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Picture taken at the 2024 Quilt Christmas sale

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Next Meeting

February 13, 2025 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Hello Quilters,

Having recently returned from our warm vacation, I have seen the changes that tell me Spring is on it's way. Days are starting earlier and ending later. Temperatures are fluctuating from near zero to minus 25 in less than a week, brrrrrrrr! The sun shines a little more than it did in January. These are all good signs!

A few days after coming home I was able to put on my quilting jacket and sit in front of my sewing machine. What a wonderful feeling! It's been a long time since I was able to work on a quilting project! I am continuing on my quest to finish projects sitting on my cutting table. I'm working on a Mystery Quilt and the bright colours are pretty inspiring. All those HST's - not so much, but the making of blocks means there will be another quilt top by the end of February. I was able to finish a small part of



President's Letter (continued)

my EPP quilt while I travelled as well as knit the feet of a new pair of socks.

As a follow up from our January newsletter, I hope to have details on a quilting day when we can bring our quilting leftovers and spend the day making squares to complete the number needed for some of the Block of the Month squares we have donated. There are also a couple of blocks which have enough squares to be put together as a new top which I will longarm and then have someone bind them.

Do you have any special projects for Valentines Day? Bring them along, old or new, with a story for our Show and Tell. Remember to bring any other projects you have finished, as well.

I hope that the added hours of natural daylight are inspiring you to keep on quilting.

Our next Guild meeting will be February 13, 7 pm, at the Baker Centre.

Stay calm, keep warm and quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President

January's Mystery Bag Draw Winner



Congratulations
Cindy T.

Saturday Sewial Sewing

Saturday after guild meeting

9 am to 6 pm.

YK Centre in The Loft

To confirm your attendance,
send email to
lbromley2011@gmail.com.

February 2025 Quilt Block

The Quilt Guild continues the Block of the Month series in our Sharing Gifts Program. This is our sixth block in support of our Sharing Gifts Program for the 2024/2025 season. 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 the Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

Our block pattern for February 2025 is called a **Double X, No. 1 block**.

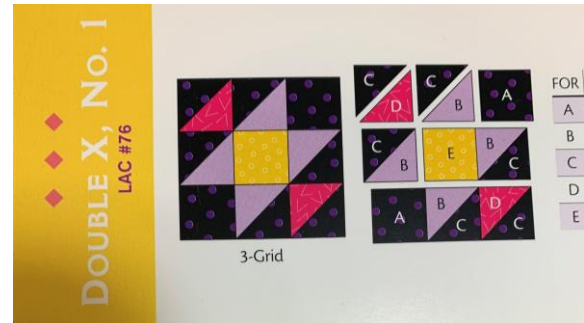
Color Way: Choose four or five bright prints/solids from your fabric stash/scraps. One colour needs to be pink OR a variation of pink.

What you need for one block:

- Colour A** – two 4.5" squares
- Colour B** – two 4 7/8" squares
- Colour C** – three 4 7/8" squares
- Colour D** – one 4 7/8" square
- Colour E** – one 4 1/2" square

Note: Colour A & C can be from the same fabric

Block size should be 12.5" x 12.5".



Step 1

Cut Colour B in half on the diagonal. You will have 4 triangles.

Step 2

Cut Colour C in half on the diagonal. You will have 6 triangles.

Step 3

Cut Colour D square in half on the diagonal. You will have 2 triangles.

Step 4

Layout the triangles and squares according to the picture above.

Step 5

Sew your triangles and squares by block then by rows.

Bring your completed block(s) to the February meeting or the next meeting you attend. If you're unable to attend the February 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 3 pm on February 13th 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.

Thanks,
Leslie T.

QUILT CHALLENGE 2024/25

LUCK OF THE DRAWZ

The 2024 November Guild meeting revealed the 2024/25 Quilt Challenge, and 18 members signed on to do the challenge! Quilters will have until the June 2025 meeting to complete their submissions, which will consist of making two draws. **You can still participate and complete your 'draws' at upcoming Guild meetings or contact Debbie to make arrangements outside of the meetings.**

Each participant made two draws. The first draw was for the "Category," and the second was for the "Randomizer" item to incorporate into your submission.

There are 4 Categories:

Traditional

Modern

Scrappy

Non-Quilt but Quilted Item

(cannot be a 'blanket' - could be an art quilt, table runner, tea cozy, coat etc.)

The second draw was for the Randomizer item you must incorporate into your project. Randomizer items could be anything Quilty - a quilt block, a technique, a type of fabric, utilizing a quilting item, etc. There are 50 Randomizer items.

Judges will determine how well you incorporated the two together.

The Rules are:

1. You must incorporate your Category and Randomizer into your submission and reveal your challenge quilt at the June 2025 Guild Meeting.
2. Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
3. Submissions must be *quilted and finished – no UFO's!
4. Quilts must be no smaller than 32" in circumference. There is no maximum size.
5. Members at the June meeting will judge how well you did!

For those of you who don't know, this is Sunbonnet Sue and she has not YET been drawn! Wouldn't she be fun??!



Good luck with your challenges everyone!

