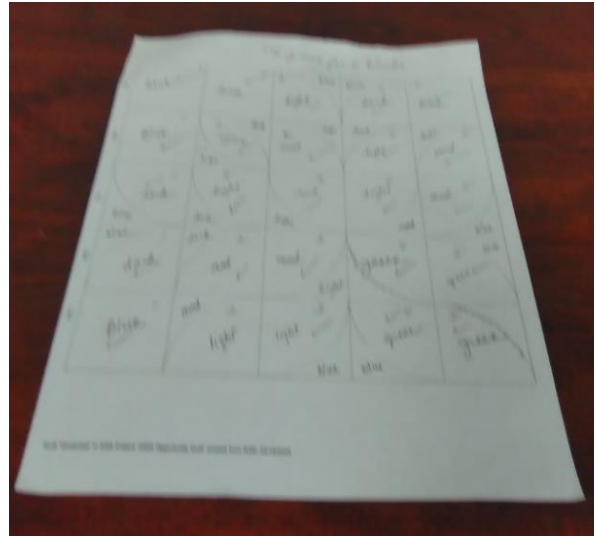


February 22, 2024 - Program Meeting  
Working on 2025 Opportunity Quilt

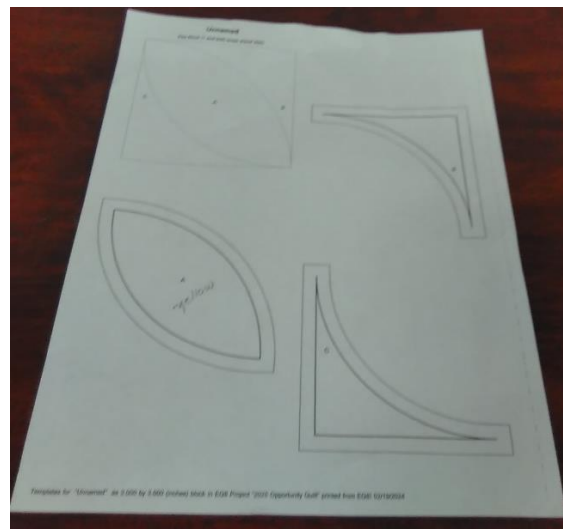
Over 20 members came to work on the Opportunity Quilt for the Guild's 2025 Quilt Show on February 22, 2024. Members were split into groups. Team leaders had brought pattern instructions and cut pieces to the meeting.

### Drunkard's Path Magnolia

Kay G. was working on the Drunkard's Path Magnolia with Martha S. Kay drafted the pattern for the Magnolia in a program called Electric Quilt 8 or EQ8 from a Pinterest image that April H. provided. EQ is a quilt design program based on AutoCAD. It allows someone to draft blocks, design quilts, print out templates, rotary cutting directions, and yardage requirements. It has libraries of thousands of blocks and fabrics. As of February 26, 2025, **all hundred 3 1/2" blocks** are completed, but the final magnolias need to be put together.



Martha S. was working on the petals from instructions. Looked like making a sleeve for a shirt.



## Bird Blocks

Marsha R. was the team leader for the Bird Blocks. She brought patterns for the birds and cut fabric pieces. She put the sewers to work. Members did the pressing of the seams when sections were done.



Using Pattern Instructions



Sewing the Bird's Body



Sewing the Bird's Legs



Bird Facing Right



Bird Facing Left



Ta Da!



## Convergence Blocks

April H. was the team leader for the Convergence Blocks - design from a Ricky Tim book. She brought completed samples to show as well as the 9-inch squares to use to create the final blocks.

There is no real pattern, it is a technique from Ricky Tims. There are numerous ways to cut and put the blocks together.

### Steps

1- 4 blocks we used 9-inch blocks - 2 light and 2 dark

2- Sewed a light to a dark

3- cut each section longways into strips.

We used 3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"

### Of each section

4- line the strips then sew them together

3" 1-1/2" 2-1/2" 2" 2" 2-1/2" 1-1/2" 3"

5- turn sideways cut out the middle seam and repeat the above process

6- the results will be an uneven checker board effect.

