



The Rocketeer –July 2025

The purpose of our not-for-profit Guild is to provide fellowship and social opportunities to members while promoting quilting arts and skills. Rocket Quilters, P.O. Box 793, Cocoa, FL 32923. www.rocketquilters.com



President's Blurb

Happy Summer Quilters!

It sure has been a warm one, so far. I'm off to see family in the Northeast, so I should have slightly lower temps for a few days. I'll miss the meeting, but Bobbie will do a great job.

Don't forget to sign up for the Maple Leaf Log Cabin class after the meeting. Our speaker, Nancy Barker, will be teaching the class and she's very, very good. The supply list went out to all our members, so stay if you can for a wonderful class.

I'll be back in time for the retreat on July 28-29 at the Extension. We've signed up the maximum 35, but Bobbie has a waiting list in case anyone has to drop out.

We've got a full slate of officers to be elected in September. We still need some committee chairs – for Community Quilts Distribution (Donna has everything organized with ladies to help get quilts to the community), and we could use a chair for Placemats (again, the committee is well organized already).

Sorry to miss the July 11th meeting, but I know you'll have a great meeting.

Susan Baker
President, Rocket Quilt Guild



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General Meetings

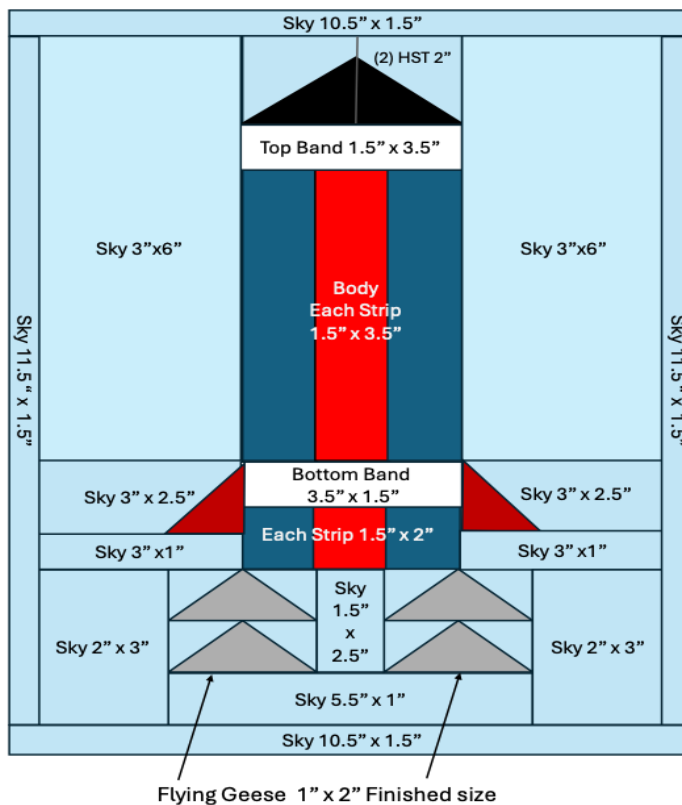
Please note the dates carefully on your calendar. The dates for the next few meetings are as follows:

- July 11, 2025
- August 8, 2025
- September 12, 2025

Our in-person meetings start at 9:45 AM and take place at: Cocoa Elks Lodge, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922

***Submissions can be sent to:**
rocketquiltersnewsletter@gmail.com

Block of the Month



When constructing this block, it is easier to separate it into three sections, then put the sections together. Use 1/4" seams. Press towards the darker fabric or press open to reduce bulk.

Section 1: Rocket Assembly

- Create the nose of the rocket using (2) HST that will be 2" (unfinished size). To do this, use the '4 at a time' method using a 3" piece of sky and a 3" piece of nose. With right sides together, draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of sky. Then sew 1/4" on both sides of that line. Cut the fabric on drawn line. Press then trim to get 2" squares. Sew both squares together to form the nose.
- Next sew on a 3.5" x 1" piece of fabric (top band) to the nose.
- Sew together (3) different color strips of fabric, each 1.5" x 6". Press. Now cut this assembly into a 3.5" x 3.5" piece (save the other for Section 2). Sew onto the other side of the top band.
- Sew a 3" x 6" piece of sky fabric to each side of rocket.

