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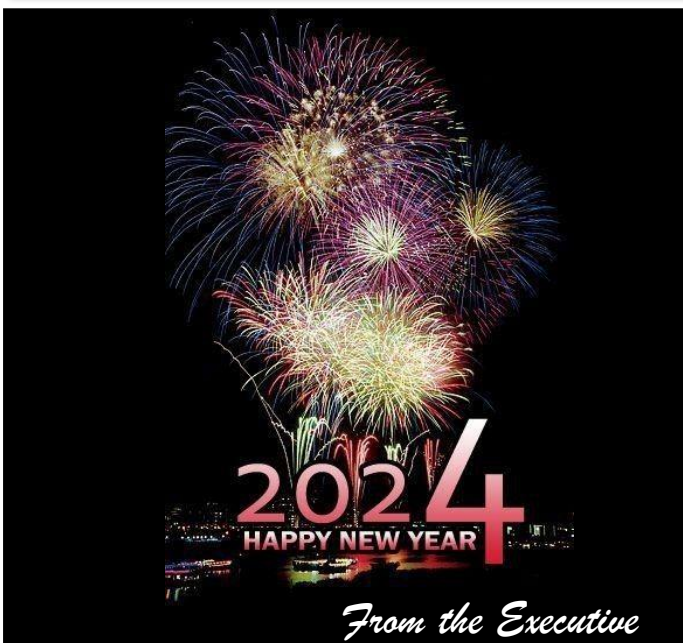
January 11, 2024 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Happy Holidays Quilters!

I trust this newsletter will find everyone happy and healthy. I have had my daughter, son-in-law and 2 granddaughters visiting for the last two weeks. It has been a whirlwind adventure with nearly 3-year-old Mattie and her 3 month old sister Lottie. Between their visit and working to help quilters longarm their gifts, my personal quilting has been put on the back burner. I can't wait to get back into my sewing room and get creating again.

We had a wonderful December meeting. The crowd was small, but the show and tell was extensive, laughs were plenty, the



President's Letter (continued)

snacks were delicious, and everyone went home with a gift! Debbie chose a can of Klik as her gift! (There was something else more quilty in the gift bag as well.)

Santa came to visit and asked many attendees how many UFOs they had. That got me thinking about my stack of UFOs and what I want to do about them. Do you have any plans for your UFOs? Mine will become my focus for the Sewcial Saturdays, which will be starting again in January. I will send out a separate message once I have made arrangements for a meeting space and date.

Sharing Gifts quilts keep arriving! Our quilters are a very generous group. If you have quilts to donate, feel free to drop them off at Longarm of the North, Tuesday to Saturday between 11 am and 5 pm.

Donna is doing a short article on the success of the Christmas Quilt Sale at Centre Ice Plaza. This year we were lucky enough to have the former Luluz space with a door that we could close! It was such a wonderfully large space to set up, that we are hoping that it may be available again November 2024.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. Our next meeting is January 11 at the Baker Centre, 7 pm. Let's have some Quilting Resolutions to share!

Keep calm, stay safe and keep quilting!

Leslie Bromley
President

Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

The executive would like to extend a very big thank you to all members of the Quilt Guild who contributed to the success of our Annual Christmas Sale. This sale is very important to us and is our one major fundraiser to help us offset our operating costs.

Many of you donated items, volunteered to set up and take down or donated money. That generosity is greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to Linda Whitford who organized the sale.

After all the expenses were paid, we were very fortunate to have raised over \$1,600.00. **Who hoo!!!!** That is no small feat in these times where people appear to be limiting their spending.

Again.....thank you very much for your participation!!!

Looking forward to the 2024 sale. It's never too early to start planning.

Donna
YK Quilters Treasurer

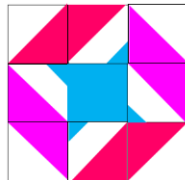


January 2024 Quilt Block

This is our third block in our series to continue support of our Sharing Gifts Program. If you are unfamiliar with the Sharing Gifts program, please review the policy on our website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (the link to the Sharing Gifts Policy is at the bottom of Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

If you missed the blocks for November and December and are interested in making them, visit the guild's website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources-page-1> to download the instructions.

Our block pattern for January 2024 is the **Side Kick block**.



We will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. You can watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oahqzxvUuDs>. Block construction starts around 1:50 minutes into the video and goes to 12:10 minutes.

Color Way: White for the background and your choice of three colors/prints.

What you need:

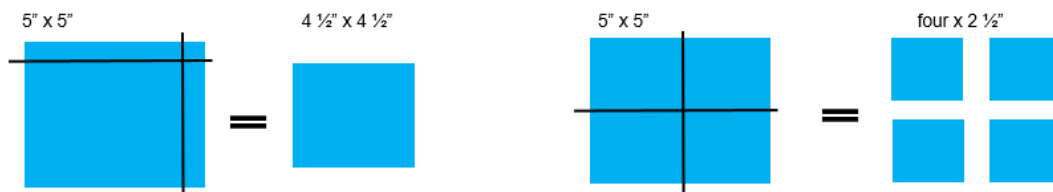
- Color 1 – two 5" squares (this will be the center star color).
- Color 2 – two 5" squares
- Color 3 – two 5" squares
- Background – four 5" white squares.

Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on your ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

Step 1.

Using Color 1,

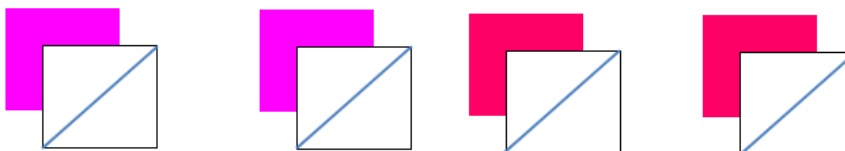
- Cut one of the 5" squares down to a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- Cut the remaining 5" squares in to four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



Step 2.

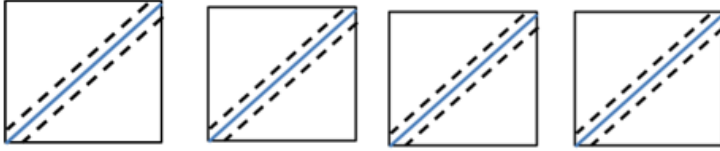
Using color 2, color 3 and the background white squares, make eight half-square triangles.

- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the background squares.
- Place a background square on each of the color 2 & 3 squares (right sides together).

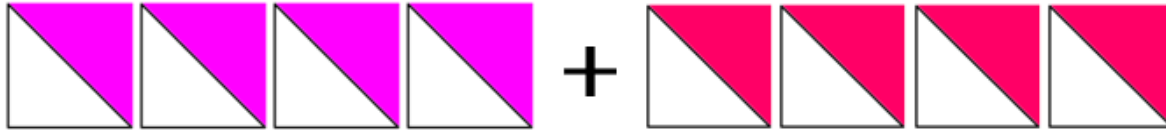


Step 2 (continued).

- Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the drawn diagonal lines



- Cut the squares on the diagonal lines. Press open to the color fabric.
- You will now have eight half-square triangle blocks.
- Square the blocks up to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Step 3.

Take the four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares created in Step 1 and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square.



Step 4.

Using two of each color of the half-square triangle units created in Step 2, sew a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " color 1 square to the corner of the background triangle.



Cut off excess fabric leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press the color 1 triangle open.



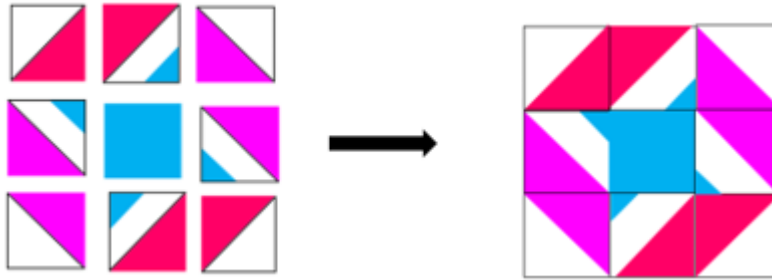
Step 5.

You've now completed all the component blocks.



Step 5. (continued)

Arrange your component blocks as below and sew together to form the Side Kick block. Press seams as you go. Your finished block should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".



I hope you had fun making the Side Kick block.

Bring your completed block(s) to the January meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting you can have a friend, bring them on your behalf. You can also drop them off in the guild's basket at the Quilted Raven (top of the library shelf) no later than January 10th for the January meeting and I will pick it up and bring it to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Christine

Update on Sharing gifts:

We are currently working on providing a quilt to each person who lost their homes in the Garden Townhome fire in October. We have collected about 25 quilts towards this initiative. Very sincere thanks to all those who have donated quilts or completed quilts from the kits that were put together from guild reserves. And a thank you to Leslie Bromley who has quilted several of them at Longarm of the North for us. I've now used up the largest pieces of fireside that many people have donated to piece backings, but still have plenty of flannel! There is a variety of quilt sizes and themes, so we should have appropriate quilts for every age. We should have a more precise count to present at our meeting on January 11th. Any quilts beyond what are needed will be stored for the next unfortunate event. Sadly, not everyone in the affected units has obtained new permanent accommodations yet. Hopefully that will change by our meeting and we can make arrangements to distribute the quilts.

Teresa Watson

A Quilt Story

Happy New Year!

Those of you who were at the January 2022 meeting, will recall I showed you a quilt that had been started by my friends' mother and grandmother. Made from a variety of garments belonging to grandchildren and other random available fabrics, it had a few challenges that would have to be resolved before it could be quilted.



Charlotte Babicki's took apart each block (save for one)! Resized them to fit and hand stitched each one back together. I sewed the blocks back together sticking as close to the original layout as possible and finished it with a dark border that her grandmother liked. I chose a colourful backing her mom would have loved. I chose a poly batting and Marilyn Moran quilted it.

I stabilized and bordered the remaining block and attached it to the back of the quilt. In the spot the block would have occupied on the front, I added a label with information on the ladies and the quilt's journey.

