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Next Meeting

March 14, 2024 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

As is typical of this time of year, the weather isn't quite sure whether it is Spring or Winter. The extra hours of sunlight, however, ensures us that Spring is really on it's way. Extra sunlight has me choosing to quilt more as well as socialize more.

Our February Sewcial Saturday was held February 10, lower level of YK Centre in the former Loft location. A smaller, brighter space open to public viewing. It was fun watching people's reactions to a group of quilters working on projects. Our next Sewcial Saturday will be in The Loft space on March 16. Feel free to sign up with Teresa at teresagwatson@gmail.com. There will be room for up to 10 quilters.



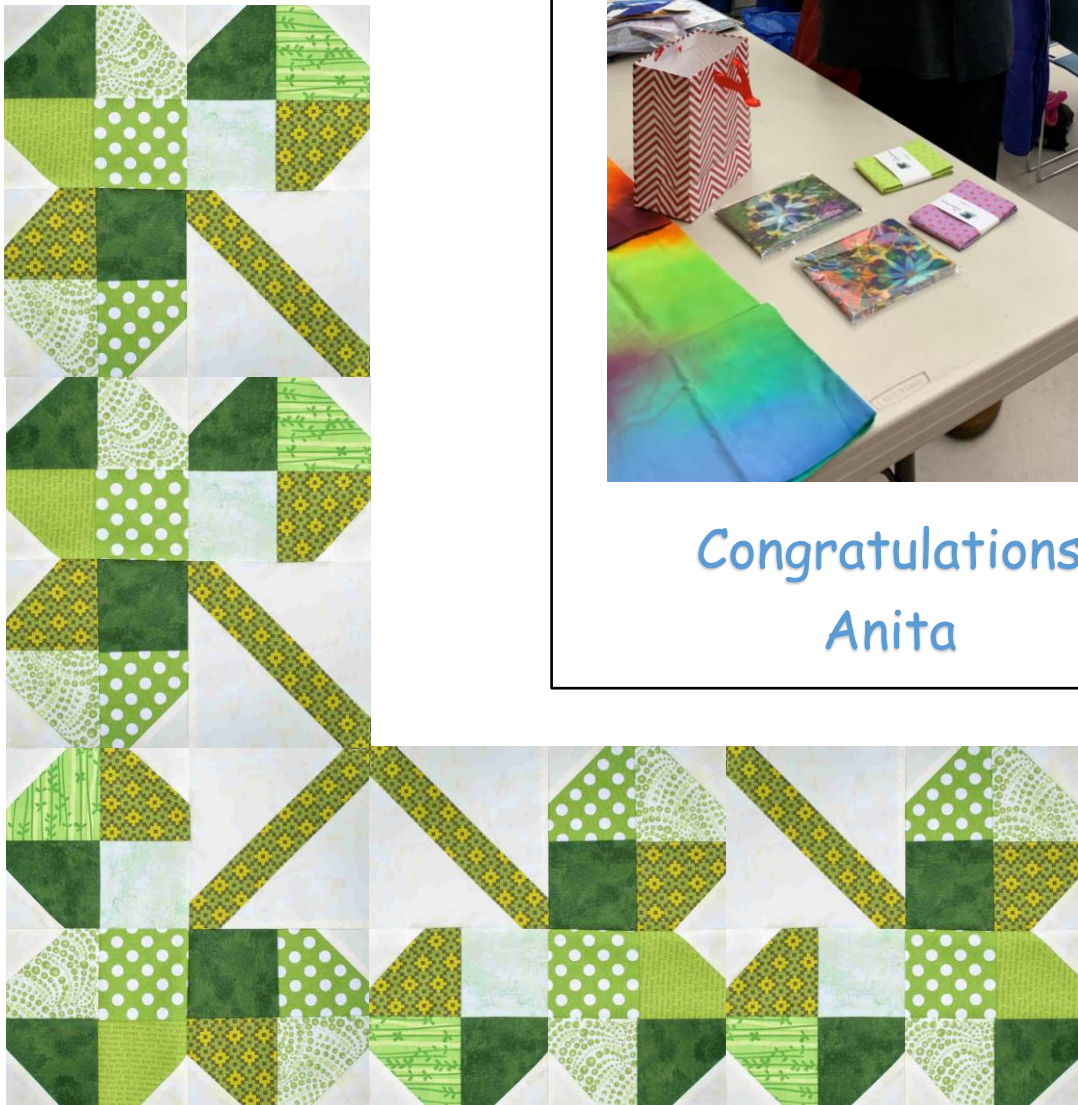
President's Letter (continued)

I can't wait to see what Christine has organized for us as our block for March. I'm suspecting something with green.