Section 2: Wing Assembly

- Cut the remaining strip assembly from step 3 into a piece that measures 3.5" x 2". Sew a 3.5" x 1" of fabric (second band) onto this strip assembly.
- To create the two wings, you need a piece of sky material 3" x 2.5" and a piece of wing material 2.5" square for each side. Draw a diagonal on the wrong side of the wing square. Placing right sides together, sew them together on the drawn line. Then cut 1/4" from line, and fold & press wing. You will have a piece that is 3" x 2.5" to go one side of the rocket. **Important:** When doing the second wing, please note the orientation will be different on the other side, so position the square and the drawn diagonally accordingly!

- Sew a piece of sky 3" x 1" on both of each wing from step 6.
- Now sew both wings onto each side of the bottom rocket body.

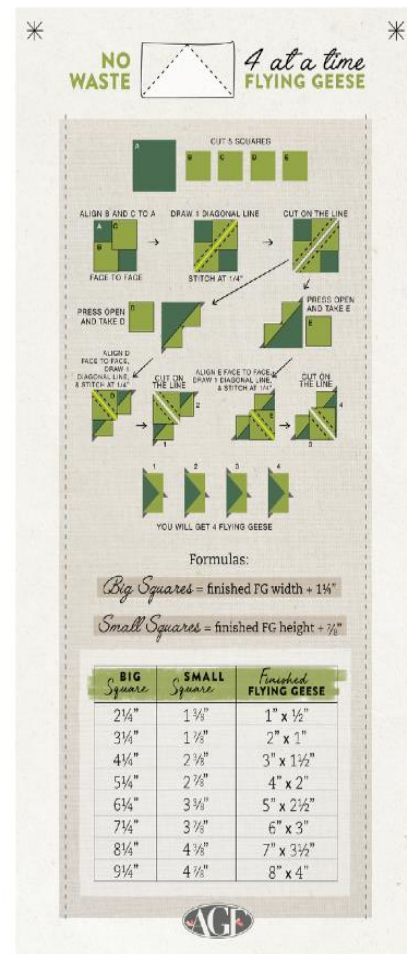
Section 3: Exhaust Assembly

- Using the Quick 4-at-a-Time Geese Method, starting with the exhaust square as 3.25" and the sky squares at 1.78", create (4) 1" x 2" (finished size) flying geese. Sew two geese together (as shown in the picture) to form each side of the exhaust.
- Sew a piece of sky fabric 1.5" x 2.5" in the middle of each exhaust assembly.
- Sew a piece of sky fabric 5.5" x 1" to the bottom of the whole exhaust assembly.
- Sew a piece of sky fabric 2" x 3" to each side of exhaust assembly.

Now sew section 1 to Section 2, then sew section 3 to the bottom. Then sew 1.5" border around whole unit. The ending block is approximately 10.5" x 13" trim if necessary. I know, a lot of steps but it's worth it! Thanks for participating!

Cutting Instructions:

Sky:	3" x 6" (2)
	3" Square (1)
	3" x 2.5" (2)
	2" x 3" (2)
	1.875" Square (4)
	1.5" x 2.5" (1)
	1.5" x 10.5" (2)
	1.5" x 11.5" (2)
	1" x 5.5" (1)
	1" x 3" (2)
Nose:	3" Square (1)
Bands:	3.5" x 1.5" (2)
Body Strips:	1.5" x 6" (3)
Wings:	2.5" square (2)
Exhaust:	4" square (1)



Opportunity Quilt – Chrissy Skidmore

We will continue to sell tickets for our next Opportunity Quilt, made by Susan Baker and quilted by Shelia Bland. It's a biggie...68x94 and it's a beauty. Don't forget to buy your chances, \$1 for one or \$5 for six. All proceeds go to Community Quilts for batting and backing, for finishing all the quilts you guys help make for the charities we give to. Here is a picture of the new Opportunity Quilt:



THE ROCKET QUILTERS' ADDRESS LIST IS FOR PRIVATE USE ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR SOLICITATION OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

Bring to the July Meeting

- **Your** Block-of-the-Month
- **Your** Money for the Christmas in July Retreat
- **Your** canned goods donation
- **Your** Show & Tells

Nifty Notions (members only)-

Faye Carroll, Peg Buckler, Beverly Torbert

We will be doing Nifty Notions this month, so bring some cash and win some great items, fabrics or something you didn't even know you needed. For members only.

