

Pieces of the North

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

December 11, 2025 at

6 pm Pot Luck Dinner

7 pm meeting @ Baker Centre.



President's Message

Hello Quilters,

I believe, that for many, November has been a busy month collecting and producing items for our

Christmas Quilt Sale. As I write this letter before the sale, I am presuming that the setup, sale, and take down were busy and successful! This is a fast and furiously paced event supported by our amazing quilters and the community of folks who have supported us for many years. There will be an accounting of the financial part of the sale at our next guild meeting December 11.

With the next guild meeting in mind, are you thinking about what you would like to contribute to the Christmas Pot Luck dinner? The executive is planning to start the event at 6 pm for dinner, the actual meeting will begin at 7 pm as usual. If a Pot Luck isn't for you, just come to the meeting and enjoy our Christmas festivities. Show and Tell will happen as usual at the meeting, so don't forget to bring your latest creations to show everyone.

Sewcial Sewing was held at the former Roy's Electronics November 15. Though the group was small, we managed to accomplish lots. It is always so great to have a day away from all the distractions of home to dedicate to quilting. It doesn't matter if it is actual piecing or just cutting for our next project - it is the ability

to concentrate on a project undisturbed! If anyone is interested in Sewcial Sewing December 13, email Leslie Bromley lbromley2011@gmail.com to let her know, otherwise the next one will be January 10, 2026.



Upcoming events to keep in mind are:

- Tamara Kate coming to teach 3 classes May 22-24, 2026
- Spring Retreat June 5-7, 2026
- The Idiom Challenge due to be COMPLETED JUNE 11, 2026 for the reveal.

Stay calm, Keep warm and Quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President

Make and Take – Hot Pads

Submitted by Linda Whitford

At the last Quilt Retreat, Linda showed how to make these cute hot pads. It's a quick project and you use whatever you have in your stash to make these great hot pads. Linda has shared the link to the Blog found on Sweet P Quilting and Creations website that provides instructions on how to make them. Here is the link.



<http://sweetp-palette.blogspot.com/2011/06/tutorial-by-delores.html>

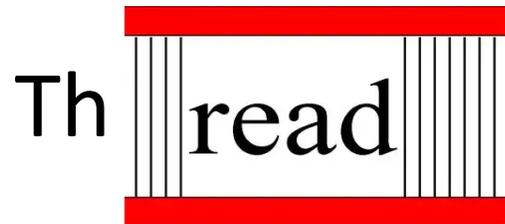


Quilt Challenge 2025/26

Submitted by Debbie Gillard

THREAD BETWEEN THE LINES

This year we are thrilled to introduce a new quilt challenge that's going to stretch our imaginations, tickle our funny bones and maybe teach us something new about language. This year's Challenge is called **"Thread Between the Lines"** and the theme is **Idioms!**



Those quirky little phrases we use every day – like *"raining cats and dogs,"* *"a stitch in time saves nine,"* or *"don't cry over spilled milk."*

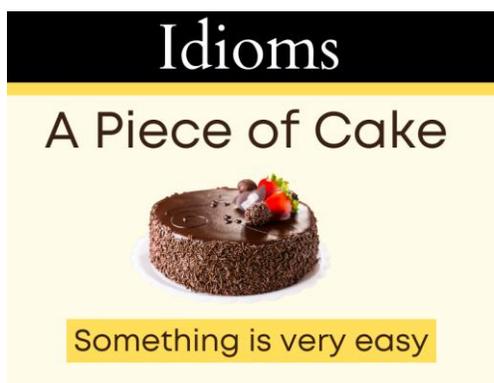
Idioms are more than just expressions, they're tiny stories, cultural snapshots, and poetic puzzles and now we're going to turn them into quilts!



- Choose an idiom – any idiom – that speaks to you. It can be humorous, heartfelt, or downright peculiar.
- Interpret it visually through fabric, colour and design. You can be literal, abstract, or somewhere in between.
- Your quilt must be no smaller than a Fat Quarter in circumference but it can be "larger than life" and should clearly reflect the idiom you've chosen.
- Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
- Submissions must be *quilted and finished – no UFO's!

We'll showcase the finished pieces at our year end meeting in June – you will be asked to present your quilt and say a few words on your chosen idiom and a short explanation of your interpretation. There will be prizes and members in attendance will vote for their favourite!

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



"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE"



Helpful Websites



Fabric Café

Putting the Fun Back in Quilting!

Submitted by Linda Whitford

Fabric Café has a free section on its website (www.fabriccafe.com) which contains a useful variety of tips. One of these is how to “Make a Square Pillow Cover”. It walks you through the steps needed using a block to make a square pillow cover with the appropriate measurements. It is a good idea for using up orphan blocks or creating blocks from leftover fabric from a project. Check it out https://www.fabriccafe.com/v/vspfiles/F_Pttrn/Pillow%20Instructions.pdf

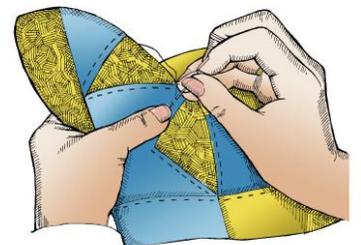
bits & pieces quilting

Submitted by Marta Moir

Bits & Pieces Quilting has a great website (www.bitsandpiecesquilting.com) that has many free patterns along with a YouTube channel for free tutorials, tips and tricks to help you make the most of your fabric bits and pieces. It is a good resource for using up your scraps or smaller pre-cuts.