Blocks can be sewn together after trimmed, seams do not have to be matched.



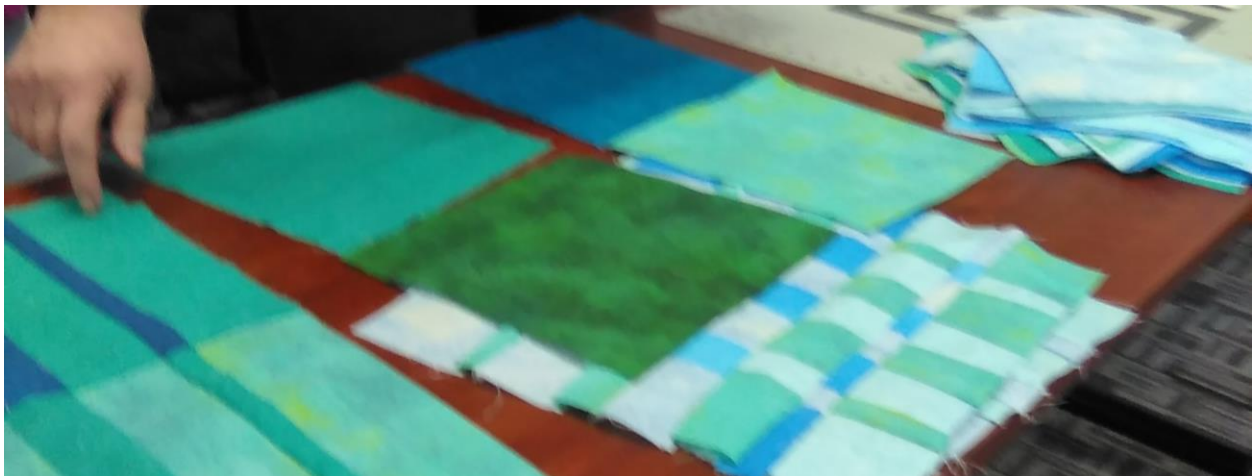
April's Completed Sample #1



April's Completed Sample#2



Members started by sewing four 9-inch squares blocks together - 2 light and 2 dark



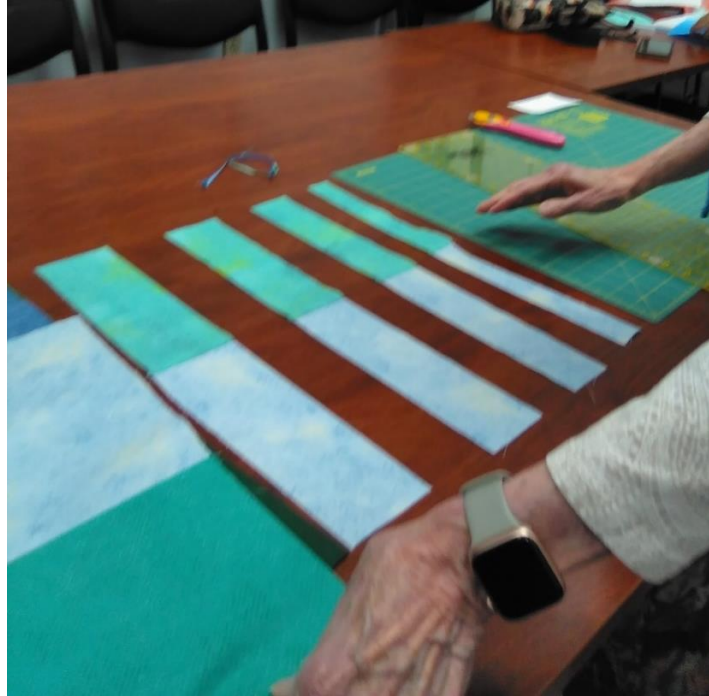
Members always sewed a light-colored block to a dark-colored block.