Fat Quarters – Yvonne Makowski & Becky Osborne

You will receive 1 ticket for each fat quarter donated and that will give you a chance to win a BUNDLE of fat quarters!!! The theme for this month is Checks, plaids, stripes, dots, etc. Thanks, Becky Osborne & Yvonne Makowski

Please note the Fat Quarter schedule for 2025:

Month	Theme
July 2025	Checks, plaids, stripes, dots, etc.
August	Purples
September	Any Holiday
October 2025	No fat quarters due to Anniversary Party

Challenge Placemat – Kathy Coon

At the May meeting the Guild introduced the Anniversary challenge (due in October) entitled "The Shape of Things." The challenge is to create a placemat (14"x18") using the fabric handed out and at least one of the shapes. Shapes shown were squares, circles, hexagons and triangles. It needs to be quilted and bound OR envelope style. If you received a piece of the fabric and do not need all of it, share it with a friend or bring it to the next meeting. Any questions, contact Kathy Coon fourcoons91@gmail.com

Membership – Diana Marchand

At the June meeting, we had 63 members in attendance, and everyone signed in! Thanks! We had 6 guests, 2 of which became new members. Please welcome:

Marcia Chatenka, Cape Canaveral
Nancy Hanson, Satellite Beach

New members will be wearing a pink or light blue "New Member" pin for a few months, and Guests will be wearing a large lime green "Guest" pin, so be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the guild.

Diana Marchand diana.marchand@gmail.com

Recycle Table



Visit our recycle tables in the back of the hall to get some great finds. Lots of fabrics, books, magazines, and patterns to keep you quilting for years to come. Irene Harrington (508) 404-6527 sunshine88012@gmail.com



July Birthdays

Ginny Oliphant	July 11
Donna Hogan	July 21
Terri Williams	July 21
Barbara Newman	July 22
Faye Carroll	July 25
Beth Lee	July 25
Cathy Jacob	July 27
Jalaine Spears	July 29
Andria Roney	July 29
Beverly Torbert	July 30
Marianne Garramone	July 31

Community Quilts

Production (Shelia Bland): To all you Super Stars of Rocket Quilter – I am so amazed and grateful at all the steady, beautiful work you do. Because of your commitment, we can distribute all kinds of love – hugs– and smiles.

I've been asked about the sizes of quilts to make. I would like to keep the quilts for wheelchairs about 40" x 40." Also, we are not doing baby quilts, so please keep this in mind when choosing fabric. For the other quilts try to keep them within the 40" x 45" to 40" x 54" range. This way they can be quilted by anyone with a domestic machine and is within the width of fabric.

Thanks to all of you who took quilts to be long armed as well as quilts to be bound. We could not do this monumental task without you! Thank you, Shelia Bland

Distribution (Donna Hogan): We collected 33 in June. Distributed 24 in June to the Elks Lodge to support Veterans in Transition. We have

collected a total of 253 quilts to date and distributed 235 (includes those from the Thursday Group). We have 96 in inventory. Thank you for these beautiful quilts.

RocketQuilters@gmail.com -Donna Hogan

Placemats (Donna Hogan) Placemats were donated to Ageing Matters. Placemat kits are being made for the Christmas-in-July retreat on July 28 and 29 at the UF/IFAS Extension Service on Lake Drive in Cocoa, FL.

Dog beds are now going to Titusville and Eau Gallie.

Sunshine



Is there a Rocket Quilter member that could use a SMILE, a "Ray of Sunshine," or a bit of cheering up? How about an "attaboy" to keep on going and not give up. Or a simple "Missing You" message? Rocket Quilter's Sunshine Chairman, Marti Rich, will send a card...maybe with a surprise to our members in need of cheering up. Please let Marti know at: **-Marti Rich** mmrich@cfl.rr.com

Rocket Members Long Arm Quilters

Shelia Bland, (321) 480-9187, text or leave message for an appointment.

