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West Pasco Quilters' Guild, Inc.

Mission Statement: The West Pasco Quilters' Guild, Inc. provides charity within our community and quality education to the public about quilts and quilt making.

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Spotlight News!

Don't miss
out !!

October guild
meeting,
October 16,
is last chance
to register a
quilt to be in
the 2026
Quilt Show.
Click **here** for
Registration
Guidelines and
Form. If you
have questions,
contact Shirley
Zerbe —
727-858-3876

President's Message

Dear Quilters,

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!



As I put September behind me, I can't help but remember last year. Hurricane Helene left us with situations that changed our lives on so many levels. I thank all of you for your support, prayers and love that continues daily. We move forward with hope and faith for the positive things each day brings.

SUCH AS: WPQG's activities for the balance of 2025 and into 2026! This newsletter is full of great articles with information on what's to come. PLEASE READ IT! We share a lot on social media but this monthly newsletter is the place each committee has the opportunity to get information out to our members. Use it as a reference source. If your committee has a schedule for the upcoming months, please list it. I use this information on a regular basis to see who we are supporting through the Food Bank, our monthly basket donors, the birthday list, our upcoming classes in education, just to name a few of helpful articles. I am hoping more of you will let us know what you need for the kid's bags, what type of food to donate for the Food Bank, and other articles you would like to share with our members. This month I have put together an article about how to price your quilt (**page 16**) so anyone putting a large quilt in consignment shop, or thinking about selling their entry quilts, will have an idea of what to charge. And yes, I know \$7.25 is low for minimum wage but, as of this writing, the federal minimum wage is just that.

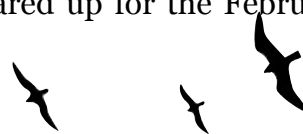
Anyway, check with Kathy Robertson, our wonderful newsletter editor, if you have any article you would like to add next month. Articles are due on the 25th of each month. Maybe we should start a "do you know" column. We could share tidbits of quilting knowledge...

Kathy has revamped the newsletter format and it is amazing. Kudos to her hard work!!! Her creativity doesn't stop with quilting and we are reaping the benefits! Our thanks to Kathy for a job well done!

I want to say welcome home to the snowbirds for the winter months. You have been missed! We are all geared up for the February 2026 Quilt Show so let's get moving!

Happy Quilting everyone!

Julie



2025 - 2026 WPQG Executive Board



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Block of the Month – Barbara Manning
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Quilt Show 2026: Susanna Branon, Pam King, & Rhonda Koning

Special Events: OPEN

Holiday/Anniversary – Julie Gohring
Hospitality – Jerrye Winters
Quilters' Escape 2027 –
Susan Pisano, Lysette Rivera

Ways & Means: Penny Black

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MEMBERSHIP

The long dry spell is over! There are two new members for the month of September. They are Louise Galeano and Leann Williams. Woohoo! And welcome! We now have 248 members, 65 of whom attended our September meeting. And for even more quilting fun think about joining a small group. It's always pleasant to while away a few hours with like minded people and you can learn so much.

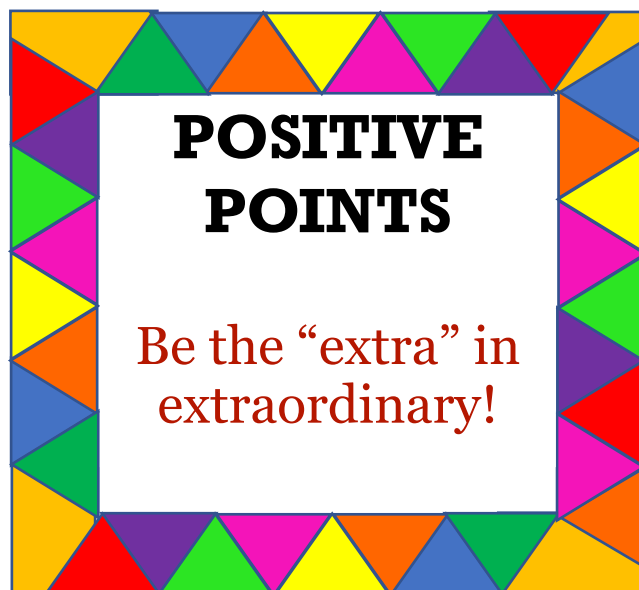
One of the things you can learn is how many years it took for everyone to get around to making a block for the massive membership quilt. You'll find some of them still haven't. I think, for me it was about twelve years, yes, years. Why? The instructions are pretty clear, it's the size of a pot holder, it takes a day or two because you have to do both sides, so why does it take years? It's the decisions. The patterns, the colors, and the next time you think about it, you'll change your mind. I know that if I made it today it would be different from what I made four years ago.

So let me make a suggestion. Pick a day in the very near future and just make the damn thing. Use whatever you've got laying around (if you don't have purple, you've got a friend who does) and a pattern that interests you today. Think of it as a moment in time. Remember, it will be one of hundreds, hanging high overhead and if anyone can read your name on it, well, you wrote too big.

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



Join
A
Small
Group !!



By The Way...

The October membership meeting will be the last month to collect the throw away plastic tops. Thanks to all the members for responding to my request!

