

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
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Kaleidoscopic Voices

President's Message



Happy Mother's Day! As you read this I will be on Safari in Africa! This has always been on my bucket list and I'm actually doing it. I will post on my Facebook when I have

WiFi. Debbie Sherrell is filling in as President. Patty Smith is doing membership for Debbie. Marilyn Carnes will be on vacation and Julie Reyes is filling in for her. Its musical chairs and takes a village! Anne Sinnott is working hard getting plans for next year as well as some plans for this year. Melanie Ellsworth has our opportunity quilt on the road. Thank you all!

**Meetings are held
on the third
Wednesday of
every month at
1:00 p.m. at Lemon
Grove Masonic
Lodge, 2590 Main
Street, Lemon
Grove, CA 91945**

**Doors open at
12:30 p.m.**

**(We meet on the
2nd Wednesday in
December)**

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**This month our meeting is
at the Lemon Grove
Masonic Lodge. The
meeting will be a
presentation by Ginger
Calderon and Dottie Porst.**

**Doors open at 12:30 pm,
meeting starts at 1 pm.**

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2026

05/20—Ginger Calderon—Member Highlight

06/03—Board Meeting on Zoom

06/17—Ann Turley—*Confessions of the Quilt Police*

07/01—Board Meeting on Zoom

07/15—Linda and Carl Sullivan—*My Best Tips and Tricks for Precision Piecing.*

08/05—Board Meeting on Zoom

08/19—Tina Curren—*My Design Process—From Concept to Quilt*

09/02—Board Meeting on Zoom

09/16—Philanthropy Sew-In

10/07—Board Meeting on Zoom

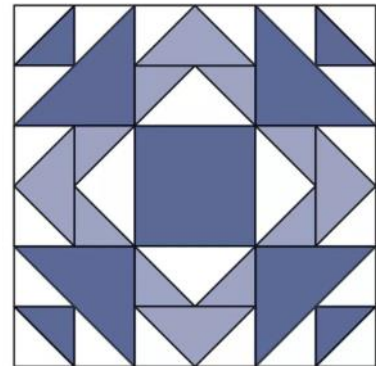
10/21—Wendy Mathson—*Answers to Quilting Questions You Were Afraid to Ask.*

11/04—Board Meeting on Zoom

11/18—Dawn Johnson—*Sparkling Your Creativity*

12/02—Board Meeting on Zoom

12/09—Holiday Party





DID YOU KNOW:

Sewing machine needle sizes indicate the thickness of the shaft, usually shown as two numbers (e.g., 90/14), representing European (60–120) and American (8–19) systems. Smaller numbers (60/8–70/10) are for lightweight fabrics, while larger numbers (100/16–120/19) are for heavy materials. The higher the number, the thicker/stronger the needle.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to everyone that paid their 2026 dues at the January, February, March and April meetings or on Zelle. I appreciate it. The new membership directory was published this month and you should have received it in your email. If you have not, please contact me. Also, contact me with and errors or corrections that need to be made. For those that have not yet paid their dues, the amount is \$25. You can make this payment using 1 of 3 options:

Pay at the May meeting

Mail a check to our treasurer, Diane Hamann, or to me, Debbie Sherrell

Pay via Zelle through your bank. The instructions for these payments are in the newsletter in the “From the Treasurer” article.

Just as a reminder, our other requirements for membership are to donate a quilt each year to philanthropy and to sell 30 tickets/\$25 on our opportunity quilt.

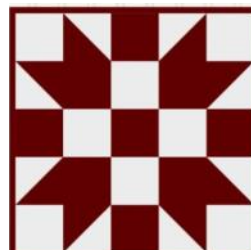
Hope to see you at the meeting.

Debbie Sherrell—Membership

MAY PROGRAM

Sisters Ginger Calderon and Dottie Porst will be showing and sharing their quilts. Many times they purchase the same fabrics, challenge each other to make a quilt and then share what they make. Mostly all the quilts are lots of fun and occasionally, the end result is not at all what goes in the “love this quilt” stack. Hence the title for the presentation, “The Good, the Bad & the Ugly”. Perhaps it should be called “The Great, the Not So Bad, & the Ugly”. Either way, quilting is always fun, and more fun when shared with a sister.

