



THE ROCKETTEER

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026

President's Blurb

Susan Baker

Happy New Year Rocket Quilters!!!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready to get back to quilting. I used some of my "vacation" to finish UFOs.

I'm really excited to start a new year. I hope you will be able to attend the January meeting. It should be wonderful. M&M (Mary and Marjorie) are our speakers and they are just a hoot, in all the best ways. I'm sure we will all learn something and laugh while doing it.

We're continuing our sewing at the library days on Tuesday, January 13 at the Merritt Island library from 9-4. Bring your machine and something to sew, or just come by for a chat. The room holds about a dozen sewers and we provide ironing board, iron and cutting mat.

Our Cruising with Rocket retreat is coming up on January 26 and 27 at the Extension. I think we've filled the 35 seats, but there is a waiting list. Can't wait to see you all again on January 9th at the Elks.

Susan Baker
President, Rocket Quilt Guild

Upcoming Events At a Glance

- Next meeting Jan 9 @ Cocoa Elks Lodge - 9:45 AM
- January 13 - Sewing at the Library - Merritt Island 9-4
- January Retreat - 26th and 27th - Cruising with Rocket

This Month's Birthday's



Peggy Mized 1-Jan
Deborah Clements 5-Jan
Beckey Henn 5-Jan
Blossom Molnar 10-Jan
Becky Osborne 11-Jan
Jane Benedix 12-Jan
Barbara Smith 22-Jan
Mary Reardon 26-Jan

**DON'T
FORGET**

Bring to the Next Meeting ...

Block of the Month
Fat Quarters
Stuff for the Recycle table
Show and Tell
and
Money if you are going to the
Retreat

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Starlight

New Opportunity Quilt, pieced by Crissy
Skidmore and quilted by Shelia Bland

Block of the Month

Pattern can be found online @
rocketquilters.com

The Folded Corners quilt block is sort of an optical illusion, if you stick to colors in the same color family. By using a slightly lighter shade of the darkest color in the four corners of the block, it appears that each corner is folded into the centre -- hence the name of the block.

This easy quilt block is a standard nine patch utilizing half square triangles and flying geese patches -- both very commonly used patches in quilt making.

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suelynch@cfl.rr.com.



Folded Corners

NEW CHALLENGE QUILT

Chrissy Skidmore

April 2026 General Meeting / Tea Party Quilt Challenge

Calling all quilters! For our upcoming April 2026 gathering, we invite you to create a quilt panel that showcases your creativity and flair. Here are the guidelines:

Panel Requirements

- Minimum finished size: 40" x 40"
- Include creative borders using a block of your choice

(Borders may be partial—no need to frame the entire quilt)

- Browse examples and inspiration online

Suggested Sites for Panels & Ideas

- Equilters
- Etsy
- Pinterest
- Honest Quilters

Let your imagination run wild—whether it's bold colors, themed blocks, or unexpected layouts, we can't wait to see what you bring to the party!



A Note from a quilt recipients family ...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. My Uncle entered hospice at Vitas in Melbourne yesterday and your beautiful quilt is such an honor to him. He is a veteran and the red, white, and blue quilt suits him perfectly.

Thank you for this gift reminding us that we are not alone during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and hard work is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Melissa and family

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Community Quilts

Production *Shelia Bland*

To all you Superstars of Rocket Quilters—thank you! I'm continually amazed and so grateful for the steady, beautiful work you do. Your commitment helps us share comfort and kindness in the form of quilts—bringing warmth, hugs, and smiles to those who need it most.

I've received a few questions about quilt sizes, so here's a quick guide:

- Wheelchair quilts: Please aim for approximately 40" x 40".
- Other quilts: Try to keep them within the range of 40" x 45" to 40" x 54". These dimensions work well with standard fabric widths and can be quilted on domestic machines.
- Baby quilts: At this time, we are not collecting baby quilts, so please keep that in mind when selecting fabrics.

A big thank you to everyone who picked up quilts to be longarmed or bound—we truly couldn't accomplish this monumental task without your help and generosity!

Distribution *Donna Hogan*

For 2025 Here is the FULL Distribution Report:

- Collected: 353 quilts
- Distributed: 480 quilts (including those from the Thursday Group)
- Quilts carried over to 2026: 28 in storage

Thank you for your beautiful gifts of comfort and care. Each quilt is a heartfelt gesture that makes a meaningful difference. We couldn't do this without you!

A batch of beautiful placemats was recently donated to Aging Matters, helping brighten mealtime for local seniors. Please bring in your finished Placemats so that we can get them distributed.

Thank you for your beautiful gifts of comfort and care.

We're happy to share that our handmade dog beds are now being donated to shelters in both Titusville and Eau Gallie. These cozy beds offer comfort to animals in need while they wait for their forever homes.

Placemats & Dog
Beds

Donna Hogan

Membership

Diana Marchand

At the December meeting, we had 64 members in attendance. There's just something about a meeting with food that gets people motivated. 😊

We are now up to 104 members. The 2025-2026 roster will be emailed out to the membership after the January meeting. Please be sure to only use the latest roster, as some home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers have changed since the previous printing. If you see anything in the roster that needs correcting, let me know.

Website Access

Member Area Access

There is a members-only section on this website. If you need access, you can request it through the chat.

To receive access, please verify:

- Your full name (as it appears on the membership list), and
- Your email address

Questions & Support

You can also ask questions through the chat. Please allow up to 24 hours for a reply, though I try to respond as quickly as I can.

Resources

- See what Accu Cutter plates we have
- See pictures of everyone's work
- Advertise Quilt/Sewing related items
- and sooo much more

www.rocketquilters.com

Sunshine

Marti Richi

Do you know a Rocket Quilters member who could use a smile, a little encouragement, or just a reminder that they're missed? Whether it's a cheerful "thinking of you," a heartfelt "you've got this," or a friendly "miss you," we want to lift their spirits.

Our Sunshine Chair, Marti Richi, is ready to send a thoughtful card—and maybe even a surprise—to brighten their day.

✉ To share a name, just reach out to Marti at mmrich@cfl.rr.com. Let's keep the sunshine flowing!

Purpose and Address

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
PO Box 793
Cocoa, FL 32923

Nifty Notions

Faye Carroll, Peg Bucklen, and Beverly Torbert

Get ready for some fun—Nifty Notions is happening this month! 🎉

Bring a little cash and take a chance at winning fabulous items, fun fabrics, and maybe even something you didn't know you needed.

Recycle Table

Irene Harrington

Re-cycle table is back.

If you have scraps, mark the bag scraps and put it in my box on table

If you have projects you don't want to finish (in progress) include pattern and put in my box on table so someone else can finish it. (do not put on re-cycle table) we want to keep everything together.

January Retreat

Our next retreat will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 & 27, at the Florida Extension Service on Lake Ave.

- Theme: Cruising with USS Rocket
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
- Lunch: \$5 per day, payable at the retreat

We look forward to seeing you there!

HAPPY

New Year 2026

FAT QUARTERS

Gronne Makowski & Becky Osborne

January: Black and White

✉ February: TBD

Bring your fat quarters and join the fun—your stash swap could be someone else's perfect piece!

New Section - Classifieds

Need to sell sewing / quilting related itemssend it to Wendy by the 25th of the Month to be included in the Newsletter for the next month

sewcourquie@gmail.com