

Pieces of the North

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

October 9, 2025 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Hello Quilters,

It was wonderful to see so many quilters attend our September meeting. Following a long summer break, the number of quilts shown is always a surprise, as is seeing familiar faces we have missed over the summer.

As the weather cools down and we start to settle in for more time indoors, handmade projects seem to come to the top of the list. It may be quilting or English Paper Piecing, knitting or crocheting, there is always something to do. Then we start looking at the upcoming classes and the Christmas Sale as the list of projects grows longer. I like to start with the most important projects and work from there.

Don't forget the Fall Retreat at the Ski Chalet October 17-19 (see page 3 for details). Sign up with Hazel, transfer your \$100 registration fee to quiltingyk@gmail.com and pick out your project. This is a good way to get started on a special project that would work well with two dedicated days of quilting. Don't forget to include any food allergies or sensitivities when you sign up.

Feel free to make a few squares for the Sharing gifts block of the month quilt tops. The list of blocks and how many are needed are posted with the newsletter (see page 12). Instructions can be found on our Yellowknife Quilters Guild web page under Resources, then Newsletters.

I'm looking forward to hearing what Debbie Gillard has planned for our Challenge 2026! She always dreams up the most intriguing ideas for our Challenges.

The Annual Christmas Sale will be held in the Atrium of the Centre Ice Plaza on November 29, 2025. Linda Whitford will have more details as the date rushes towards us. Donations for the sale, valued at \$30 are always welcome, however if you are not able to donate an item, then a cash donation of \$30 goes towards fundraising for the Guild.

Stay calm, keep warm and keep on quilting!

Leslie Bromley
President



**This year's Guild Challenge will be announced
at the October 9th Guild meeting!**



Fall Quilting Retreat

17-19 October 2025

It's that time again.....An awesome opportunity for members to be inspired at an uninterrupted weekend of sewing and socializing with quilting friends! You don't want to miss it.
Space is limited so register now - there are a few spaces available!



Where: Yellowknife Ski Club, 2nd floor.
A wonderful space with lots of windows and ample room for 18 participants.

When: Friday 17th October 6:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday 19th October.
You just go home to sleep in your own bed at night.

Schedule: Friday: Set up anytime after 6:00p.m., sew and socialize for the evening.
Saturday: Door will be open from 8:45 a.m. until bedtime. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Sunday: Door will be open at 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
4:00 - 5:00p.m. Pack up and cleanup

What to bring:
All your sewing equipment. Projects, ideas etc.
Extension cord and power bar.
A snack to share (meals will be healthy so snacks don't have to be)
Any personal beverage choices (there is a fridge)
Four 5" squares of Christmas fabric for a fun game on Saturday.
You may want to bring a pillow to sit on as chairs are hard and low.



Also: We will be doing a "Make n Take". To participate you will need to bring six 10" squares of fabric of your choice with a matching thread for top stitching. Having you bring your own choice of fabric ensures you will end up with something you like. The other items needed will be supplied by the Guild.

Other information:
Coffee, tea and water will be available all weekend.
Everything can be left at night as the facility will be locked.
Please do not bring mini-irons as power at the ski club is limited. Irons and ironing boards will be provided.
Please let me know if you have food allergies or restrictions so we can cater accordingly.

To sign up: Contact Hazel at hazel@theatreyk.ca
Cost for the weekend is \$100, payable by cheque or e-transfer to quiltingyk@gmail.com.
Registration is complete upon payment in full.

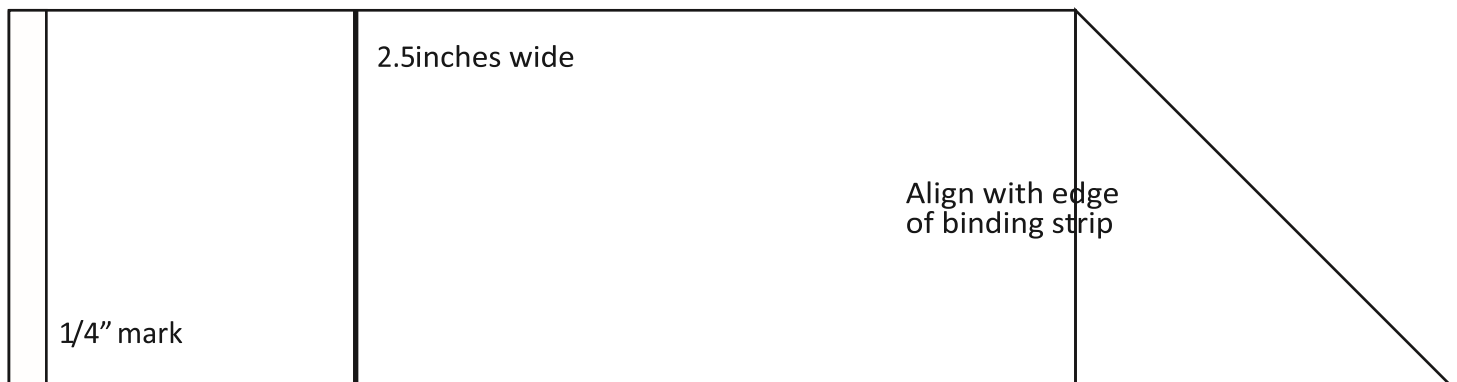
Binding Strip Tool

Karen Brown – JustGetItDoneQuilts.com
Submitted by Marta Moir

Are you struggling with getting your binding to finish nicely on your quilt and what about getting neat mitred corners.

Karen Brown from Just Get It Done Quilts has a 3 in 1 Binding Tool that I have found to be so useful.