Anne Sinnott—VP Programs



MAY 2026 PHILANTHROPY

Kaleidoscope Friends

May 2026 PHILANTHROPY



Feeling down? Make a quilt to
cheer someone else up.

Did you know that the Ronald McDonald House serves 600 critically ill children and their families annually? There are now 51 children that know that our Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild cares about them – and they have the quilt to prove it!

(51 quilts were delivered to RMH last week)

Thank you to the following members who donated quilts at our

April meeting: Rita Anaya, Peggy Couvrette, Leah Estrin, Ed Estrin, Anna Lancia, Laretta Reyes, Julie Reyes, and Kathy Smith!!!

When you were young, did you dance the Maypole? Did you make May baskets and leave them on your neighbor's doors? I hope so. Please let me know if this resonates with you. It is a very fond memory for me. My mother would help my brothers and me to weave paper May baskets, then we filled them with flowers and hung them on neighbor's doors – ringing the doorbell, and running away. I even remember doing it my freshman year at college, in the dormitory (I was probably the only one).



And dancing the Maypole was done at Eagle Rock Elementary School, in Los Angeles when I was a girl, out on the playground, in festive clothes, and at a special May Day celebration that our local park held every year.

Keep those sewing machines whirling! See you at the meeting!!!!

Marilyn Carnes (Roseway@cox.net), Marilyn Helkenn, Mary Weflen

APRIL MINUTES

The regular meeting of Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild was called to order on April 15 by President Peggy. Debbie reported that we had one new member and one guest. The treasurer was not present but the treasury report will be in the newsletter.

Ann gave a report on upcoming programs:

May —Ginger Calderon— member highlight

June— Ann Turkey—Confessions of the Quilt Police

July—Linda and Carl Sullivan—My best tips for Precision Piecing

August—Tina Curren— My Design Concept— From Concept to Quilt

September— Philanthropy Sew In

October—Wendy Matheson

There is no guest fee for February and July

Debbie will be in charge in May as Peggy will be on a trip and Patty Smith will take Debbie's place at membership.

There will be information about the 2026 challenge in the newsletter.

The ByLaws committee has looked over the bylaws and decided that all is fine but one change is needed to the standing rules—It should state that up to two meetings a year can be “free meetings” with no guest fee.

Marilyn discussed the number of donation quilts turned in and where they would be going.

Melanie has agreed to take over the opportunity quilt. She is compiling a list of quilt guilds to visit. The quilt will be going to the Cuyamaca College Spring Festival also.

Hospitality- Kathryn will be putting out a new sign up sheet next month. We will be having 4 people bring refreshments every month because our membership has increased.

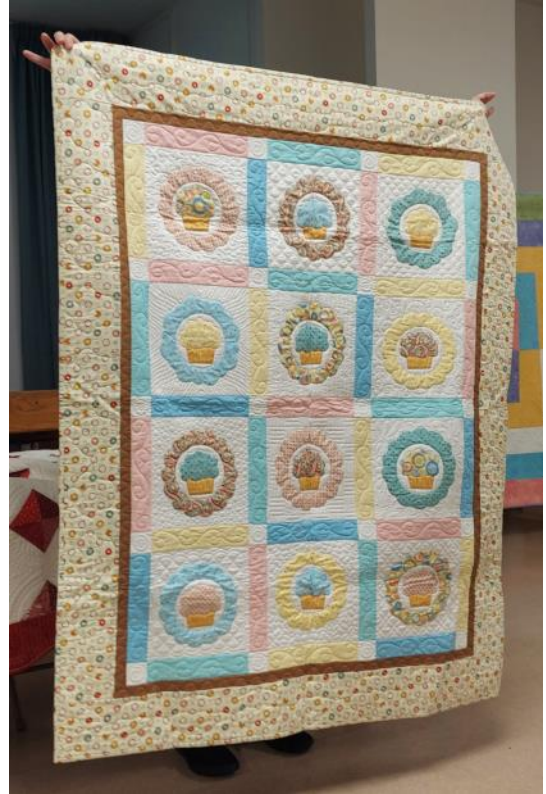
The deadline for newsletter articles is April 30.