The result was a very happy daughter/ granddaughter who after the "fire scare and evacuation" was not sure she would see it again. Thank you to Charlotte and Marilyn for helping me get this family treasure back where it belongs for the next generation.

Linda Whitford



3 Yard Quilts:

I finally bought into the 3 yard quilt trend, and am quite enjoying this process. I'm finding it much easier to select 3 different fabrics from my stash that coordinate rather than having to select multiple fabrics that would suit a particular pattern. I've purchased 2 of the books but did find that about half of the patterns in each appealed to me. That is still a fair bargain, as 3 patterns cost about the same as one book.

I did visit <https://www.fabriccafe.com> to have a closer look at the patterns in each book before making my book choices and noticed the books and patterns are also available in PDF format. It's always nice not to have to wait for a delivery! I did purchase *Chain Reaction* in downloadable format and was able to retrieve and save it to my computer within 10 minutes of my purchase. It was perfect for some fabric I've had for a few years (overbought when I couldn't resist a bargain) and I was really pleased with the process and the final product.

One thing I did notice in many of the patterns is the outer border is often quite narrow, and I favour a wider border. This wasn't a problem, as I had just over a yard (that extra 4" makes a difference!), and if I made the binding out of a different fabric, there was plenty to make a more generous border.

Once I was in "using up" mode, I found 4 fat quarters left from a super hero themed bundle I had bought to make masks for my niece's husband. Combined, they made the yard, but the cutting requirements meant that I didn't have quite enough for the quilt pattern I selected, so I just made fewer blocks and pieced what was left into a border to make a reasonable sized quilt.

Another great find on the Fabric Café website is the *Free Goodies* – who can resist that! Downloading the free pattern available for a limited time (I think a month) was quick and easy, and I can now go back to the copy that is saved on my computer. I do find the print in the books a bit small, so the downloadable version works for me as I can then enlarge the print size on my screen. I just had to adjust the "sleep time" on my screen so that it didn't keep turning off.

I've now made a bit of a dent in those pieces that were not quite big enough for another pattern and have produced some quilts for sharing gifts. It's been a productive week!

Teresa Watson

Puppy Making Class:

The guild is sponsoring a puppy making class to be held on **Sunday, January 28th**. There will be room for 10 participants. We will be making *Puppy Dog Pete* from *Funky Friends Factory*. You might want to check out Pauline's amazing selection on her website at <https://www.funkyfriendsfactory.com/>

The following materials will be supplied – interfaced fabric, craft eyes, and stuffing. As the materials are being supplied and there is no charge for the class, the finished puppies will be part of the Sharing Gifts program.

You will need to bring your sewing machine, scissors, pins (study ones), needle for sewing Pete closed after stuffing, and if you have a dark coloured marker (fine or ultra fine works best), that will be helpful.

We should be able to complete Pete (say that fast 3 times) during the class.

The pattern templates will be available for your use during the class. If you enjoy the process, we hope that you will purchase a pattern (or several) directly from the website. They are downloadable, so you don't have to wait for it to arrive all the way from Australia!



Teresa Watson

December Show 'n Tell



Santa's Visit



Recipe Corner



We all struggle when preparing meals for our families while we have been spending the day quilting. Your problem is solved here in our new QUILTER'S RECIPE CORNER!! Each month we will give you a quick, tasty and healthy option so you can spend more time working on your projects and not in the kitchen! If you have a recipe that you use that's quick to prepare, please send it to us at quiltngyk@gmail.com. We would love to use it in our Corner.

Bacon Corn Chowder

Provided by Ann Wind

Ingredients:

6 bacon strips, diced
1 small onion, diced
1 cup water
1 cup milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp pepper
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup diced celery
1 cup uncooked potatoes
1 can (14 $\frac{3}{4}$) cream style corn
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp seasoned salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp garlic

Directions:

1. Cook bacon, onions and celery until bacon is cooked, about 10-15 minutes. Drain, add water and potatoes. Cover and simmer till potatoes are tender.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients, heat through (do not boil).

Refrigerate or freeze



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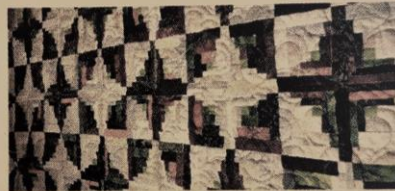
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With the subject "For the Newsletter"

Deadline for submissions is the 3rd Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.

Draws at the guild meeting

The following draws take place at each Guild meeting:

Mystery Bag
\$2 each
Members only

Door Prizes
Free
Members & Guests

Guest Policy

Guests are welcome to join us at any meeting. If a guest returns for a second or subsequent meeting, there is a \$5 charge per visit. For details, please see the full policy on the website.

Members Giveaway Table

More and more Guild members are purging their stashes and offering items to Guild Members at the meetings. We will be setting up a table in the outer hallway for any items you would like other members to treasure.

Meeting Etiquette

Please be courteous when someone has the floor and refrain from other conversations.

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