

Pieces of the North

Yellowknife Quilters Newsletter

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

November 13, 2025 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Hello Quilters,

Tis the month of October when I seriously start to panic about what I'm hoping to finish for Christmas. I sit down and make a list of what I would like to accomplish and try to prioritize my projects. I have

done fairly well this year - the most important ones are finished and delivered. Now it's time to work on the rest of them.

There was 'sew' much chatter, visiting and quilting at our retreat held at the Ski Club October 17 - 19. This year, we had a bonus day - all day Friday not just the evening. We even ate healthy meals with lots of snacks. Many huge thanks to Hazel Wainwright, Linda Whitford, Sandi Shannon and Amanda Pierce for organizing, shopping, baking, cooking and teaching. Thanks to Donna MacDonald for keeping track of our expenses. Quilting retreats are a great opportunity to focus on projects till they are completed, as well as learning new techniques and projects. See highlights on page 11.

Our only fundraiser, the Christmas Quilt Sale will be at the Centre Ice Plaza on November 29 (see page 4). Linda Whitford will have more information for us regarding donations, donation drop off location, set up and take down. This is an amazing event which requires a lot of work. Please have your donations ready for sale,

and if you are unable to donate a project, a cash donation of \$30 is appreciated as it helps keep our annual fees low.

Our next Sewcial Saturday will be November 15 in the former **Roy's Electronics**, lower level of YK Centre from 9 am to 6 pm. For the small price of \$10 you can have a productive day of stitching and sewcializing. Coffee, tea and snacks, as well as cutting boards, tables and chairs, will be available. Just bring your sewing machine and project supplies for a great day. Contact me at lbromley2011@gmail or 867-444-9937 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Keep in mind our 2025/26 Quilt Challenge! Debbie is suggesting that you quilt your favourite Idiom. Think of a phrase (idiom) you use frequently, or something obscure, and make a quilted piece to represent your idiom. See page 3 for details.

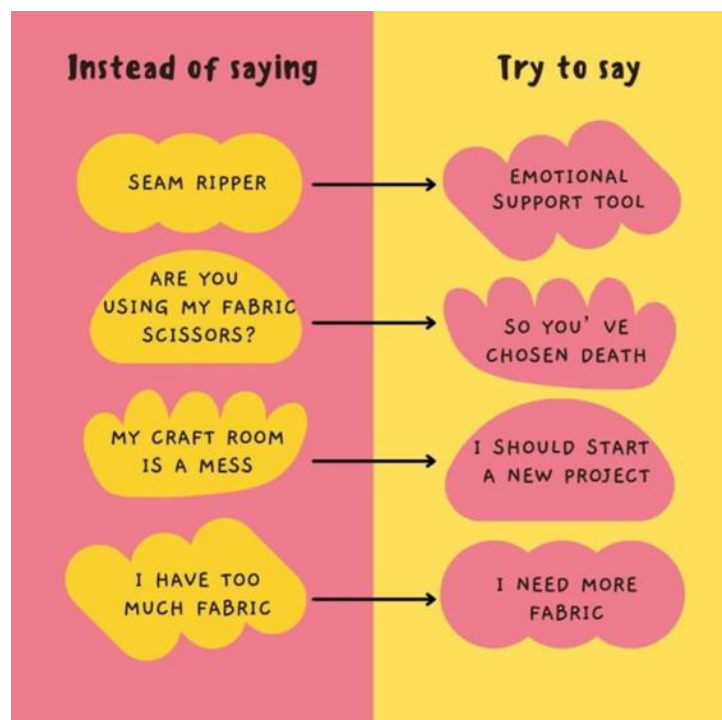
We are still collecting blocks for our Sharing Gifts quilt tops. An updated list of blocks needed is on page 16 of the newsletter. Let us know if you have any suggestions of people or places that could use the completed quilts.

Anyone interested in supplying snacks for the November meeting? It works well if there are 2 volunteers. All leftovers that you don't want to take home will be donated to the Seniors - Lunch With The Bunch on Friday. Please contact Leslie B at 867-444-9937 if you can bring snacks. Thank you!

The next meeting will be November 13, Baker Centre at 7 pm. Bring your Show and Tell and maybe introduce a friend to our quilting guild.

Stay calm, keep warm and keep quilting!