Mary Weflen
Secretary

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CHULA VISTA QUILTERS GUILD ANNUAL SHOW AND VENDOR MALL

MAY 15 and 16, 2026

Our show is next week, and we are pleased to announce the following vendors will be there:

Dancin' Clay by MJ – Polymer Clay Artist

Enjoy the Little Things – Annette Sanchez – crochet items

Susie Q Creations – Susan Mercer – Bibs, cell phone stands, bowl cozies, key chains, hand crochet objects,
baby blankets, jar openers, notebooks, and other items

Easy Wool Works – Shirley McGuire – wool fabric patterns, kits, and notions

Hobby Bob – Bob Cox – SATURDAY ONLY, CASH ONLY – knife and scissor sharpening,
jewelry, charms, leather works

Anita Creations – Anita Jimenez – laser engraved/cut wood and acrylic crafts

Get Judi Patuti – Judy Thacker and Sylvia – New fabric \$3 per yard. Sylvia offers her Bloc Locs with
demos

Charming Locketts/Origami Owl/Think Goodness – Aline Grigorian – Custom jewelry, lockets, charms,
and watches

For Hobby Bob's sharpening services on SATURDAY ONLY, we suggest putting your items in a bag with
your payment and cell phone number and name. You can enjoy the show while your items are being
sharpened! Sorry, NO PINKING SHEARS.

Remember, the Guild's booths (raffle baskets, Boutique, Sew and Craft, Admission Desk, and
Opportunity Quilt Raffle)

ONLY ACCEPT CASH or CHECKS. Food Services only accept cash.

Show Access: The show entrance is at the front of the church.

Free parking is available in front of and behind the church (handicapped spaces in both locations) and
on the street near the church.

DO NOT PARK on the grass next to the church building in the back! You may park on the grass near the
play structure if necessary. We are proud to announce that the church is now fully handicap accessible
with ramps going up into all display rooms!!

KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2026

Balance, April 1, 2026		\$28,538.77
<i>Includes Petty Cash</i>	\$100.00	
<i>Includes Prior Retreat Deposits</i>	\$7,120.00	
<i>Includes Prior Workshop Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
Income		
Memberships	\$75.00	
Guests	\$5.00	
Opportunity Quilt	\$217.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
Retreat	\$3,720.00	
Boutique	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$4,017.00
Expenses		
Check #2335 LGMTA—April Rent	-\$100.00	
Check #2336 T. Cleveland—April Program	-\$468.15	
Check #2337 P. Couvrette—Boutique Batting	-\$183.92	
Total Expenses		-\$752.07
Balance, April 30, 2026		\$31,803.70



RUMMAGE SALE

Quality quilting fabric at a rummage sale?

Oh Yes!

The El Cajon VFW is holding a rummage sale on **Saturday, May 9, 2026**, and my intel tells me there will be multiple tables of quality quilting cottons at \$5/yard, plus precuts and kits at equally budget-friendly prices.

You won't be disappointed!

And, of course, other vendors will be selling standard rummage stuff, so come and make the most of this great sale!

Where: El Cajon VFW, 136 Chambers Street, El Cajon, CA

When: May 9, 2026, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information: 619-697-6254

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE APRIL MEETING

Snacks:

Margie Wees

Marilyn Matteson

Kathy Smith

Beverages:

Robin Pickett

Judy Whitney



Reminder, If you can't attend and you are scheduled for snacks or drinks please send me an email so I can make sure we have enough for our meeting. We are averaging 40 people at our meetings.

-Kathryn Diamond—Hospitality

golfkatie@cox.net

2026 Guild Challenge

Please Don't Touch the Quilts

Size 5 1/2 x 8 1/2" Largest. Can be smaller

We will use for our quilt shows. You will not get them back.

Here are some ideas from other quilt shows





The Chula Vista Quilters Guild proudly presents the 2026 Chula Vista Quilt Show and Vendor Mall

Friday, May 15, 2026, 10 am-4 pm

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 10 am-3 pm

Free parking in front and back!

Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church

505 East Naples St, Chula Vista, 91911

\$5 donation for entry! (Cash or Check)

All areas of the show are now Handicapped Accessible!

Buy a chance to win our 2026, hand quilted Opportunity Quilt, “Summer Lily”

Shop at our wonderful Boutique, full of handmade items, and the
Sew and Craft Booth, selling gently-used crafting supplies and fabric.

