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Picture taken at the 2024 Quilt Christmas sale

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Next Meeting

March 13, 2025 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Happy Spring, Quilters!

The temperatures are warming up a little, the sun is definitely shining more and the daylight is increasing noticeably! Yes, there will be another cold blast of winter, though it will be short-lived. We have survived another winter! Gardeners will start thinking about starting their seedlings soon, and the focus will change from quilting to gardens. I'm sure everyone is starting to think about what they will be doing outdoors and maybe a little quilting outside on the deck.

March is also National Quilting month. Do you have anything planned? I am still working on the projects in my cutting

Saturday Sewing Sewial

Saturday after the guild meeting

March 15th
9 am to 6 pm.
The Loft

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

President's Letter (continued)

table pile as well as finishing my mystery quilt. I, too, am thinking ahead to our road trip to BC mid April. I need to finish the socks I'm working on as I can finish a pair of socks while my husband does the driving.

How is your Challenge quilt coming? I'm looking forward to seeing what you have dreamed up, and hearing about how you worked traditional or modern into your quilts.

Keep in mind that we will be having elections at our AGM, and we are looking for a newsletter editor.

Happy St. Patrick's Day all! We may not be into green beer, but green fabric will always be a beautiful choice.

Our next meeting is on March 13, at the Baker Centre at 7 pm. See everyone there!

Stay calm, keep warm and quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President

February's Mystery Bag Draw Winners



Congratulations to
Thersa W. & Pat W.

Yellowknife Quilt Guild Special Guest Lecturer **Minnie Joldersma**

Former Yellowknifer and Quilt Guild member, Minnie Joldersma, will talk about her recent interest in the huge problem of textile waste and what creative fibre people like us can do about the situation. She will be exploring ideas of how to think about what we do with clothes and provide examples of ways that her own fibre creativity has evolved to build on everything she's learned over almost 60 years of sewing. All of the skills quilters have can be part of the process!

Come on out for this interesting evening.
Feel free to bring a friend!

To be held at the March YK Quilters' Guild meeting
March 13 at 7 pm, in the Baker Center.

March 2025 Quilt Block

The Quilt Guild continues the Block of the Month series in our Sharing Gifts Program. This is our seventh 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 March 2025 is called a **To Use Up the Pieces block**. I sourced this block and February's block from the Ladies' Art Company Block Tool. I think this block will go well with the Double X, No. 1 block.

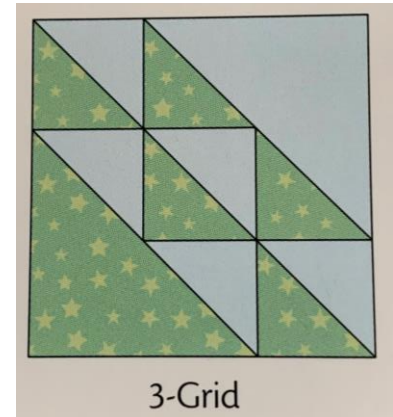
Color Way: Choose two prints/solids from your fabric stash/scraps. One colour needs to be green, a variation of green or a variation of green in the fabric.

What you need for one block:

- A – one 9" square
- B – three 5" squares
- C – three 5" squares
- D – one 9" square

Note: Original measurements were 8 7/8 and 4 7/8, respectively.

To make cutting more manageable, I have made the measurement whole numbers. Hopefully, the block can be trimmed to fit February's BOM.



Block size should be approximately 12 3/4" x 12 3/4" (unfinished).

Step 1

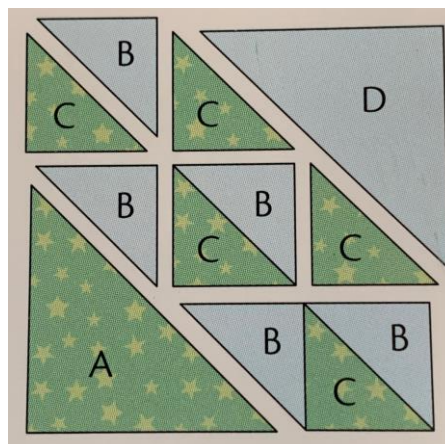
Cut the two 9" squares (A & D) in half on the diagonal. You will have two Triangles of each fabric and only need one triangle of each fabric.

