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Next Meeting

May 9, 2024 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

May will be a busy month for our members. May 2nd will be a Trunk Show with quilts from Melissa Marginet at the Baker Centre at 7 pm, then Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday will be her classes at the Ski Chalet.

Our AGM is scheduled for May 9 at our regular meeting time and location. The following weekend, May 17 to 19 will be a retreat, also held at the Ski Chalet.

Donna will update you on the classes, while Hazel will have an update on the retreat. I imagine the gardeners are hoping for the great melt and thaw so they can start planting their gardens.



President's Letter (continued)

For the AGM, we are looking for new executive members. It has been a challenge having just four members, and we welcome quilters willing to help us plan for the new quilting year. Leslie B and Leslie T have one more year as part of the executive, Donna's term is done, though she is willing to stay on, Teresa Watson will not be continuing as an executive member. We will miss her recording and organizing skills as part of the executive but will be seeing her regularly as a guild member.

How are you doing with your Challenge Quilt? Working with a word or image from a magazine has made for an interesting challenge. Your piece must be finished for the June meeting.

We have several donation quilts left, mainly for kids, as well as a few puppies, mittens and hats. If you know of anyone we missed on our donation days, please let us know how to contact the families and allow them to choose their quilts, puppies or mitts and hats.

The changing of the season allows for other passions to be worked on. Gardening, golf, paddling the lakes, and camping as well as quilting.

Read the instructions, cut straight and enjoy whatever it is you are working on.

Leslie Bromley
President

April's Mystery Bag Draw Winner:



Congratulations
Suzette!

Spring Retreat May 17 - 19 At the Ski Chalet

Payment of \$100 can be by cheque made out to Yellowknife Quilters Guild or by money transfer to quiltingyk@gmail.com.

Contact Hazel at hazel@theatreyk.ca to sign up.

Watch your email for more details.



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 is the Baker Centre.
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)

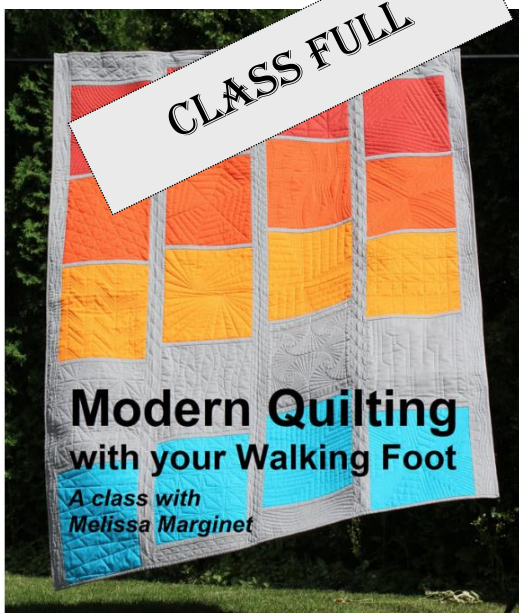
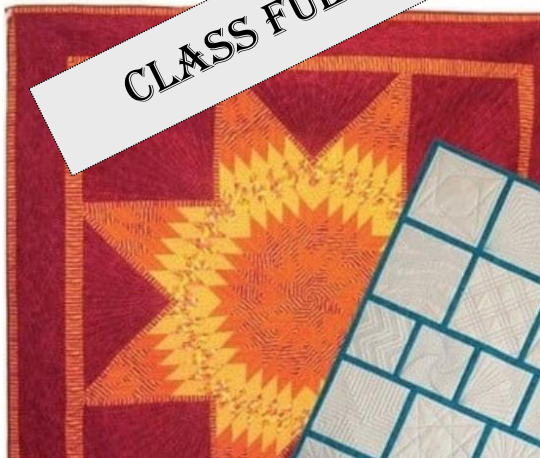
There are so many ways you can quilt as you go. You will learn several ways, starting off with the basic sashing method, by making samples to take home to your studio and have them for future reference. We will also look at patterns and see how we can break them up so they can be finished on your home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



Melissa Marginet's

Trunk Show and Lecture

May 2, 2024

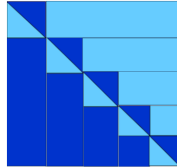
7 pm @ Baker Centre

Open for members and guests.

May 2024 Quilt Block

Welcome to our seventh and final 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 May 2024 is the **Rick Rack block**.



We will use the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. Watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU77WTVqldY>. Block construction starts around 1:10 minutes into the video and goes to 10:45 minutes.