Food Service by Job’s Daughters! They will have hot lunch plates, snacks, and beverages
at a nominal cost (cash only). Enjoy your food in Bayview’s beautiful courtyard picnic area.

Please note our Payment Options: Admission Desk, Opportunity Quilt,
Basket Raffle, Food Service, Boutique and Sew and Craft Booth accept Cash or Checks ONLY.
Most vendors accept credit cards.

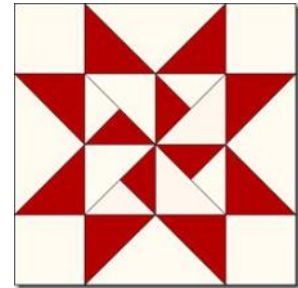
For more info, e-mail Kathy Cadwell: kathryn.cadwell@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.chulavistaquiltersguild.com>

FROM THE TREASURER

The Guild has enabled Zelle payments! If you wish to use Zelle, please remember the following:

- You will need to set up Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild as a recipient.
- Use the email address **KQG1987@gmail.com** to send the payment. If the system does not confirm that the email address you entered belongs to **Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild**, double check and make sure you entered it correctly. YOU CANNOT GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU SEND IT TO THE WRONG EMAIL ADDRESS.
- In the Notes section, make sure you enter what the payment is for: Dues, Opportunity Quilt, Retreat, etc.
- The entry on your bank account will be your receipt, although I will try to acknowledge all payments.



-Diane Hamann, Treasurer

Local Quilt Guilds

[San Diego Metro Modern](#)

[San Diego Modern](#)

[Chula Vista](#)

[Sunshine](#)

[Friendship](#)

[Seaside](#)

[Legacy](#)

[Canyon](#)

[Stitching Sisters](#)

[San Diego People of Color](#)

[Julian Women's Club](#)

[Village](#)



[El Camino](#)

[Beach Cities](#)

[Valley of the Mist](#)

[Surfside](#)

[Fallbrook](#)

[North County](#)

[Orange County](#)

[Flying Geese](#)

[Raincross](#)

[Inland Empire Modern](#)

[Coachella Valley](#)

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Friendship Groups

I continue to organize development of and sign-ups for quilting circles that we are going to call Friendship Groups for our members. I have 15 names so far and will be collecting additional names of those interested at the meeting.

There are three existing opportunities that continue to be available. They are:

La Mesa Friday Class

La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center

Every Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the cost is \$2 and is held in The Craft Room.

8450 La Mesa Blvd

La Mesa, CA 91942

Contact Patty Smith (guild member) (619) 325-7719

619-667-1322 Office number for Center



Applique Group

Meets the second Saturday of the month at Mount Miquel Convent; 325 Kempton Street Spring Valley. Contact Linda Fox (guild member) at foxyquilter@sbcglobal.net if interested

Wednesday Quilt Class

Every Wednesday 9am to 12pm

Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church

505 East Naples Chula Vista

Contact Shirley McGuire at smcguire6@cox.net if interested

Rosie's Calico Cupboard (arranged by James Glunt)

Second Tuesday of each month from 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost \$10 per meeting to cover

expense of Rosie's workshop room. PLEASE RSVP jamesbglunt@gmail.com or 619-335-0714



As additional opportunities arise, I will add them to the list in the newsletter.

Sue Bennorth

Boutique Quilts For Sale.

Check out our Website for full list, www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

Quilts are divided in Categories (Separate Files) .

Child, Throw, Runners, Wall-hangings, Bed Quilts. Contact Peggy if you are interested

Throw	#	To7R	W	61	H	69	Shades of Brown	Price	75
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Have someone in your life that likes muted colors. This is a beauty. The quilting is exquisite on it. Very Elegant!

Throw	#	T16	W	72	H	72	Gone Fishing	Price	70
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This quilt would be perfect for the Fisherman in your life or a young person who aspires to go fishing!

Runner #	R07R	W	38	H	14	Cheerful	Price	10
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This Cheerful Table will brighten anyone's table

Wall Hanging #	W02R	W	23	H	23	Flower stain glass	Price	25
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This Stunning piece would make the recipient lucky to have it grace their wall or table

Bed - Full	#	B01R	W	72	H	88	Polka Dots (Show Back)	PRICE	120
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This quilt is perfect for Spring / Summer. It makes you happy just looking at it!

