ALONG

Join Us for a Quilt Along

We have been busy this summer designing a unique quilt along that will provide a good variety of blocks that you can use in other projects as well.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Playing with Fabrics and Colours

We have been asked how we pick colours and fabrics for a quilt. This month, we share some tips and tricks with you to spark your creativity.

EXTRAS!

Read on for Monthly Extras

We will be providing you with little gems and extras through the Quill and on the Guild Membership Facebook Page.

Read on for recipes that we know are fantastic! We will be adding more extras in October.

What's Planned for October?

[Exploring the Online Quilting Community](#)

What's Planned for November?

[HST and Flying Geese Mastering the Basics](#)

What's Planned for December?

[Christina Cameli !!!](#)

September Program

Our program feature for September is all about how we choose colours and fabrics for quilts. We had a lot of fun pulling this episode together and look forward to discussing colour choices further with you as you pick colours for the Quilt Along.

Fabric Choices How do we do it?



Join us for September Program

PLAYING WITH FABRIC AND COLOURS

The following photos go along with the September Program and are some of the fabric bundles and quilts we discuss during the episode.



Choosing Fabric Based on a Photograph



Choosing Fabric Based on Feature Fabric



Choosing Fabric Based on a Feature Fabric



Monochromatic Feature to Review Fabrics



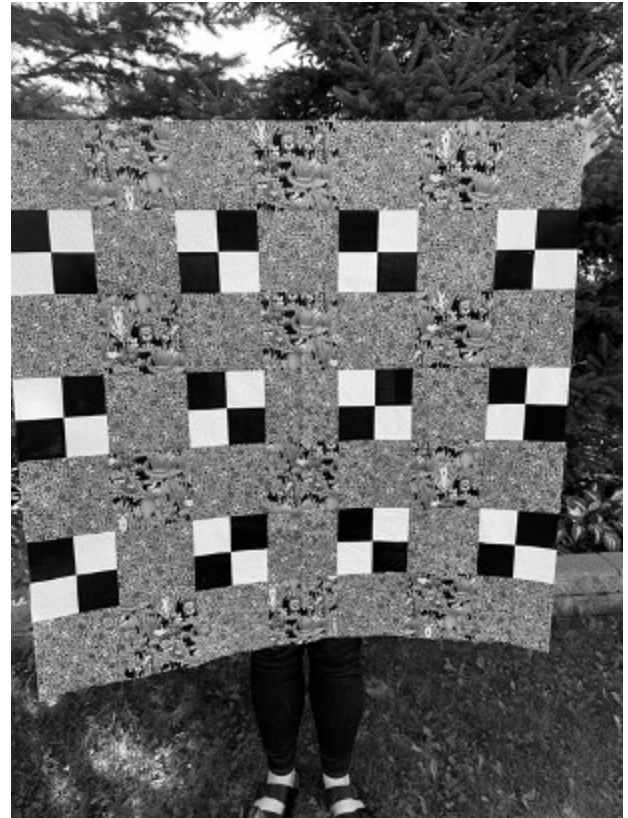
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Monochromatic Feature for Review



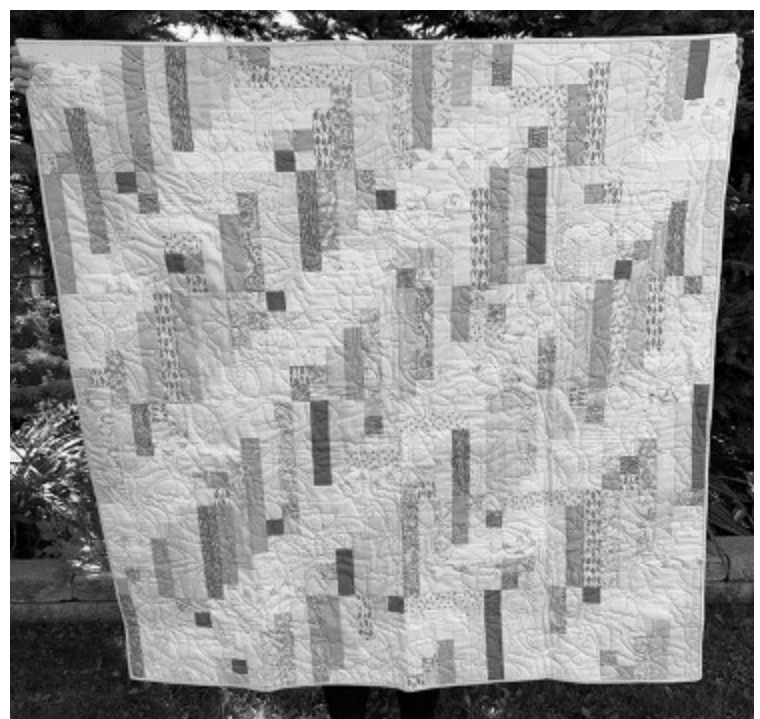
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Monochromatic Feature to Review Fabrics



