



The Scrap Bag

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**Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild
Of Bella Vista, Arkansas**

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Calico Cut-Ups will not have a guild meeting in August.

How fun it was to be part of a Facebook '10 Day Quilt Challenge' that Cathy Beaver and Pat Coppola initiated. It's so nice to see the beauty in our world, especially when it's in the form of quilts made by friends. If you haven't been tagged yet and you have a Facebook account, tag someone and start posting 10 days of photos of quilts you've made with no explanation, and let the fun begin!

Although no explanations were to be given in this challenge, I'm sure you have special stories about quilts that you've made. I would like to hear yours plus share two stories told to me after I was commissioned to make quilts for strangers.

One is about a quilt I made for Tim, the father of Amanda, a 14-year-old girl who had passed away of leukemia seven years earlier. Tim's fiancée asked if I would make a quilt using whatever shirts I thought would look good from the box of shirts Tim had saved. Of course I wasn't going to let any image or shirt go unused, so I ended up making a double-sided quilt using as much of the shirts as possible to include piano key borders. When Tim received the quilt in Chicago, he called, joyfully crying, loving the quilt. He asked how I knew to divide the shirts – shirts on one side prior to Amanda's diagnosis, and the other side from after. I didn't. I believe Amanda guided me!



Second story. Seven years ago, Missouri Star Quilt Co. asked quilters for stories on quilting experiences. I was fortunate to have mine printed in their 1st Volume of "Stitched Together – Stories for the Quilter's Soul". (Unfortunately, they listed AR as Arizona!)

When helping at a quilting booth at War Eagle in 2012, a gal came to ask if I could make a quilt from her dad's old shirts. He had passed away the previous year, and she wanted to surprise her mom with a meaningful Christmas gift. She felt her dad had 'visited' her and her sister over the past year through dreams and/or strong feelings, but her mom was disheartened as he had never 'visited' her. The week before Christmas, her mom called to say her dad finally 'visited' the previous night although it was odd. He was standing at the foot of her bed, and his shirts kept changing as he watched her – which she realized on Christmas morning, upon receiving her quilt, were the same shirts that were assembled into this quilt!

Quilting is a work of heart, and whether you personally know the recipient, you sell or donate a quilt, you have touched someone's life. You have given a piece of your heart. Thanks for all you do to make our world a brighter, happier place.

Sue



Donation Quilts

Way to go Calico Cut Ups!

For not getting together, we are doing great.

18 quilts
1 Tote
1 Pillowcase
1 Fidget quilt
4 burp cloths
2 quilt tops

I will deliver to NWA Children's Shelter and Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks, Cathy Beaver

Special Projects Notice

Please bring your Hobbs batting Barcodes to Cathy Beaver so we can get a discount on the future purchase of batting.

When you donate items on behalf of Calico Cut Ups please make sure you give Cathy Beaver the information as to the items and the count.

Shirley Jenkin's latest Quilt of Valor called Delbert's Glory.



Quilt by Martha Belk

This quilt is definitely a labor of love, 409 handmade yo-yos and 409 hand sewn on buttons. Most of the buttons are from my Mom's sewing box and all of the thread used to sew on the buttons was also from her box. Mom died July 2019 so this quarantine quilt is a tribute to her. Stitch in the ditch quilting done by Carol Bourque on Terri Duhon's machine. Thank you sisters!!



Quilt by Rebecca Logsdon

My 5 year old granddaughter went fabric shopping with me when I last visited (California) back in February, and she fell in love with a digitally printed magical kingdom/unicorn panel by Robert Kaufman. I bought it without knowing how I would use it, and brought it home and looked at it for a month before I had the idea to cut it up and make it into an attic windows quilt. Planning to mail it off in my next "care package."

Quilt by Judy Bailey

I have spent a lot of time in my sewing room during the shut down.



Wall Hanging by Irene Foss

This quilt was done from a photo I took at Kenosha Pass (Colorado) in 2012. I tried to capture the feeling of walking into a cathedral rather than walking into a grove of aspen. That's how I felt doing this hike every autumn.

The quilt is collaged, painted and thread painted. Karen Kielmeyer quilted it for me...she did a fabulous job!

The Small Group “Sew Many Friends” Finish their Summer Project

The next few pages show the Row By Row quilts of the various members.



Quilt by
Elaine Sick

Quilt by
Bill Croft





Quilt by
Bette



Quilt by
Virginia Reitz

Quilters on the Go (Preemies)

When the Quarantine started in March and we had to stop meeting, I was having trouble figuring out what our group could do (except masks of course). In January Joyce Reid and I had gone to Mercy to meet with the head nurse in the new NICU unit to tour the new unit and find out if there were other things we could make for them. She had a list and from it we choose receiving blankets, tiny pillow cases, and little hearts to lay over the baby's eyes and burp cloths. Sue Wagner had given us her stash of flannel so we were able to start on the receiving blankets and from the scraps, make hearts and burp cloths. AND THEN a new friend of the Guild, Donna Werst gave us over 150 yards of flannel. So, with the help of many Guild members who meet at Allen's Parking lot on designated Fridays we have sewn over 130 receiving blankets and other items.

As of July, Joyce Reid has taken 88 receiving blankets, 25 burp cloths, 161 hearts, 56 quilts and 33 pillow cases to the NICU since January 1, 2020. We have more in the works and hope to be back to meeting and making quilts soon.

If you are interested in helping with our projects, please contact: Mary Kalin, 479-553-7005 or marylangekalin@gmail.com

Sunshine and Shadows

Do you know of a Calico Cut-Ups member that could use a card for good news, a celebration or some sad news? Please contact Allison Totten at 501-912-8808 or email tottens2@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Quilt Congress

Sept 17 & 18, 2021

Deb



Allen's Parking Lot:

Fridays, 8/7 + 21

4:00-4:30

***Drop off &
kits available
for masks
& quilts***

Letter from NW Arkansas Children's

Dear Friend,

Your recent donation of cloth masks has helped our patients, families and staff at Arkansas Children's feel more safe and secure - thank you! The cheerful, colorful fabrics you chose have brightened the hospital's already homey, kid-savvy atmosphere.

All of our patients, families and visitors are required to wear cloth masks when visiting one of our locations. **This is why I hope you'll continue your support of Arkansas Children's through a further donation of cloth masks.** The enclosed document will give you details about donating masks, and other items as well.

Because of your generosity, Arkansas Children's is open, ready and able to care for children in need of expert pediatric care during these challenging times and always.

Now, more than ever, I'm grateful for the care and support of friends like you. I've enclosed a cute "mask maker" magnet to remind you every day how important you are for the kids and families at Arkansas Children's - I hope you'll display it with pride!

Gratefully,

Erica Phillips, CFRE, CAVS

Executive Director of Volunteer Engagement, Arkansas Children's

P.S. Your continued generous support through a further donation of cloth masks will help Arkansas Children's continue to keep patients, families and visitors safe - thanks again for your thoughtfulness!



Benton County Fair

Every year Calico Cut-Ups donates prize money for the winning quilt.

This year the winner for the Best Crib or Youth Quilt went to Joyce Kerr.

Congratulations to Joyce!