

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
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www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

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Kaleidoscopic Voices

President's Message



I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer. I had a WONDERFUL time in Africa. What a beautiful continent. My trip was in Southern Africa and included South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. I am adjusting back to west coast time and getting back into work and quilting. Thank you, Debbie, for taking care of the May meeting. I understand that Ginger and her sister's presentation was wonderful. So sorry I missed it. Hope to see you at the meeting.

**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 Ann Turley
- Confession of the Quilt
Police .**

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2026

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

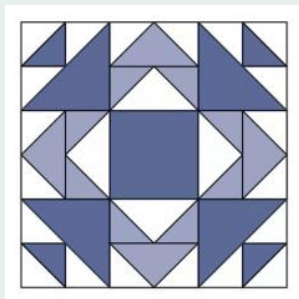
12/09—Holiday Party





DID YOU KNOW:

Modern quilting does not have a single inventor; rather, it evolved as a community movement in the early 2000s. It grew from the pioneering work of designers like Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr (co-founders of the Modern Quilt Studio) and Denyse Schmidt, whose bold, minimalist designs challenged traditional aesthetics.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to everyone that paid their 2026 dues. I appreciate it. The new membership directory was published in April and you should have received it in your email. If you have not, please contact me. Also, contact me with any 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 June 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

JUNE PROGRAM

Ann Turley - Confession of the Quilt Police

As a trained judge, Ann has seen it all on the judging floor. If you've ever wondered what happens behind those closed doors, Ann answers your questions as you sit in on a mock judging process.

Anne Sinnott—VP Programs



JUNE 2026 PHILANTHROPY

Kaleidoscope Friends

JUNE 2026 PHILANTHROPY



LUCY: Quilt patterns!!! Ethyl, what should we do for our philanthropy quilt?

ETHYL: Gee, Lucy, these look complicated. I think you are supposed to know how to sew....

Is planning your philanthropy quilt getting you down? So many patterns to try, so much fabric to play with. Jump in, like Lucy and Ethyl, just pick a pattern, and start sewing.

This is the time of year for graduations. Last month I attended the high school graduation, and Eagle Scout Court of Honor for my grandson in Michigan. I was sorry it fell over the guild meeting date. Missed you all. Thank you Julie Reyes for stepping in and handling the philanthropy table while I was gone. Guess I should be gone more often – as we received 35 philanthropy quilts.

Members who donated philanthropy quilts in May are: Rita Amaya, Kathryn Diamond, Ed Estrin, Leah Estrin, Nancy Garner, Diane Hamann, and Alicia Fellows. Thank you!!!!

Are you enamored with flying geese?

Doing them one by one is a chore, but if you haven't tried this method below – of making 8 at once – this is for you! Karen Walker posts a very interesting blog, and has a great description of this method.

<http://chezstitches.blogspot.com/2014/05/the-magic-8-revisited.html>

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting – and I will have philanthropy kits and labels for you to pick up.

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

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

MAY MINUTES

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
Regular meeting May 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Debbie because Peggy is on vacation. We had 4 visitors. Debbie said if you want a name badge, she can get them for \$10. each.

The treasurer reported that our balance at the end of April was \$31,803.70. About \$10,000 of that is retreat payments. Further information will be available in the newsletter.

Programs -

June- Ann Turley- Confessions of the quilt police

July- Linda and Carl Sullivan- My Best Tips for Precision Piecing

August - Tina Current- My Design Process- From Concept to Quilt

September- Philanthropy Sew In

There is no guest fee for February and July
Ruth talked about the miniature challenge- It is to be miniature signs- small sizes, any shape with the message "Don't Touch the Quilts"

Ann talked about another challenge— two quilters, old friends or new friends, would make their own rules and make their own quilted things until January. If interested and you want to be paired with someone, put your name in the box.



By-Laws committee report— no real changes needed just an addition to the Standing Rules that up to two meetings a year would not have a guest fee.

Retreat- August 27-30th, 2026. Pay \$100. Monthly and balance in June.

Philanthropy- Julie is handling it this month while Marilyn is out of town.

Opportunity quilt- Melanie has taken that over. She is passing around sign up sheets for selling tickets at Rosie's and Cozy's. We sold tickets at the Cuyamaca Spring Festival on May 2.

Hospitality- sign up sheets for the next six months were passed around.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and visiting.

Mary Weflen
Secretary

TEAM CHALLENGE

Make a New Friend or Keep the Old Quilt Challenge (As the song says: “One is silver and the other gold”)

How It Works

1. Team Up

Partner with an existing friend OR

Put your name in the “hat” to be paired with someone new

2. Drawing Teams

Names will be randomly drawn to create 2-person teams

If we have an odd number, we’ll form a 3-person team

Larger teams are welcome if desired!

3. Choose Your Challenge

Each team will decide their own quilt-related challenge

It can be anything “quilty,” such as:

A bag

A jacket

A table runner

A quilt (any size) No rules—just have fun and be creative!