Bed-Twin	#	B10R	W	65	H	75	Red/Black Geometric	PRICE	100
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Know someone graduating from SDSU or Mt Miguel High School? This quilt is in their colors.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Are you looking to part with something sewing related? Perhaps you know of someone who is. If you would like to have something posted here you can send your article to me and a picture of the item if possible, along with your asking price (make sure to mention the best way to contact you). The cost is free. Send your article to:

kaleidoscopenewsletter01@gmail.com

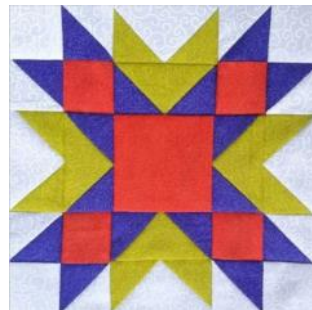
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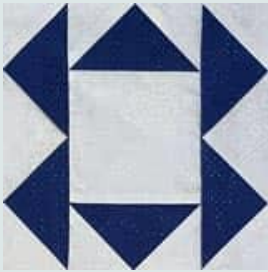


BLOCK OF THE MONTH

These are 12 1/2" blocks and will finish at 12".

May's block of the month is: [Wyoming](#)





Did you know?

A Mariner's Star—often called a Mariner's Compass—is a complex, circular quilt block featuring radiating spikes or points that resemble a vintage compass rose. Unlike traditional pieced star blocks that grow from a square base, this design originates from a central circle, with 16 or 32 points creating an intricate starburst pattern.



"Itching to be stitching!".

May Birthdays

Janelle Hickey	5/1
Nancy Garner	5/4
Alice Courteau	5/8
Carin Case	5/9
Judy Shepard	5/26
Mary Margaret Kissel	5/31

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Following places offer Classes

Check out their Website

[Sew Hut](#)

[Cozy Creative Center](#)

[Paradise Sewing](#)

[Quilt In A Day](#)

[My Quilters Cottage](#)

[Grand Central Quilt n Stitch](#)

[El Cajon Sew & Vac](#)

[The Creative Coop](#)

[Between Stitches](#)

[Sew Treasured Quilt Shop](#)

[Sewing Machines Plus](#)

[Material Happiness](#)

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of the newsletter or would like to submit an article or classified ad, please contact me at

kaleidoscopenewsletter01@gmail.com



Local Quilting Supply Shops

Rosie's Calico Cupboard

7151 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92115
619-697-5758

Sew Hut

7672 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92111
858-273-1377

Cozy Creative Center

756 Jamacha Rd.
El Cajon, CA 92019
619-670-0652

Paradise Sewing

13242 Poway Rd.
Poway, CA 92064
858-679-9808

My Happy Place

2405 Main St. #4
Ramona, CA 92065
760-654-3060

Quilt In A Day

1955 Diamond St.
San Marcos, CA 92078
760-591-0929

Quilt 'In With Soul Fabrics

619-618-8618

Grand Central Quilt n Stitch

100 N. Rancho Sante Fe Rd, Suite 118
San Marcos, CA 92069
760-295-0446

Inspirations Quilt Shop

27350 Valley Center Rd., Ste B
Valley Center, CA 92082
760-751-9400

Quilter's Paradise

304 Enterprise St, Ste. E
Escondido, CA 92029
760-738-9677

El Cajon Sew & Vac

1077 Broadway
El Cajon, CA 92021
619-442-2585

Sewing Machines Plus

713 Center Dr.
San Marcos, CA 92069
760-739-8222

Sew Bestie

3670 Claremont Dr. #2
San Diego, CA 92117
478-288-8667

Sew Bestie

3355 Mission Ave, #232
Oceanside, CA 92058
478-288-8667

Quilter's Cottage

131 E. Fig St., Ste. #6
Fallbrook, CA 92028
760-723-3060

Mosaïque Quilts and Crafts

222 E. Broadway
Vista, CA 92084
760-842-4884

Fringe Fabrics

3457 El Cajon Blvd
San Diego, CA 92104
619-230-5442

Material Happiness

2244 Logan Ave.
San Diego, CA 92113
619-289-7802

La Mesa Sew & Vac

5346 Jackson Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942
619-698-2972

Miscellaneous Links

Free Patterns

[Free Quilt Patterns From Carol Doak](#)