Our Spring Retreat will be May 17 - 19, at the Ski Chalet. Contact Hazel at hazel@theatrek.ca to sign up. Send your payment to quiltinyk@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details in the April newsletter.

I'm going to be out of reach March 3 - 10 but will answer all of you when I return home March 13. I'll tell you all about our quilting cruise at the next meeting March 14, Baker Centre 7 pm as usual.

Leslie Bromley
President



Free pattern at <https://stitchinheaven.com/blogs/howdy/check-out-this-free-shamrock-quilt-pattern>

February's Draw Winner:

Mystery Bag



Congratulations
Anita



Canadian Quilt Instructor
MELISSA MARGINET IS COMING TO YELLOWKNIFE!!!!
MAY 2 - 5, 2024

Trunk Show and Lecture - Thursday, May 2/24

Melissa will be discussing her work at a lecture and trunk show. Location will most likely be the Guild of Arts and Crafts.....stay tuned for confirmation.
This lecture is free for all members and invited guests.

Three Exciting Class Opportunities!!!

Break It Up!! - Quilt As You Go Technique Class

Fri May 3/24 - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

\$47.50 for members (\$77.50 for non-members)



There are so many ways you can quilt as you go. You will learn several ways, starting off with the basic sashing method, by making samples to take home to their studios and have them for future reference. We will also look at patterns and see how we can break them up so they can be finished on your home sewing machines.

Modern Quilting with Your Walking Foot

Sat May 4/24 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

\$95.00 for members (\$125.00 for non-members)



In this class, you will make samples of different quilting ideas that can be executed on the home sewing machine with a walking foot. Not everyone can afford a Longarm Quilter or wants to have someone else quilt their quilt, and not everyone enjoys free motion quilting. You will create samples of walking foot designs on small quilt sandwiches to help you understand what makes each design successful. We will also look at variations of the designs you stitch out. These samples will be a great reference for you when deciding how to quilt your next quilt. This class includes information on quilting all sizes of quilts on the home sewing machine.



Planning Your Walking Foot Quilting

Sun May 5 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

\$95.00 for members (\$125.00 for non-members)

As a participant in this class, you will work with pencil and paper (or computer if you prefer). You will be guided through various exercises to help you understand the process in designing a custom quilting plan. We will start with diagrams of quilts I have designed as well as some basic traditional designs and then you will work on planning the quilting for one or more of your own projects. As a class we will work together and share ideas to come up with successful quilting plans.

How can I register??

Registration will be open upon receipt of the newsletter
and you may register at any time.

Spaces will be limited so don't delay...reserve your spot by paying today!!

Options are to pay by EMT to Yellowknife Quilters at quiltingyk@gmail.com
or in person at the next Quilt Guild meeting.

Regular cancellation policies are in effect.

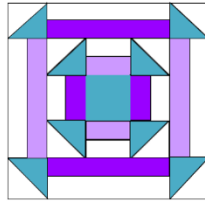
Classes will be held at the Yellowknife Ski Club.

If you have any questions, contact Donna at baja@ssimicro.com!!

March 2024 Quilt Block

Welcome to our fifth 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).

Our block pattern for March 2024 is the **Double Churn Dash**.



Once again, we will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. Watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DuchY37ooc>. Block construction starts around 1:30 minute into the video and goes to 15:10 minutes.

This is going to make a GIANT quilt block!

Color Way: Your choice of colors/prints.