Final Presentation

January Meeting: 1/20/2027

At this meeting, each team will:

Introduce themselves

Share their chosen challenge



Ginger Calderon and Dottie Porst



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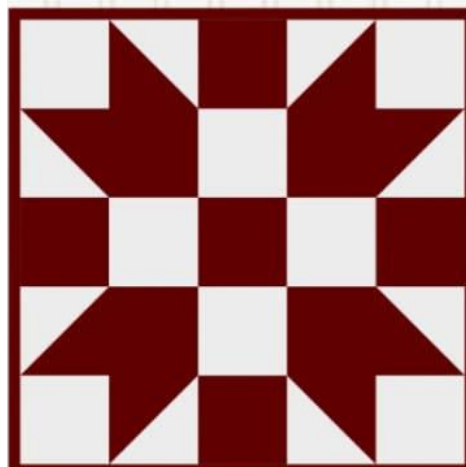
This is the stack of philanthropy quilts that were donated at our May meeting. Thank you so much to everyone who donated quilts.

KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 2026

Balance, May 1, 2026		\$31,803.70
<i>Includes Petty Cash</i>	\$100.00	
<i>Includes Prior Retreat Deposits</i>	\$10,480.00	
<i>Includes Prior Workshop Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
Income		
Memberships	\$0.00	
Guests	\$25.00	
Opportunity Quilt	\$323.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
Retreat	\$1,960.00	
Boutique	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$2,308.00
Expenses		
Check #2338 LGMTA—May Rent	-\$100.00	
Check #2339 P. Gailband—Retreat Supplies	-\$19.56	
Check #2340 K. Diamond—Hospitality	-\$15.74	
Total Expenses		-\$135.30
Balance, May 31, 2026		\$33,976.40



KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD BYLAWS – 2026 UPDATE

The Bylaws committee met. We didn't receive any response from our general membership of any changes that needed to be made. The Bylaws committee agreed – our current Bylaws are good.

There is, however, a change to our Standing Rules, regarding guest fees. The Guild Board decided we should give our Standing Rules more clarification on the matter. Please note: The Standing Rules need only be approved by our Guild Board, not the entire membership, and this was done at our April Board Meeting. This is the change that the board made:

Standing Rules of the Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild:

Section 4: Guest fee for general membership meeting shall be \$5. **At the discretion of the Board, the guest fee may be waived for one or two meetings a year. A guest fee may be applied toward membership if the non-member joins.**

REFRESHMENTS

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JUNE MEETING

Snacks

Peggy Mitchell

Sylvia Wallace

Julie Reyes

Melanie Ellsworth

Drinks

Kim Loomis

Anne Sinnott

Rosa Blatchford



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 (or 30" perimeter). Can be smaller

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

Here are some ideas from other quilt shows





*Quilting has and will always
be a part of our cultural
heritage.*

**The San Diego People of Color
Quilt Guild Show and**

2026 Opportunity Quilt Raffle

Measures 62" X 75"

Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5

Useable Art and Fabrics for sale

QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Chula Vista Presbyterian Church

940 Hilltop Drive

Chula Vista, CA 91911

Free parking with \$5.00 entry fee

Cash Only

Drawing will be held at 3pm

SDPOCQUILDGUILD.com & FB



**All Raffle Proceeds to Benefit the Valencia Park / Malcolm X
Library Branch. Winner need not be present.**



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We're
Having

Summer Fun

on
the 2026

SoCal

QUILTER'S
RUN

JULY 9-12 & 16-19

THURS - SAT 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SUN 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360
(805) 371-3042

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REDLANDS, CA 92373
(909) 963-5610

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EL CAJON, CA 92019
(619) 670-0652

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STE. 118
SAN MARCOS, CA 92069
(760) 295-0446

INSPIRATIONS QUILT SHOP

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VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082
(760) 751-9400

MY HAPPY PLACE QUILT SHOP

2405 MAIN ST., #4
RAMONA, CA 92065
(760) 654-3060

ORANGE QUILT BEE

628 E. KATELLA AVE.
ORANGE, CA 92867
(714) 639-3245

QUILTER'S COTTAGE

131 E. FIG ST., STE. 6
FALLBROOK, CA 92028
(760) 723-3060

QUILT EMPORIUM

4918 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD.
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364
(818) 704-8238

THE QUILTER'S FAIRE

34500 GATEWAY DR., STE. 110
PALM DESERT, CA 92211
(760) 328-8767

QUILT IN A DAY

1955 DIAMOND ST.
SAN MARCOS, CA 92078
(760) 591-0929

QUILTY PLEASURES

1555 SIMI TOWN CENTER WY.,
UNIT #165
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065
(805) 581-1577

THE SEW N SEW

160 N. GLENDORA AVE., STE. E
GLENDORA, CA 91741
(626) 852-2223

TRISH TAC SEW

73608 HIGHWAY 111, STE. 2
PALM DESERT, CA 92260
(760) 851-8101

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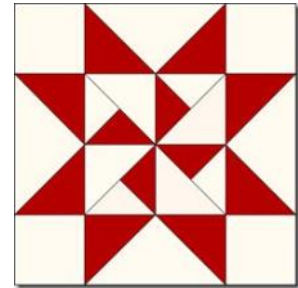
CHULA VISTA QUILT SHOW