[Free Two Color Quilt Patterns – Top Picks](#)

[Free Solid Quilt Patterns – Top Picks](#)

[Top 10 Free Robert Kaufman Quilt Patterns](#)

[Top 7 Free 3-Yard Quilt Patterns](#)

[Top 15 Free Easy Quilting Patterns for Beginners](#)

[Robert Kaufman](#)

[Moda](#)

[Riley Blake](#)

[Nuts and Bolts](#)

[Sew Can She Free Quilt Patterns](#)

Layer Cakes

[Top 16 Free Easy Layer Cake Quilt Patterns](#)

[30 Totally Free Layer Cake Quilt Patterns for Beginners](#)

[Free Layer Cake Quilt Pattern: Oh Susannah](#)

Jelly Roll

[30+ Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns that use 2 1/2" fabric strips: All Free!](#)

[30 Free Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns - Hailey Stitches](#)

[Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns Free - Fat Quarter Shop](#)

Scrappy

[How to Make a Quilt Using Fabric Scraps – Quilt-As-You-Go Method](#)

Binding

[How to Join Binding Ends with No Overlap or Bulk—Video](#)

Sewing Machine

[The Surprising Genius of Sewing Machinees - Video](#)

Paper Piecing

[41+ Modern And Free Paper Piecing Patterns To Quilt Today](#)

[20 Free Paper Piecing Patterns \(EPP and FPP Patterns\)](#)

[Free Paper Piecing Patterns to download ~ 115+ designs, multiple sizes](#)



Miscellaneous Links (cont'd)

Stars

[35 Dreamy Star Quilt Patterns: All Free!](#)

[Top 7 Free Two Color Quilt Patterns](#)

[40 Free Star Quilt Patterns to Put Stars in Their Eyes!](#)

[45 Free Star Quilt Patterns](#)



Cutting

[12 Ways to Cut up Fat Quarters for Quilting](#)

Fat Quarters

[Top 19 Free Fat Quarter Quilt Patterns](#)

[Three Fast and FREE Fat Quarter Quilts You Can Make in a Weekend](#)

Fat Eighth

[Free Fat Eighth-Friendly Quilt Patterns](#)

Fat Quarters

[The Ultimate Fat Quarter Project Guide: 40+ Free Sewing Patterns](#)

Quilting Calculator

[Robert Kaufman Quilting Calculator App](#)

Squares

[Be There or Be Square: 20 Easy Quilt Patterns Using Squares - All Free!](#)

[Charmed, I'm Sure: A Free Quilt Pattern Bursting with Summer Charm](#)

Blocks

[Basket Weave Quilt Block Free Tutorial: Traditional Design in Two Sizes](#)

[260+ Free Quilt Block Patterns in Multiple Sizes](#)

[Marcia Hohn's Quilter's Cache! \(all I can say is WOW...lots of blocks and more\)](#)

[Twenty Free Quilt Block Patterns You Will Love!](#)

3 Yard Quilts

[3 Yard Magic – Simplified! 30 FREE Quilt Patterns](#)

Block of the Month

[BOMQuilts.com](#)

Bags

[Free Bag Patterns](#)



More links coming soon!

MORE FUN WITH AI

Prompt: What is meant by dirty quilting?

Response:

"Dirty quilting" (or the "dirty quilter method") is a relaxed, fast, and, imperfect style of quilting that prioritizes creativity and enjoyment over technical precision, such as perfect points or matching seams. It emphasizes a "no-cares" attitude, allowing for quick construction, improvisational design, and the use of scraps without worrying about rigid rules.

Key aspects of dirty quilting include:

Embracing Imperfection: The focus is on the joy of creating rather than flawless technique.

"Quilt As You Go": Often involves techniques like stitch-and-flip, where fabric pieces are sewn directly onto a batting/backing base, allowing for easy, fast assembly without needing a fully prepared top.

No-Precision Piecing: It ignores the need for meticulous matching of points or perfectly pressed seams.



Scrappy & Freeform: Often uses leftover scraps, allowing for creative, chaotic, or non-traditional designs that clash intentionally.

Mindset: It is a philosophy that encourages, especially beginners, to embrace messy edges, trust their hands, and keep going without needing to be perfect.