Step 2

Cut the six 5" squares (B & C) in half on the diagonal. You will have six triangles of each fabric and only need five triangles of each fabric.

Step 3

Layout the triangles according to the picture.



If you follow instructions for one block, there will be a waste of fabric when cutting the triangles.

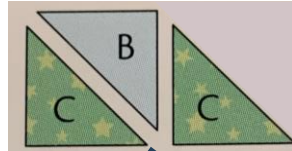
March block continued

Step 4

Sew a B to a C and press to the darker fabric. Repeat two more times.

Step 5

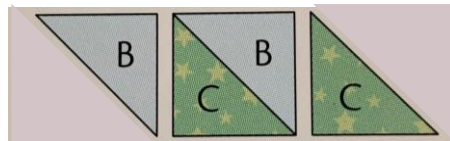
Sew a C to the right side of the unit you created in Step 4. Match the corners on the bottom together (you will have a $\frac{1}{4}$ " bunny ear on the other side. Press to the outside triangle.



This is the top center unit.

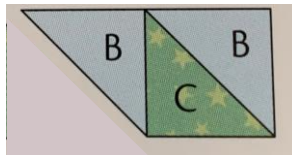
Step 6

Repeat step 5, then on the right side of this middle center unit sew a B triangle matching the corner seam with the corner of the triangle. Press to the outside triangle.



Step 7

For the bottom center unit, sew a B triangle to the left side of the unit created in Step 4 while matching the corner seam with the corner of the triangle. Press to the outside triangle.



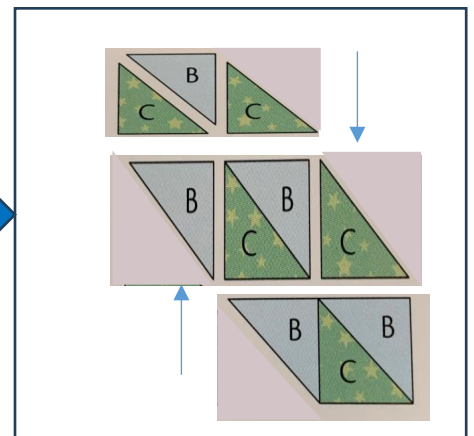
Step 8

Sew the center units together by rows.