Leslie Bromley
President
YK Quilters Guild



Submitted by A. Pierce

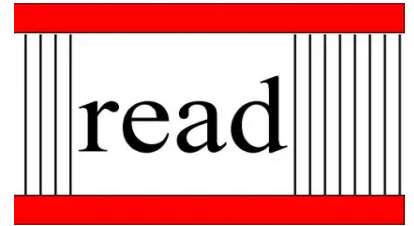
Quilt Challenge 2025/26

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!**

Th read



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."*

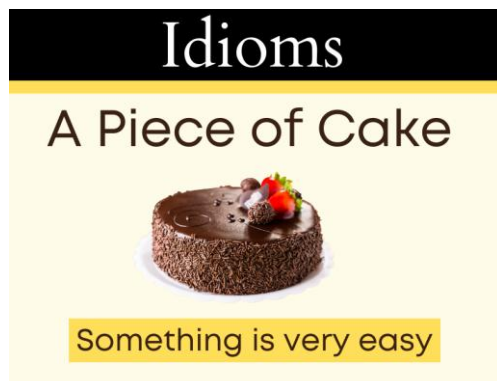
Idioms are more than just expressions, they're tiny stories, cultural snapshots, and poetic puzzles and now we're going to turn them into quilts!



- 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"



Annual Christmas Sale

Yellowknife Quilters' Guild Annual Christmas Sale

Quilts and More

Saturday, November 29th

9 – 3 pm

at Centre Ice Plaza

(Atrium)

480 Range Lake Road



Come down and choose from a wide variety of quilted items for sale. Table runners, placemats, bags and advent calendars and so much more!

Cash is accepted and a Credit/Debit Square will be available.

Cutting Table Option

Submitted by Cindy Taylor



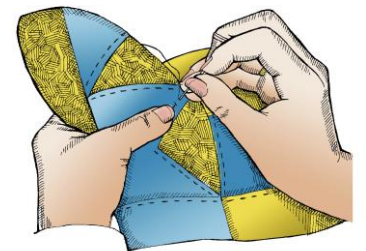
I first saw this kitchen island used as a cutting table a few years ago when several quilters opened their sewing “studios” for tours. (Thanks, Dawn). You may find similar options elsewhere. I bought this one on sale, reorganized my sewing space to make it fit, and I love it.

Details on this item:

- For Living – Wood top open shelf kitchen island with folding leaf
- 31” x 47” surface when opened; 36” high
- Weighs 300 lbs; assembly required (I recommend getting help with lifting and assembling)
- Currently available at Canadian Tire for \$472.49, but wait until it goes on sale.

Sewcial Saturday

Our next Sewcial Saturday will be November 1515 in the former **Roy's Electronics**, lower level of YK Centre from 9 am to 6 pm. \$10.



QUILTING GROUP



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.

Membership Renewals Due

Reminder to renew your YK Quilters’ Guild membership. Membership fee remains at \$40. EFTs can be directed to quiltingyk@gmail.com.



October Show and Tell

Finished block of the month Quilt!











Well
done!



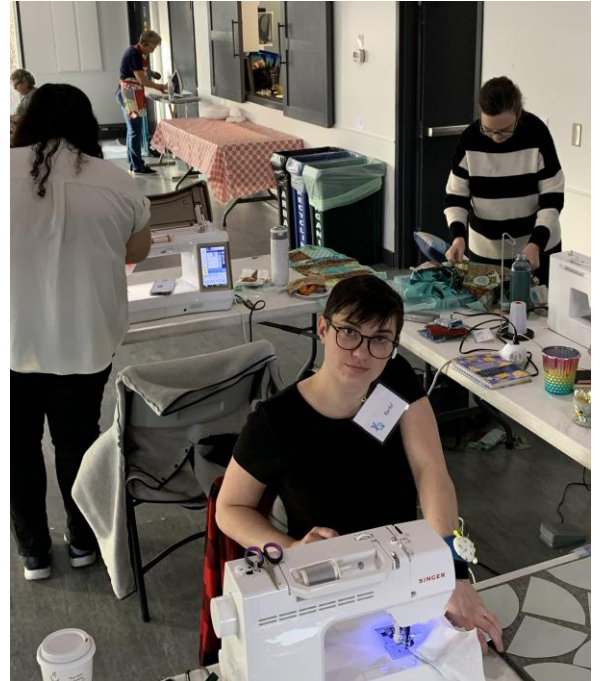
*October's Mystery Bag Draw Winner
Congratulations Lillian McOuat*