Sally Cascario, (321) 427-7876, call for an appointment, or arrange for a curbside drop off.

Laura Grimsley, (321) 501-0679; Edge-to edge only. Call or email. mmemorys8@gmail.com.

Karen-Sue Lynch, (321)567-5897. suelynch@cfl.rr.com

Diana Marchand, Sew Finished. (407) 4506128. Call for quilt drop-off info; View her quilt

designs on her website:
www.sewfinished.net

Cassandra Sharkey, (321) 431-6992.
crafty.cassandra.quilts@gmail.com

Cheri Turner, Cackleberry Quilts
(321) 5050573. Fine art and landscape
art quilting. Call for an appointment or
email
cackleberryquilts@yahoo.com



Committee Chairs

Anniversary Party Shelia Bland
Block of the Month: Chrissy Skidmore,
Karen Sue Lynch, Cassandra Sharkey
Community Quilts:

Production: Shelia Bland

Distribution & Placemats:

Donna Hogan

Fat Quarters: Becky Osborne & Yvonne
Makowski

Membership: Diana Marchand

Mystery Quilt: Chrissy Skidmore

Newsletter: Kathy Lemay

Nifty Notions: Faye Carroll, Peg Buckler,
Beverly Torbert

Opportunity Quilt Programs
Chrissy Skidmore
OPEN

Recycle Table: Irene Harrington

Sunshine: Marti Rich

Tea Party Zinda Dills

Website Donna Hogan

Upcoming Events:

July 11: Nancy Barker is teaching the Maple Leaf
Log Cabin quilt after the July meeting.

Below is the supply list. You can sign up at the
meeting.

She's a great teacher, and you'll enjoy her class!

The logs are created from four green fabrics going
from light to dark and four beiges also going from
light to dark. The Lightest would be the Green 1
and Beige 1, the darkest Green 4 and Beige 4. The
leaf needs to stand out against the green and beige.

To save time please precut:

- 1 fabric strip from each green 1 1/2 inches wide
- 1 fabric strip from each beige 2 inches wide
- 1 fabric strip from leaf fabric 2 inches wide

Also please bring a temporary fabric marker.



Nancy Barker

July 28 and 29th Our Christmas in July retreat
will be at the UF/IAS Extension Building, 3695
Lake Dr, Cocoa, Fl.

Web Resources

Florida Quilt Network:

<http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com>

Quilts of Valor: <https://www.qovf.org>

Contacts: Karmel Sowers

karmelapple56@gmail.com or Diana

Marchand, diana.marchand@gmail.com

Gather your reds, greens, browns, gold and silvers for the retreat. Karen Sue Lynch will be doing a Christmas themed quilt. (see below)

The fee will be \$30. There will be a maximum of 35 people. Lunch is TBD. Currently there is a Waiting List.



ATTENTION: There is a new redesign of our website rocketquilters.com by our own Wendy Phillips. Take a look when you get a chance!

Local Shops and Services



Jackie's Quilt Shop – 249 Crockett Blvd,
Merritt Island, FL 32953 (321)208-8510

Quilting Folks Sewing Gallery, 6420 3rd St,
Suite 101, Rockledge, FL 32922 (321)253-3882

Quilts and Lace, LLC, 7720 N. Wickham
Rd., Suite 111, Melbourne, FL 32940
(321) 622-8602

Richard's Vacuum Center (sewing
machine repair) Titusville: 3120 S.
Hopkins (321)269-1690 and Merritt Island
2275 N.Courtenay Pkwy (321) 454-3838

Samurai Sharp, 38 Rose Street, Merritt
Island, FL 32952 (321) 848-0010 (sharpen
your scissors & rotary blades)

Sewing Machine Man - Jim Hernandez,
Servicing all machines 321-537-3005.
*Repair
Wed. 9-3; Sales Fri 9-3; Service Sat 9-3

Sweet Time Quilting - 11638 US
Highway-1,
Sebastian, FL 3295 772-388-1700



July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11 General Mtg. 9:45am	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Retreat July 28 & 29	29 Board Mtg. 10:00am	30	31		



August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 General Mtg 9:45am	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Board Mtg 10:00am	27	28	29	30
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