Step 9

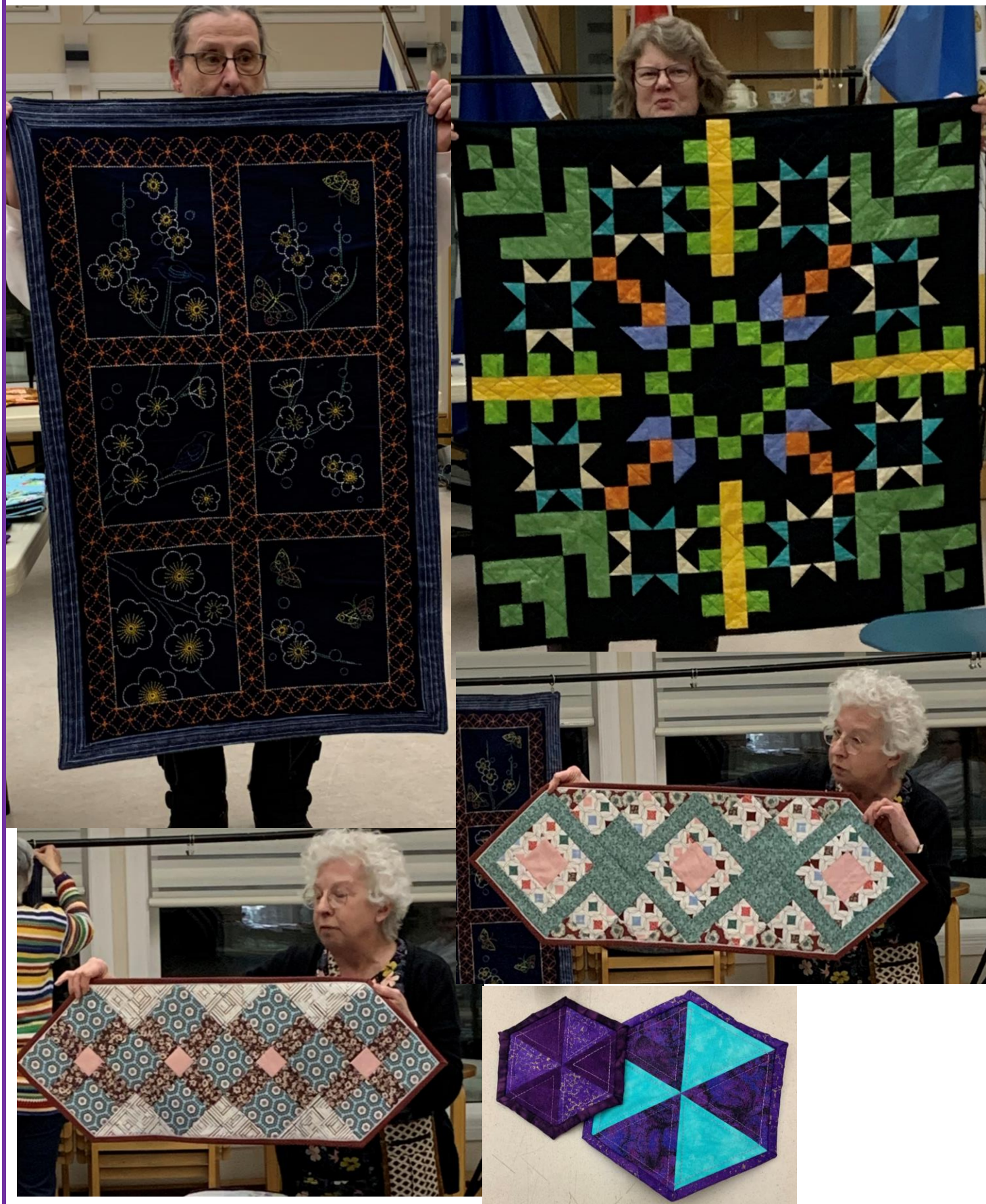
Sew the large triangles to either side of the center piece.



Bring your completed block(s) to the March meeting or the next meeting you attend. If you're unable to attend the March 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 March 13th, and I will pick them up and bring them to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Thanks,
Leslie T.

February Guild Meeting Show 'n Tell





Dear Members,

After careful consideration, I have decided that the June 2025 Newsletter will be my final edition. I will step down as newsletter editor at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 season. Over the past six years, I have truly enjoyed assembling and infusing the newsletter with my creative flair. If anyone is interested in this role, please speak to an Executive member or express your interest at the next AGM.

*Sincerely,
Leslie Thomas*

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??!