What you need:

Background Colour

- Two, 2 ½" x WOF* strips
- One, 10" Square

Colour #1

- One, 2 ½" x WOF* strip

Colour #2

- One, 2 ½" x WOF* strip

Contrasting Colour

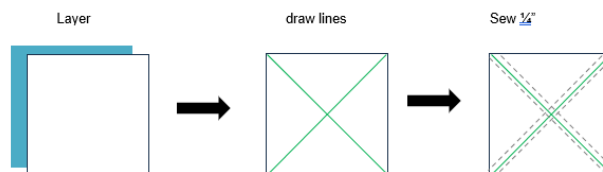
- One, 10" square
- One, 4 ½" square

*WOF = Width of fabric

Use a scant ¼" seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the ¼" line on your ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

Step 1. – Make 8 half square triangles

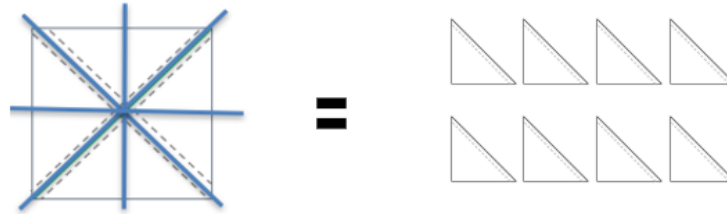
- Layer the 10" squares of background colour and contrasting colour right sides together.
- On the lighter colour, draw a diagonal line both ways across the square.
- Sew ¼" on both sides of each line.



Step 1 (continued).

- Cut the block into eight sections.

Cut horizontal and vertical first, then the diagonals



- Open and press each half square triangle unit (press to the darker fabric).
- Square up each unit to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Step 2. – Preparing strip sets.

- Sew one background colour $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the colour #1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip.
- Sew one background colour $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the colour #2, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip.

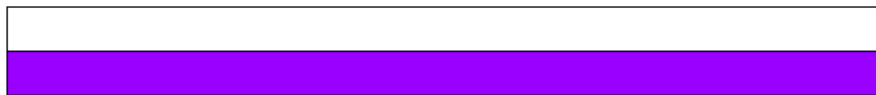
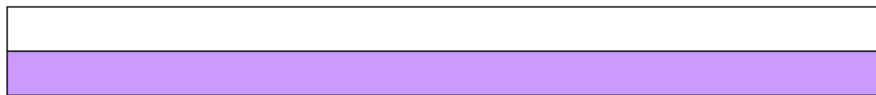
Layer



Sew

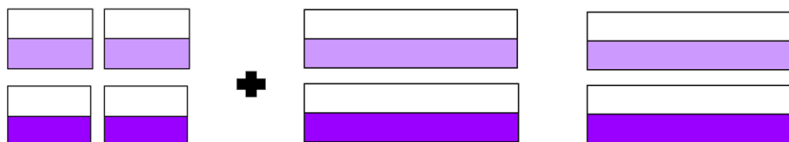


- Open each strip set and press to the darker fabric.



Step 3. – Sub cut the strip sets

- From each strip set you will need to cut, two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and two $12\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

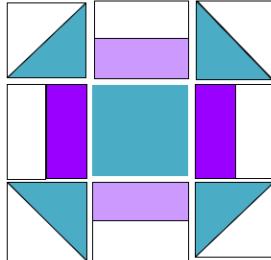


Step 4. – Making the inner Chun Dash block

You will need:

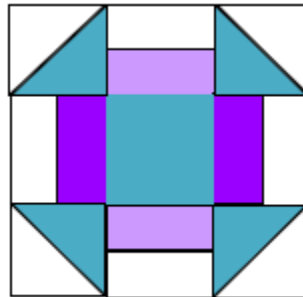
- Four half square triangle blocks
- The 4 ½” square contrasting colour
- Two 4 ½” strip set of colour #1/background.
- Two 4 ½” strip set of colour #2/background.

Lay out the components for the inner Churn Dash block.



- Sew the blocks together:
 - o First sew the top row, then the middle row and lastly the bottom row sections.
 - o Then sew the three rows together. Refer to the video.
 - o Press the top and bottom rows seams outwards.
 - o Press the center row seams inwards.

You have now completed the inner Churn Dash Block. This should measure 12 ½” x 12 ½”.