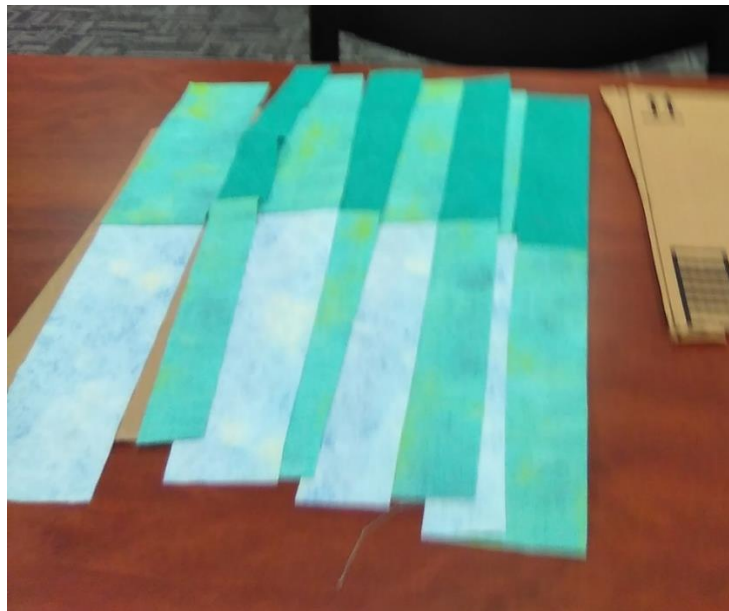
Then strips were cut longways from the new square using a pattern of different widths: 3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"







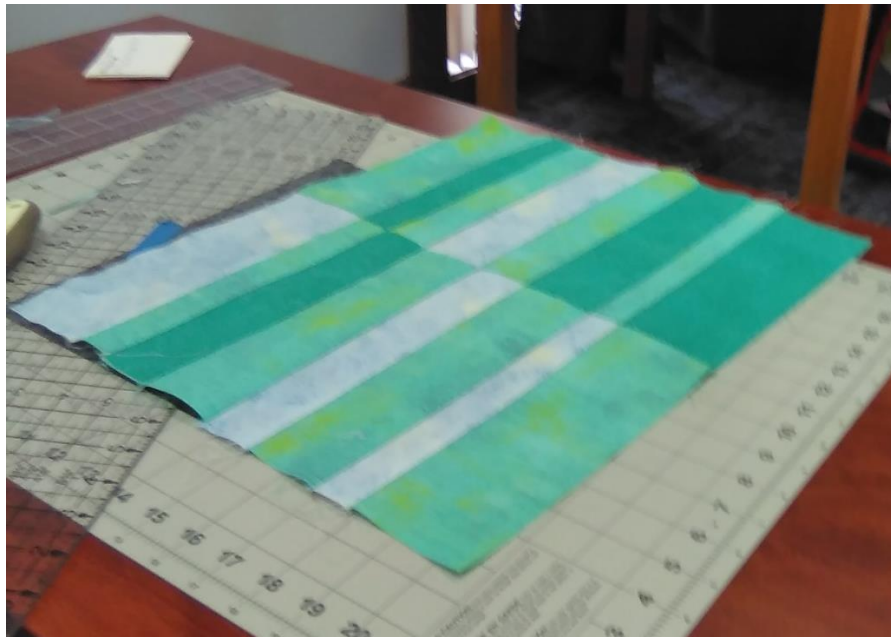
Cutting the First Pattern by Widths  
3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"



Set the Pattern from the Four 9-Inch Blocks  
3" 1-1/2" 2-1/2" 2" 2" 2-1/2" 1-1/2" 3"