Color Way: your choice of colours/prints.

What you need:

- Colour #1 - One, 2 ½" x WOF light fabric (you do not have to use white as in the video)
- Colour #2 - One, 2 ½" x WOF dark fabric

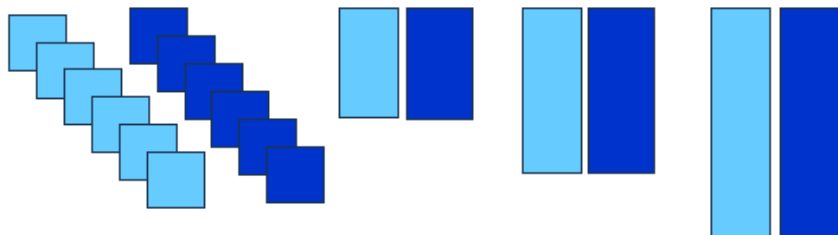
*WOF = Width of Fabric

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.

Open and layer the two strips (to make cutting faster) and sub-cut each strip into the following:

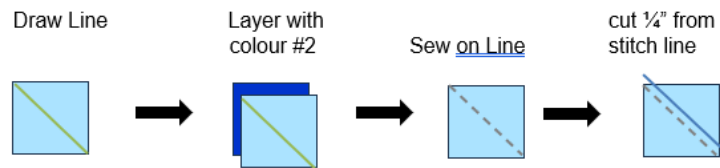
- Six, 2 ½" squares
- One, 2 ½" x 4 ½" strip.
- One, 2 ½" x 6 ½" strip.
- One, 2 ½" x 8 ½" strip.



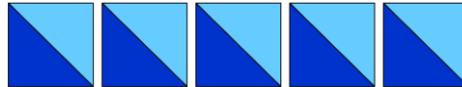
Step 2.

Using five of the colours #1 and #2 – 2 ½” squares, make 5 half square triangles.

- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the colour #1 squares.
- Layer a colour #2 square under the #1 square and sew on the line you marked.
- Cut off the excess fabric ¼” from the stitch line.



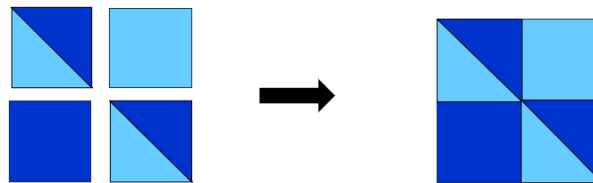
- Press open to the darker fabric.



Step 3.

Make a 4 patch.

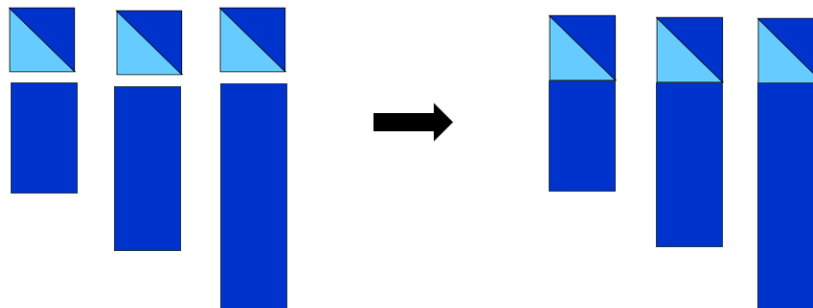
- Using two of the half square triangle units made in step 2 and the remaining 2 ½” squares (one colour #1 and one colour #2) arrange the squares as in the diagram below and sew together to make a four patch unit.
- Open and press to the darker fabric.



Step 4.

Sew the remaining half square triangle units to the ends of the colour #2 strips. Make sure the half square triangles are all facing the same way. Refer to diagram below.

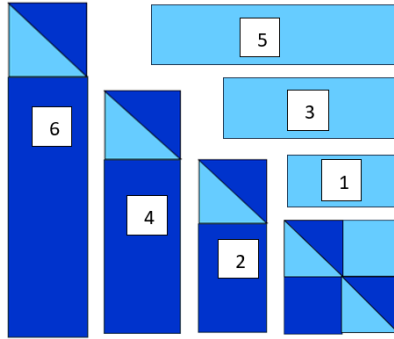
- Press to the dark fabric.