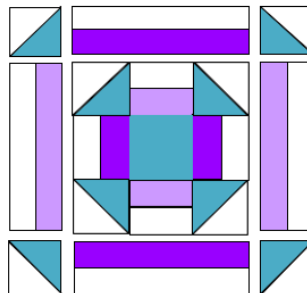


Step 5. – Completing the Double Churn Dash Block

You will need:

- The inner Churn Dash block completed in step 4.
- Four half square triangle blocks.
- Two 12 ½” strip set of colour #2/background.
- Two 12 ½” strip set of colour #2/background.

Lay out the components for the Double Churn Dash ensuring your colour #1 and #2 strips are on opposite sides of the inner churn dash block.

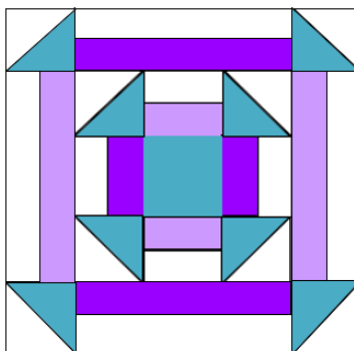


Step 5 (continued).

- Sew the block together.
 - o First sew the top row, then the middle row and lastly the bottom row sections.
 - o Then sew the three rows together.
 - o Refer to the video on pressing the seams.

Congratulations!

You have now completed the giant Double Churn Dash Block.
Your block should measure 20 ½" x 20 ½".



What a quick way to make a giant quilt block!

Bring your completed block(s) to the March 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 March 13th for the March 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

Puppies for Sharing

By Teresa Watson

I had fun on January 28th and hope everyone else in the group did too. Between 10:00 am and 3:30 pm that day, 11 of us gathered at the North Slave Métis Alliance office to make puppies.

Many thanks to Leslie Bromley, Alecia Callahan, Debbie Gillard, Christine Hoiland, Angie Littlefair, Theresa Molnar, Sandi Shannon, Leslie Thomas, Hazel Wainwright, and Linda Whitford for making some amazing puppies from the available fabric. The only problem is, I still have over 3 bins of minky scraps!

Everyone quickly got to work tracing the pattern and cutting out pieces, with lots of interesting discussion over which fabrics to use for different puppy parts. It makes the puppies more interesting to use contrast for nose, tummy, and inside of ears. Soon everyone was busy sewing parts together.

And before we knew it - it was time for stuffing!



Puppies for Sharing (continued)

By 3:30, we had a lovely collection of puppies nearing completion.

Thanks to Linda Whitford for arranging the space that we used at no charge. And thanks for everyone in helping to clean up - we had a lot of fluff around the room!



The finished puppies were proudly displayed at our February 8th meeting

A couple of special mentions:

Alecia's puppy wins the lucky puppy award with the eye placement perfectly fitting with the pattern in the fabric - all we did was add small black craft eyes for pupils!

(puppy pictured on the right)



And Linda's puppy wins the formal dress category with a bow tie. Meet Mr. Bo Jangles.

These wonderful puppies will make a great addition to our sharing gifts inventory!

(puppy pictured on the left)



February Show 'n Tell



February Show 'n Tell (continued)



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 quiltingyk@gmail.com. We would love to use it in our Corner.



Mushroom-Beef Stew

I am cooking this recipe as I am putting this newsletter together.

Provide by Leslie Thomas

Source: Crock Pot® and © 2007 Sunbeam Products

Ingredients:

1 pound beef stew meat
1 can (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces) condensed cream
of mushroom soup, undiluted
2 cans (4 ounces each) sliced
mushrooms, drained
1 package (1 ounce) dry onion soup
mix
Hot cooked noodles

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except noodles in 2- to 3-quart slow cooker.
Cover, cook on Low 8 to 10 hours.
Serve over noodles.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: I added bite sized carrots, onion, and potatoes and cooked for 6 hours. Omitted the package of dry onion soup mix and added garlic powder and a Moroccan spice from Epicure. Served with brown rice.



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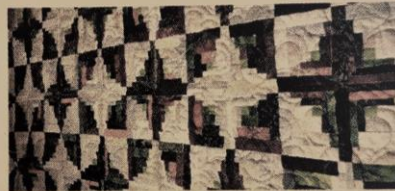
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leslie06thomas@gmail.com

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.

Executive for 2023-2024

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