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](#)



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[Valley of the Mist](#)

[Surfside](#)

[Fallbrook](#)

[North County](#)

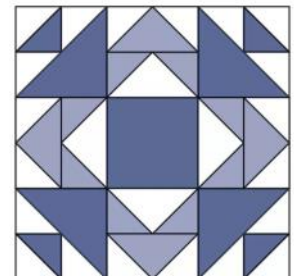
[Orange County](#)

[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

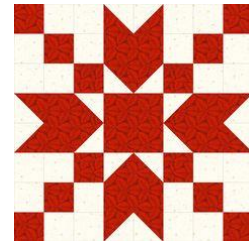
Wednesday Quilt Class

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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The Threaded Bobbin
Bobbie Norby
Longarm Services
619-249-5276
bobbie3@hotmail.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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

June's block of the month is: [Friendship Stars](#)





Did you know?

Appliqué quilting wasn't invented by a single person. It evolved over thousands of years, beginning as an ancient method for patching holes. Early evidence of this technique has been discovered in 3rd-century BCE China and 10th-century BCE Egypt. Over centuries, it spread along the Silk Road to Europe .



"Measure twice, cut once!"

June Birthdays

Pat Gailband	6/7
Karen MacEwing	6/9

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](#)

[Visions Museum of Textile and Art](#)

[Sew Bestie](#)

[Cooper's Fabrics](#)

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

[Grand Central Quilt n Stitch](#)

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

[Sew Bestie](#)

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

[Sew Hut](#)

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

[Inspirations Quilt Shop](#)

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

[Quilter's Cottage](#)

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

[Cozy Creative Center](#)

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

[Quilter's Paradise](#)

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

[Mosaïque Quilts and Crafts](#)

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

[Paradise Sewing](#)

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

[El Cajon Sew & Vac](#)

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

[Fringe Fabrics](#)

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

[My Happy Place](#)

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

[Sewing Machines Plus](#)

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

[Material Happiness](#)

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

[Quilt In A Day](#)

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

[Sew Bestie](#)

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

[La Mesa Sew & Vac](#)

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

[Quilt 'In With Soul Fabrics](#)

619-618-8618

[Cooper's Fabrics](#)

2980 N Park Way
San Diego, CA 92104
619-292-8303

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

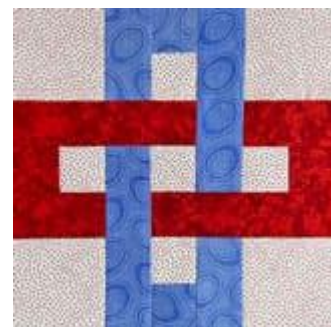
[The Surprising Genius of Sewing Machinees - Video](#)

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: How can I make precision quilt blocks?

Response:

To make precision quilt blocks, starch your fabric before cutting, nail an accurate 1/4" seam allowance, and press after every seam. Consistent cutting, stitching, and squaring up at every step prevent small errors from snowballing.

1. Master the Prep and Cutting

Starch First: Use spray starch (like Best Press) on your fabric before cutting. It stabilizes the weave, prevents stretching, and makes handling bias-cut edges (like triangles) much easier.

Square the Yardage: Before cutting strips, ensure the raw edge of your fabric is perfectly straight.

Sharp Blades & Clear Rulers: Replace rotary cutter blades frequently to avoid jagged edges. Align your ruler's markings directly on top of the fabric's straight edge, rather than relying solely on the mat lines.

2. Lock in Your Seam Allowance

Test and Check: Your seam allowance dictates the final block size. Sew two scrap pieces of fabric together, press, and measure the seam with a ruler to ensure it is exactly 1/4".

Use a Guide: Use a dedicated 1/4" presser foot or apply low-tack seam tape on your sewing machine bed as a visual guide.

Chain Piece: Sew a scrap "leader/ender" between your actual blocks. This prevents your thread from bunching and stops the machine from "eating" the corners of your block.



3. Press Properly

Set the Seam: Press the joined pieces flat before pressing the seam to one side. This embeds the stitches into the fabric and reduces bulk.

Press, Don't Iron: Glide the iron gently to set the seam, but use an up-and-down lifting motion to press to the side. Avoid pushing or stretching the fabric out of shape.

Use a Clapper: To make seams lie incredibly flat, press the seam and immediately press down on it with a wooden Tailor's Clapper until the fabric cools.

4. Square Up as You Go

Trim Between Steps: Do not wait until the entire block is pieced to make it straight. Square up sub-units (like Half-Square Triangles or Flying Geese) as you complete them.

Align the Center: When trimming, line up the diagonal line on your square ruler with the diagonal seam of your block.