It looks like this:



Karen has a YouTube video where she explains how to make and use a binding strip template.

See 1:09 into the video. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=-6lagO5rC2E&si=xpvjIPd4MZsWMu57>

The binding strip template is attached on page 18 of the newsletter. Print out the template at 100% to ensure accuracy. I printed mine onto paper and traced it onto a thin Dollar store cutting mat to make a plastic template. Cut it out and use per the instructions in the video. It works great!



September Show and Tell













September's Mystery Bag Draw Winner
Congratulations Elise Chorostkowski



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.

Chicken Tostadas

Submitted by Leslie Bromley

In the amazing guild library I found two books - Homestyle Quilts and Simple Christmas Tidings which have easy and quick recipes for dinner, desserts, snacks and crafts. Kim Diehl and Laurie Baker wrote them.

You will need:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
16 oz. jar of picante Sauce (salsa)
10 tostada shells
1 16 oz. can of refried beans
2 tablespoons of water
Shredded cheese, lettuce, chopped tomato, guacamole, onions, and sour cream (optional)

Directions:

Place the chicken in a slow cooker and cover with the picante sauce (salsa). Cook on low for 4 to 6 hours or until the chicken shreds easily. Pour the chicken mixture in a strainer to eliminate the liquid but retain the larger chunks of picante sauce. Return the mixture to the slow cooker and use two forks to shred the chicken. Follow the package instructions to warm the tostada shells in the oven. Meanwhile, heat the refried beans and water in a small saucepan until warmed through and spreadable; add more water if necessary. Spread each tostada shell with refried beans, and then top with the shredded chicken mixture. Garnish with cheese, lettuce, tomato, guacamole, onions, and sour cream if desired. This recipe is from 'homestyle quilts' by Kim Diehl and Laurie Baker



Block of the Month Update

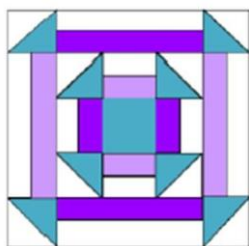
There are still a few blocks needed in order to complete the quilt tops, so continue making blocks for the incomplete tops (see list below). If quilt tops were taken to piece together and have been completed, bring the quilt top to the meeting or drop it off at the Longarm of the North before the guild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

	Block Name	Block size	Number needed	Number finished	
Oct 23	Beginners Square Star	14"	20 squares 54" x 67.5"	23	TOP COMPLETED
Dec 23	Turn Style Block	13"	25 squares. 62.5" x 62.5"	25	TOP COMPLETED
Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13	
Feb 24	Easy Hourglass	6.25"	120 squares 57.5" x 69"	120	TOP COMPLETED
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	9	
Apr 24	Two Step Quilt Block	9"	48 squares. 51" x 68"	48	TOP COMPLETED
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	8	
Sep 24	Building Blocks	9.5"	48 squares 54" x 72"	48	TOP COMPLETED
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 57" x 66.5"	16	
Nov 24	Hidden Wells Block	11"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 63" x 73.5"	19	
Dec 24	Strip Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 60" x 70"	42	TOP COMPLETED
Jan 25	Woven Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	21	
Feb 25	Double X, No. 1	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	30	TOP COMPLETED
Mar 25	To Use Up The Pieces	12 3/4"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	16	

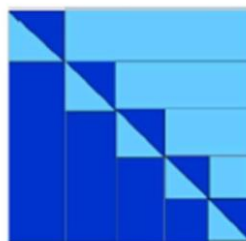
Apr 25	Children's Delight	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	11	
May 25	London Roads	9 1/2"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 54" x 72"	4	



Side Kick
Jan. 2024



Double Churn Dash
Mar 2024



Rick Rack
May 2024



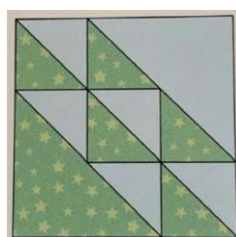
Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



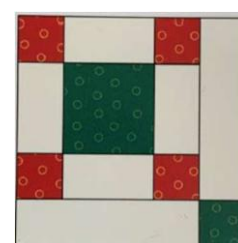
Hidden Wells
Nov 2024



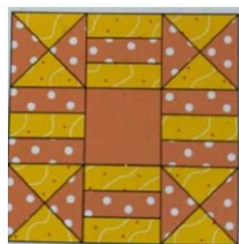
Woven Block
Jan 2025



To Use Up the Pieces
Mar 2025



Children's Delight
Apr 2025



London Roads
May 2025

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



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. Cash, EFT and cheque accepted. Membership Application form is on page 17 of this newsletter.



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





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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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ADVERTISING RATES:

Members for Sale Items FREE

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



Yellowknife Quilters Guild

Membership Application Form
Sept. 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2026



The annual fee is **\$40**, payable by electronic fund transfer, cash, or cheque.

EFT: Transfer to Yellowknife Quilters at quiltingyk@gmail.com.

If you are a new member or have a change in information from last year, please send a separate email with name, email address and phone number (optional) to quiltingyk@gmail.com.

Cash: Bring to the monthly meeting or mail to the postal address below.
Include your membership form (or equivalent info) with the payment.

Cheque: Make payment to Yellowknife Quilters Guild.
Bring to the monthly meeting or mail to the postal address below.
Include your membership form (or equivalent info) with the payment.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Baker Center, **starting at 7:00 pm**.

The monthly newsletter will be sent to your email address.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payment Method: ☐ EFT

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Cheque

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3 in 1 BINDING TOOL