Sewcial Saturday?

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QUILTING GROUP

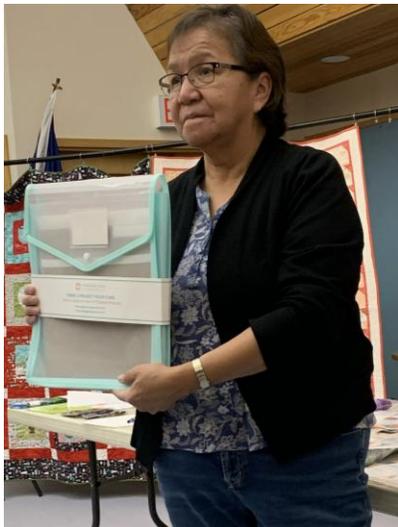


November Show and Tell









*November's Mystery Bag Draw Winner
Congratulations Susan Purcka*

**I FINALLY LEARNED WHAT THIS DRAWER IS FOR.
IT'S WHERE YOUR SEWING VITAMINS GO!**



Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to: martamoir@yahoo.ca with the subject "For the Newsletter" Deadline for submissions is the 4th Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.



We all struggle when preparing meals for our families while we have been spending the day quilting. Your problem is solved here in our 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.

Christmas Crack with Pretzels

Submitted by Linda Whitford



One of my fave Christmas Treats – this version courtesy of <https://2cookinmamas.com/christmas-toffee-bark-aka-christmas-crack/#recipe>

You will need:

- 8 oz. mini pretzels
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Colored sprinkles

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with sides with parchment paper and spray with nonstick spray. Or simply spray a large cookie sheet with nonstick spray making sure it covers every nook & cranny.
2. Break up the pretzels and spread in an even layer on the bottom of the cookie sheet.
3. In a small saucepan, heat butter and sugar to boiling, stirring to combine. Once it comes to a rolling boil, stop stirring, and let it cook for 3-5 minutes. It will start to foam up and turn a pretty caramel color as it reaches the correct temperature.
4. Pour the caramel (butter-sugar mixture) evenly over the pretzels. Don't worry if there are little spots it didn't cover as it will spread in the oven.
5. Place cookie sheet in the oven for 5 minutes.
6. Remove and immediately sprinkle chocolate chips over the top.
7. Let sit 3-5 minutes to soften the chocolate then spread evenly over the top with a silicone spatula.
8. Immediately sprinkle with colored sprinkles or other preferred toppings.
9. Place in refrigerator to help it set faster. Once it hardens, take out and crack into pieces. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

Variations:

- Base - you can use saltines, Ritz crackers or even graham crackers like my S'mores Bark
- Chocolate - use a combination of white and semi-sweet chocolate or go with dark chocolate. You can even opt for peanut butter cups or Andes Creme de Menthe chips!
- Toppings - while chocolate is still warm, top with chopped nuts, toffee bits, crushed candy canes, crushed Oreos or M&Ms

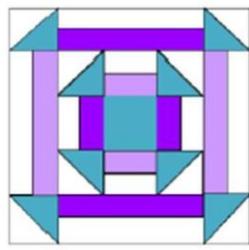
Block of the Month Update

There are still a few blocks needed in order to complete the quilt tops, so continue making blocks for the incomplete tops (see list below). If quilt tops were taken to piece together and have been completed, bring the quilt top to the meeting or drop it off at the Longarm of the North before the guild meeting.

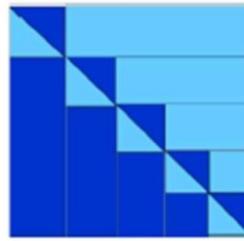
	Block Name	Block size	Number needed	Number finished	
Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13	
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	10	
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	9	
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 57" x 66.5"	19	
Nov 24	Hidden Wells Block	11"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 63" x 73.5"	19	
Jan 25	Woven Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	21	
Mar 25	To Use Up The Pieces	12 3/4"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	15	
Apr 25	Children's Delight	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	11	
May 25	London Roads	9 1/2"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 54" x 72"	4	



Side Kick
Jan. 2024



Double Churn Dash
Mar 2024



Rick Rack
May 2024



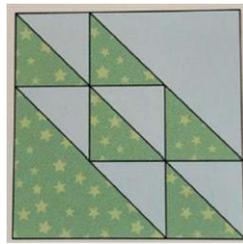
Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



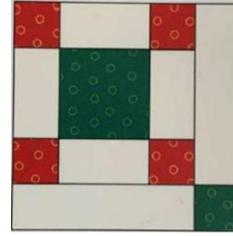
Hidden Wells
Nov 2024



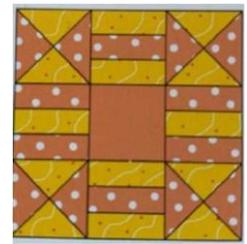
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Apr 2025



London Roads
May 2025

Refer to the monthly newsletters for construction information, block size, and recommended colour options.

Shop News



Longarm of the North

Now that many of you know where and when to find Longarm, I can let you know that there are still openings available for December bookings. Feel free to contact me for more information at lbromley2011@gmail.com or 867-444-9937. We can quilt together or I can do it for you.

Leslie



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2025-26 Executive

The YK Quilters Guild 2025/2026 Executive includes:

- Leslie Bromley - President
- Amanda Pierce - Vice-President
- Donna MacDonald - Treasurer
- Ilia Daniel - Secretary
- Leslie Thomas - Member at Large



Meeting Info

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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