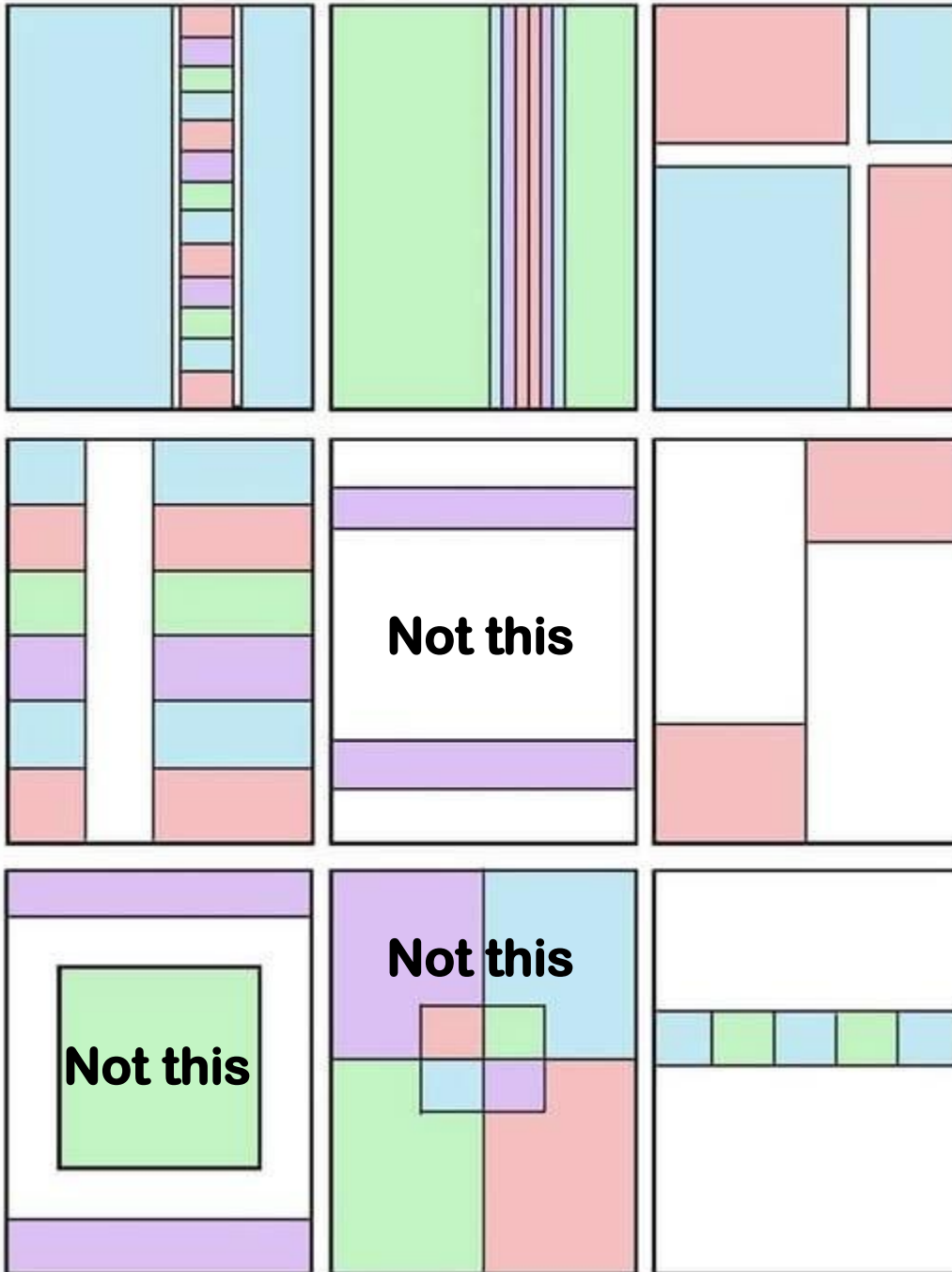
Good luck with your challenges everyone!

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

Enlarging Backings

Chart for enlarging backings posted on Facebook by The Fabric Addict on January 29. I have revealed which ones have “not this.” Do you agree?

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 Chicken Enchilada Casserole

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 Chicken Enchilada Casserole](https://www.themagicalslowcooker.com/recipe/slow-cooker-chicken-enchilada-casserole/) from [themagicalslowcooker.com](https://www.themagicalslowcooker.com)

You will need:

1 ½ lbs Boneless skinless Raw chicken breasts
28 oz can Red Enchilada Sauce (El Pato or Los Palmas)
10 Corn Tortillas (10-12 oz. package of soft)
2 cups Cheddar Cheese (divided)
3-4 oz. can Black olives (drained, divided)

Directions:

1. Put the chicken breast and the enchilada sauce in your slow cooker.
2. Cook on HIGH for 4 hours or LOW for 6-8 hours.
3. Shred the chicken with two forks right in the slow cooker.
4. Cut the tortillas into strips and add to the chicken and sauce. Stir.
5. Add ½ cup of cheese and half the olives into the sauce and chicken mixture. Stir again.
6. Flatten the mixture.
7. Add the rest of the cheese and the olives on top.
8. Cook on low for about 40 – 60 minutes longer.
9. Top with sour cream (optional).



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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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