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

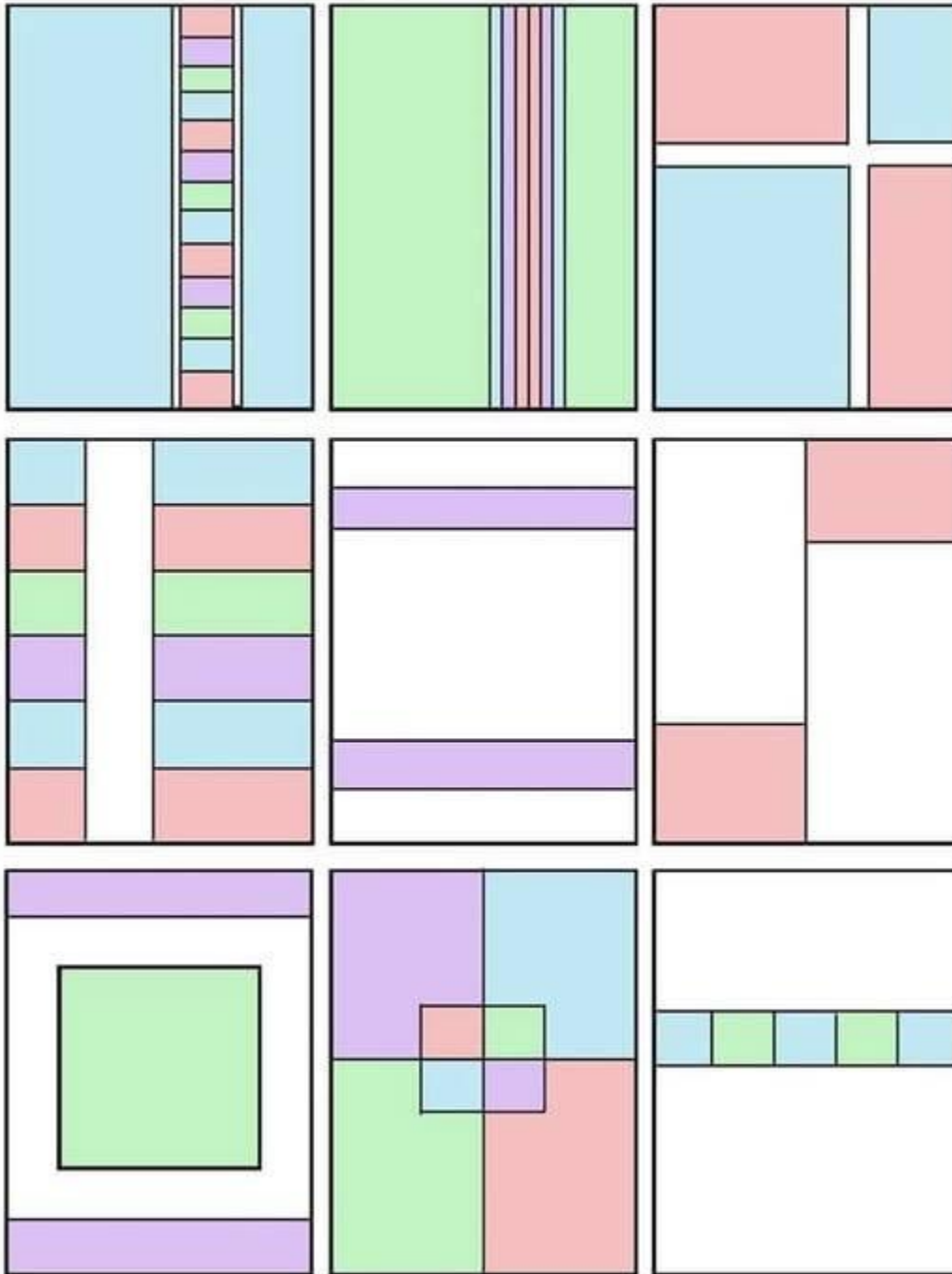
January Guild Meeting Show 'n Tell



Enlarging Backings

Chart for enlarging backings posted on Facebook by The Fabric Addict on January 29. They put “not this” on three of the backs which they wouldn’t recommend. Which ones would you not recommend?

www.fabricaddict.net



Submitted by Leslie Thomas

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.



Slow Cooker Garlic Butter Beef Bites & Potatoes

I saw this on my facebook feed and thought it would be good. Let me know if you make it.

Provided by Leslie Thomas

Source: [Slow Cooker Garlic Butter Beef Bites](#)

You will need:

2 lb beef stew meat
5 tablespoons butter, sliced
1 lb baby yellow potatoes, halved or quartered
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
2 teaspoons seasoned salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon smoked paprika (optional)
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning (optional)
½ cup beef broth
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Optional add-ins:

½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary

Directions:

1. Prepare the ingredients
 - Wash and halve the baby potatoes.
 - Cut the stew meat into bite-sized chunks if not already pre-cut.
2. Season the Beef & Potatoes
 - In a large bowl, toss the beef bites and potatoes with:
 - Onion powder
 - Garlic powder
 - Seasoned salt & black pepper
 - Paprika & Italian seasoning (if using)
 - Stir well to coat everything evenly.
3. Load the Slow Cooker
 - Place half of the butter slices at the bottom of the slow cooker
 - Add seasoned beef bites & potatoes
 - Sprinkle the chopped garlic on the top
 - Pour in the beef broth & Worcestershire sauce.
 - Top everything with the remaining butter slices.
4. Slow Cook to Perfection.
 - Cook on LOW for 6 – 8 hours (for ultra-tender beef).
 - Or cook on HIGH for 3 – 4 hours (if short on time).
 - Stir once or twice during cooking if possible.
5. Serve & Enjoy!
 - Garnish with fresh chopped parsley or thyme.
 - Serve with extra garlic butter drizzled on top for even more richness!



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Newsletter Submissions

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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 2024-2025

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