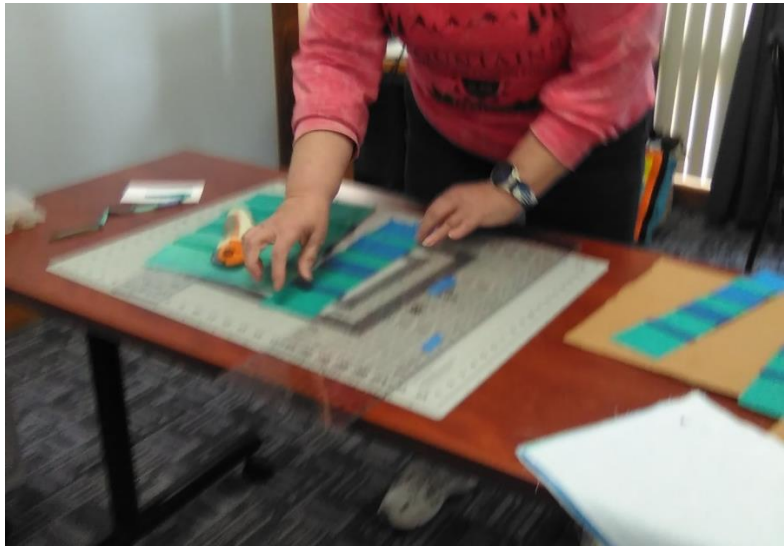


Sewing the New Block

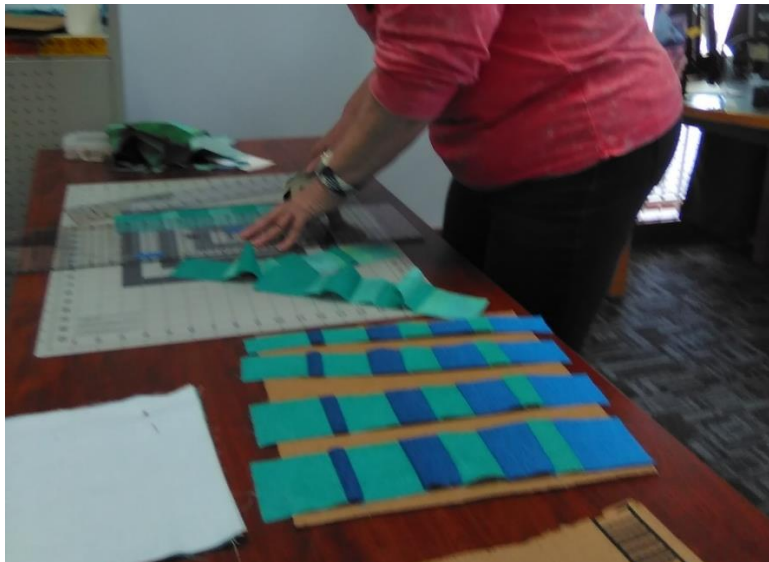


Completed New Block

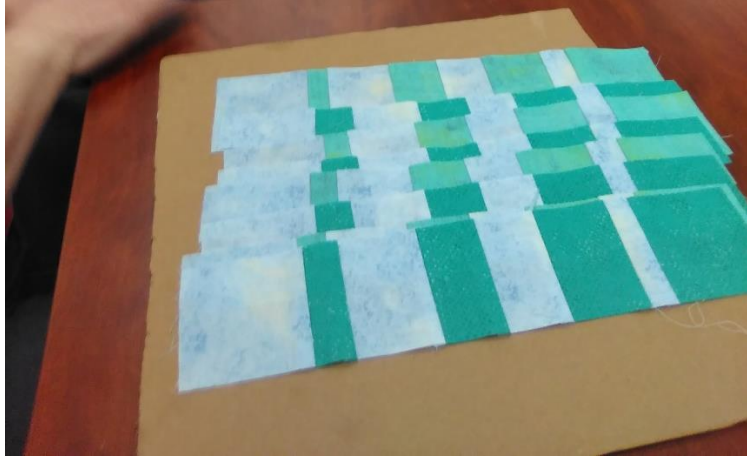
Now to cut a new width pattern from the new block.



Turn Block Sideways to Cut Strips



3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"



Set the New Pattern for Final Block  
3" 1-1/2" 2-1/2" 2" 2" 2-1/2" 1-1/2" 3"



New Convergence Pattern Sewn





Sewing the Convergence Block

The following is a tutorial for a larger convergence block to give you an idea of the method:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kICMBD3ksiE>