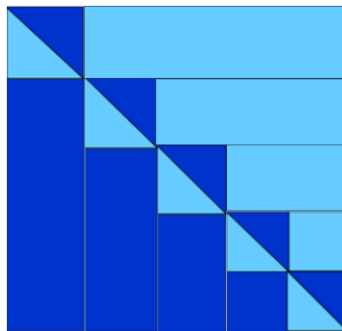
Step 5.

Finishing the block.

- Layout the units made in steps 2 – 4 as in the diagram below and sew together.
- Sew together in the order indicated in the diagram below, starting with the sewing the 2 ½" x 4 ½" strip to the four patch and then continue in the order indicated.
- Press after each seam has been sewn.
- Square up to 10 ½" square when completed.



And that is the Rick Rack Block! Hope you enjoyed making this one.



Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this series of blocks to help support our Sharing Gifts program.

If you missed a block and still want to contribute, visit the guild's Share Gifts – Quilt Blocks of the Month section at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources-page-1> for the patterns.

Bring your completed block(s) to the next meeting. If you're unable to attend the May 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 May 8th for the May 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.

I will also check the basket in June for blocks, so if you are running behind, bring them to the June meeting or drop them in the basket no later than June 12th and I will get them to the June meeting for you.

Christine

QUILT CHALLENGE 2023/24

Reminder!

The Magazine Challenge

Have you completed your submission for this year's Quilt Challenge? **Don't panic** – there's still time if you haven't! The reveal will take place at the June 13 Guild Meeting.

What did you use for your inspiration from page 31 in the magazine? Was it an image? A word or phrase? The colours?? We are looking forward to hearing about your creative journey - don't panic it doesn't have to be a long speech – just a few words!

And don't forget - If you're not participating by making a submission you'll still be able to participate [by voting for your favourites at the meeting.](#)

A refresher on the Rules:

1. You **must use the magazine's page 31 for inspiration** AND must **present the magazine** and **give a brief statement** regarding its inspiration when you **reveal your challenge quilt** at the **June 2024 Guild Meeting**.
2. **If you are unable to attend the June meeting**, please provide us with your inspiration statement, quilt measurements, and photos of the magazine page and quilt (or the quilt and magazine) so that we can put them on display – ***No later than June 7, 2024***
3. Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
4. Submissions must be ***quilted** and finished – no UFO's!
5. Quilts must be no smaller than 64" in circumference. There is no maximum size.
6. Members at the June meeting will vote for each of the following three categories:

Categories: Members are eligible to win in one of the following categories:

<u>Small Quilt</u>	<u>Large Quilt</u>	<u>Viewer's Choice</u>
64" to 139" circumference (approximately placement to baby quilt in size eg. 13" x 19" to 29.5" x 40")	140" circumference or larger (approximately larger than baby quilt, eg. 30" x 40" or larger)	Most overall votes
Prizes: 1 st place \$75 2 nd place \$50	Prizes: 1 st place \$75 2 nd place \$50	Prize: \$100

***Quilted** means made of two layers of fabric filled with batting that is held in place with stitching.

April Show 'n Tell



April Show 'n Tell (continued)



April Show 'n Tell (continued)



**YELLOWKNIFE
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A.G.M.

MAY 9, 2024

**7 PM @ BAKER
CENTRE**

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.



Quick Vegetarian Lunch

This is the quickest lunch I know of, although it can be embellished to make it more exciting. The best part is that only one utensil gets dirty!

Provided by Charlotte Babicki

You will need:

- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 box of orange juice
- 1 spoon

Directions:

1. Open jar of peanut butter.
2. Use spoon to take out a good dollop.
3. Lick spoon, alternating with sips of Orange Juice.

Possible Enhancements:

- Add a handful of crackers (saltine or Ritz for alternative bites or spread the peanut butter on a cracker.
- For an Elvis touch, alternate a lick of peanut butter with a bite of banana.
- Exchange spoon for knife. Spread peanut butter on a slice of bread. If you have extra time, spread peanut butter on toast.
- Or if you are a traditionalist, spread peanut butter on one slice of bread and jelly on another. Then put the two slices of bread together or not!

But What about the Family?

Repeat this sentence as necessary:

"Make your own lunch, honey."

(By the way, honey is good with peanut butter too.)





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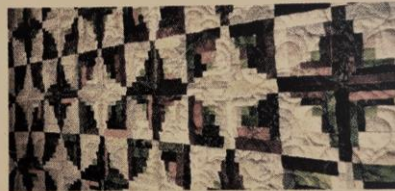
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leslie06thomas@gmail.com

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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Vice President	Leslie Thomas
Secretary	Teresa Watson
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