Quilt with Intentional Low Contrast



Monochromatic Feature to Review Fabrics

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR FABRIC COMBOS

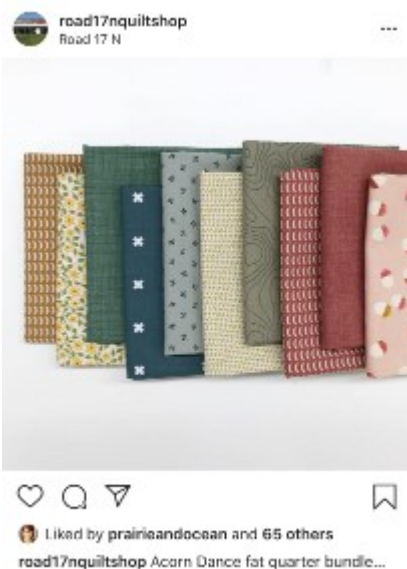
The following are some good Instagram accounts to follow or look at to get inspiration for colour and fabric bundles. These companies post a lot of good and unique bundles of fabrics that we often use for colour inspiration. It is great to see what others put together and what fabrics unexpectedly work well together.

In October Program we will be sharing various internet resources with you and will explain a bit more about Instagram for anyone who is not familiar with it yet.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

This is highly addictive, and you may lose hours of your life looking at pretty fabric bundles!

Road 17 North Quilt Shop



Stacked Fabric Company



Cottoneer



Quilt Along

We have designed a Quilt Along and both of us made our quilts with different fabrics to show you the possibilities with this pattern.

Patterns for this month will be provided to members by email after the September Meeting.

We encourage you to join in the fun!

Pick your fabrics and post your choices on Facebook or drop into our Office Hours Zoom Meeting to discuss your choices. We'd love to see your plans.

We are here to help you and to answer questions!

Program Office Hours

October 3, 2020

3 - 4:30 PM on Zoom

Link will be sent to members by email with a reminder.

Sample Quilts for the 2020/2021 QAL



Mary Catharine's Sample Quilt

The blue and white sample quilt was created with a random selection of blue and white fabrics. It has a scrappy background with many different white and cream fabrics.



Adrienne's Sample Quilt

The multicolour sample quilt was created with a selection of fat quarters chosen to match a specific focus fabric. The background is Kona Navy.

For more information on our colour and fabric selections please watch the videos provided on the Members Facebook Group Page.

Fabric Requirements for the 2020/2021 QAL

Two colour options have been presented for the samples of this Quilt Along. The following describes the approximate fabric requirements.

Background Fabric(s) - 3 m (approximately - additional fabric recommended)

Optional - Feature Fabric(s) - select one or two feature fabrics and have at least one fat quarter (18" x 22" of each)

Complimentary Fabrics for the quilt blocks - range of colours and/or values - 18-20 different fat quarters (18" x 22" each) or equivalent (scraps work too!)

The following photos provide examples of the fabrics chosen for the sample quilts.



For more information on our colour and fabric selections please watch the videos provided on the Members Facebook Group Page.

Block sets will be released each month with a "catch up" month (no blocks released) planned in January. We will also give you tips on how to finish the quilt and in December, Christina Cameli will be asked "How would you quilt it?" to help us with quilting ideas.

Join Us in the Quilt Along!



December Program

We are excited to be able to provide all Guild Members with a Guest Lecture from Christina Cameli who is a well known instructor, quilter and author of numerous quilting books.



HOW SHOULD I QUILT IT?

Christina will be providing the guild with an in-depth lecture where she reviews her thoughts on how she would quilt various quilts that WE provide!

There is an opportunity for you to share a quilt with Christina and find out how she would approach quilting your quilt!

The guild is accepting photos of your quilt tops and the executive will select a variety of quilt tops to submit to Christina to be highlighted in her presentation. Submit high quality photos of your quilt tops for a chance to be included in the December Program. Send your photos by email to Adrienne and Mary Catharine at program.tbqq@gmail.com.

Photos must be received by the end of the day November 16, 2020 to be considered.

Andrea Tsang-Jackson

is coming soon to a screen near you!

TRUNK SHOW!

October 24, 2020 @ 7PM

We are excited to be able to provide all Guild Members with a Trunk Show from Andrea Tsang-Jackson!

Andrea is a well-known instructor, quilter and a quilt pattern designer.

Check out her work on her website!

3rdstoryworkshop.com

Zoom link will be provided to all members prior to the Trunk Show.



Extras!

Each month we will provide you with some of our favourite recipes for you to make at home.

Other extras may be added in as we work our way through the year.

Enjoy!