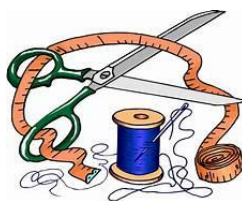


*Fall Quilting Retreat Highlights
October 2025*



Lots of Planning - Cutting - Sewing - Pressing





Make and Take – Hot Pads



Games – Fabric Square – Left/Right/Centre



Seat Cushion Option

Submitted by Amanda Pierce

During this past quilting retreat, there was a lot of interest in the seat cushion I was using. When you're sitting for 2 days quilting up a storm on those hard plastic chairs you often want a nice cushion for your seat.

The one I have is the AutoTrends 2-in-1 Memory Foam Lumbar back seat cushion from Canadian Tire (I have included a photo). There are lots of different seat cushion options in the automotive section which was a surprise to most of the folks at the retreat so thought I would share the tip to check out the automotive section if you're looking for a good seat cushion to keep you comfy during your long sewing/quilting sessions!

[eries](#) > [Seat Covers & Cushions](#) > [AutoTrends 2-in-1...](#)



AutoTrends 2-in-1 Memory Foam Lumbar Back Seat Cushion

#032-6398-2

★★★★★ 4.3 (39 reviews)

\$27.29



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 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.

Sweet Meatballs

Submitted by Marta Moir

You will need:

Meatballs

- 1.25 pounds ground beef
- ½ cup of bread crumbs
- ½ cup of water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper

Sauce

- 1 ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp flour (or 1 tsp corn starch)
- ½ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup water
- 2 tsp soya sauce
- 1 tbsp ketchup



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 2. Mix meatballs and cook in oven for 20 minutes
 3. Mix up sauce in pot and simmer on low for 15-20 minutes (until thick)
 4. Add cooked meatballs to sauce in pot and simmer on low for approximately 10 minutes.
- Makes approximately 30-40 meatballs



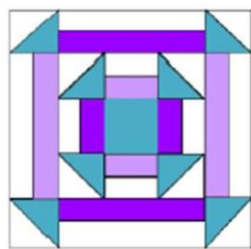
Block of the Month Update

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.

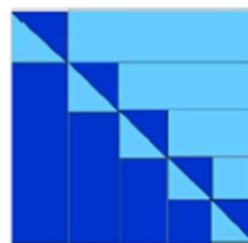
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Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13	
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	10	
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	9	
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 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



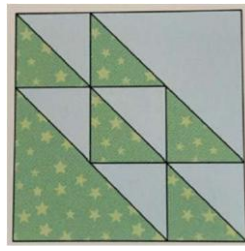
Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



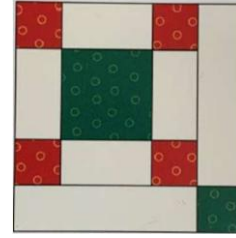
Hidden Wells
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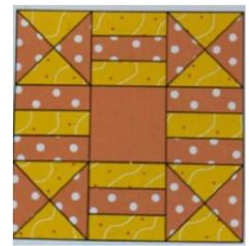
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Jan 2025



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Mar 2025



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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

As a quilter you have been super productive and have another quilt top finished. It's too big to quilt on your domestic machine and you don't have time to send it out to have it quilted. Now what can you do?

Longarm of the North is a small shop on the lower level of the 50/50 Mini Mall which has a longarm quilting machine. You can work with me to decide on a pantograph and thread to finish your quilt. I will be there to load your top, backing and batting. Then we will work on you becoming comfortable with the longarm itself. I will stay with you while you are using the machine.

If you prefer, I can quilt the top for you after you have decided on the pantograph and thread.

We also carry batting in a cotton blend, bamboo/cotton blend and wool.

Call Leslie at 867-444-9937 to make an appointment or drop in Tuesdays or Thursdays between 11 am and 5 pm to check us out. I am also willing to work the occasional Saturday.

Leslie Bromley



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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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Members for Sale Items FREE

Businesses	\$35 full page
	\$20 half page
	\$10 quarter page
	(or equivalent)



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