HONEY LIME SRIRACHA SALMON

INGREDIENTS

- Salmon Fillets
- 3 Tbsp Lime Juice (2 limes)
- 1 1/2 Tbsp Honey or Maple Syrup
- 1 Tbsp Sriracha or Heartbeat Hot Sauce)
- 3 Tbsp Soya Sauce
- 1 Tsp Ginger, grated
- 2 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 tsp Sesame Oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients and Marinate the Salmon for 1 hour
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
3. Bake for 18 min
4. Or BBQ on foil sprayed with oil

PREP TIME: 1HR

COOK TIME: 18MINS

TOTAL TIME: 1HR 18MINS



WHITE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY BROWNIES

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped fine
- ⅓ cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- 2 ½ cups sugar
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs plus 2 large yolks
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- ⅓ cup raspberry jam

PREP TIME: 20MIN

COOK TIME: 35MINS

DIRECTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Make foil sling for 13 by 9-inch baking pan by folding 2 long sheets of aluminum foil; first sheet should be 13 inches wide and second sheet should be 9 inches wide. Lay sheets of foil in pan perpendicular to each other, with extra foil hanging over edges of pan. Push foil into corners and up sides of pan, smoothing foil flush to pan. Spray foil with vegetable oil spray.
2. Whisk boiling water, unsweetened chocolate, and cocoa in large bowl until chocolate is melted. Whisk in sugar, oil, eggs and yolks, melted butter, and vanilla until combined. Gently whisk in flour and salt until just incorporated. Fold white chocolate chips into batter.
3. Transfer batter to prepared pan. Dollop jam evenly over top of batter. Using tip of paring knife, swirl jam into batter. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out with few moist crumbs attached, 30 to 35 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking. Transfer pan to wire rack and let cool for 1½ hours.
4. Using foil overhang, lift brownies out of pan. Return brownies to wire rack and let cool completely, about 1 hour. Cut into 2-inch squares and serve.



SHOW AND TELL



A Show and Tell submission from Joanne Brimmell. She wants the members to know that she was working at quilting during this pandemic. This quilt was started over 5 years ago and completed August 2020. The next day from taking this picture the quilt was going to her granddaughter in Thunder Bay. This feather quilt was made from fabric all selected from her stash. The quilt was quilted by Wendy Currie. A beautiful job Joanne.

Shared by Maria Watson

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

I hope that everyone has enjoyed our very warm summer. I have been doing a lot of quilting over the past 6 months and also looking for some new patterns for Teddy Bear Quilts. I will include one in this newsletter. If anyone would like a copy of any of the patterns that I have for Teddy Bear Quilts let me know and I can email them to you.

For any new members I just want to let you know that every year the Quilters Guild donates a stuffed animal with a quilt or pillowcase to Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer to be given to small children in our community.

We are anticipating that we will be involved in Christmas Cheer again this year but it will be a scaled down event. I hope that everyone is working on Teddy Bear quilts because even though things won't be the same we still need to be ready to give our quilts and bears when we are called upon.

The Church is not usable until at least January 2021, but I will still need members to join the committee, so I hope that when it is time to sign up you will think about joining. There will be more information in the near future about how we will be doing the collecting and tying.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



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COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Welcome back. Many of you have been busy finishing projects and we know because of the many labels requested. Thank you.

We have been contacting some of the facilities and have some good news. Recently, the seniors residences have instituted procedures that will enable them to receive comfort quilts. The Lodge on Dawson is also in need of bed-sized quilts and able to receive them so we are planning to schedule a couple of dates for quilters to bring in their comfort quilts for distribution. Photos will be taken and shared in the Quill and on the website. Thunder Bay Regional paediatric ward would like to receive children's quilts and have specifically identified a request for twin bed sized. So we can accept all types of quilts in our drop off. Dates will be provided soon or you can contact us for drop off of quilts. Figit quilts are welcomed.

Recommended Quilt Sizes

Neo Natal	36" x 36"
Crib	34 to 36" x 36"
Wheel Chair	36" x 48"
Nap Quilt	40" x 55 - 60"
Bed	63 to 65" x 80"
Dignity	72" x 84"

Recommended sizes are listed for reference. Committee members will have a Zoom meeting to discuss distribution and deliveries. Please let Florence and me know if you are interested in working on the Comfort Quilt Committee and we will invite you to attend. Kelly Schmid has prepared a summary of facilities that will be reviewed and can be expanded if any member knows of community places that would benefit from the donations. Facilities are prioritized based on their needs, and the longer use within the site. Labels are to be sewn on all comfort quilts and quilting should be sufficient to hold up with repeated washes. If you need Comfort Quilt labels, please let me know.

Please consider participating in the drop off of quilts for distribution. COVID has been difficult for all of us and providing some comfort within the facilities would be greatly appreciated.

Pat Inch and Florence Poster on behalf of the Comfort Quilt Committee



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