Anne Templeton
727-838-3620

Membership Blocks

ATTENTION: New Members, and those that have NOT turned in a membership block, please do so by November 20, 2025 membership meeting. Click [here](#) for instructions provided on the guild website.

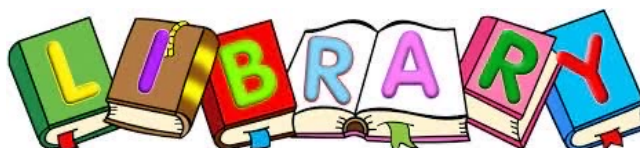


Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Get your Opportunity Quilt tickets at our Membership General Meetings!
See Karen Oertel for more information.



Name	Birthday
Cassidy, Rita M.	10/2
Trapp, Nina	10/2
Lewis, Jo	10/3
Tilley, Alma	10/3
Strom, Linda	10/6
Curtis, Carmen	10/7
Fausak, Rachel	10/12
Baumgartner, Lori	10/13
Martin, Romona	10/14
Turscak, Diane	10/14
Villalobos, Waleska	10/15
Ford, Janet	10/17
DiGregorio, Arlene	10/24
Hammel, Donna	10/24
Morris, Paula	10/24
Wantuch, Mary L.	10/24
Beaty, Katherine (Kathie)	10/28



Once again our meeting will be at the Rec Center.

The Library will be open.
Bring your donations of books & magazines.

We still have a number of patterns for 25 cents.

Please remember to return any checked out items.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

EDUCATION

October 16 is Quilt Registration Day. Have your forms filled out with a photo of your quilt(s). You will not be able to enter your quilt into the 2026 show after this day. If your quilt is finished and you want to have its picture taken for our fabulous program our show photographers will be present to take them. Photographers will be taking pics for the next several months at our guild meetings.

Most of our meetings leading up to the 2026 Quilt Show will be about the Quilt Show. Do you have questions about the show? Jot them down and we will answer them for you.

We are always looking for our members to teach a class. What could you teach? Don't be shy. We learn from each other. Do you have a national teacher you would like us to contact? Anyone you have read about or have seen their videos? Tell me and I will contact them.

There are several members who said they wanted to take Ann Troutman's workshop in November but have not paid. Please let me know if you are still interested and please pay for the class at the October meeting. Ann wants a count of those participating and will give me the initial instructions so I can pass them on to you. You can also email me at pkingjr3@gmail.com or call 727.376.0555.

Pam King
Education Chair

Schedule

Oct 16, 2025 Quilt Registration Day — have forms and photos ready to submit to Quilt Show Registrar, Shirley Zerbe
S&R Sharpening (see [page 6](#))

Nov 20, 2025 Ann Troutman, certified Quiltworx instructor, Trunk Show

November 21, 2025 – Workshop,
Ann Troutman,
Star Baby quilt,
10am-4pm, \$60 plus pattern,
NPR Rec Center



Learn or
improve
Paper
piecing
skills!

Dec 18, 2025 Holiday Party

Jan 15, 2026 All You Want to Know about Applique — The Gathering, small group that focuses on applique

Feb 19, 2026 To be announced

Mar 19, 2026 Guild Anniversary Party

March 4 and March 25, 2026 – Janie Franco's Sweatshirt Jacket class, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$35, Country Place, 2 days

Apr 16, 2026 Color Theory — Ellen Ault

◆ Upcoming Events ◆



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 4 – WPQG Board meeting 10:00 Rec Center, Palm Room

Oct 9 – WPQG Quilt Show Meeting 9:00 Coop/9341 Osceola Dr, NPR

Oct 16 – MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 9:00-12:00

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to submit to Quilt Show Registrar, Shirley Zerbe

S&R Sharpening Event

Sharpening Event !

October 16, 2025

Bring your garden tools, knives and scissors to your Pasco quilters meeting, S&R Sharpening will arrive at 8 a.m. We will be sharpening your items on site and will do our best to have them done by the end of your meeting. We accept cash, check or card. Any questions feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,

S&R Sharpening

727-510-7640 voice or text

srsharpening@gmail.com

S&R SHARPENING PRICE LIST

SCISSORS

10-12" \$11

7-9" \$6.60

Small \$5.50

Pinkers \$7.70

Convex beauty shears \$25

S&R SHARPENING PRICE LIST (continued)

GARDEN TOOLS

Loppers \$6.60

Pruners \$6.60

Grass clippers \$6.60

Manual hedge trimmer \$11

Lawn mower blade \$10

Axe & hatchet \$6.60

Machete \$11

Shovels \$6.60

CUTLERY

\$1.10 per inch blade length

includes pocket knives

**** NO HAND SAWS, CHAIN SAW BLADES,
CLIPPER BLADES OR NAIL CLIPPERS****

Call us with any questions!!

S&R Sharpening

727-510-7640 voice or text

srsharpening@gmail.com



Our annual Fall Day Camp is NEXT MONTH! November is almost here! We still have a few openings for our Fall Day Camp! Come join us for a week of fun, fellowship and quilting! This year we will be devoting our time to all things quilt show! From creating boutique offerings to sewing table cloths and painting signs - we have something for everyone!... including completing YOUR quilt! Need help with bindings or a sleeve or label? We can help with that too! Day Camp is Monday, November 17 til Friday, November 21 - hosted at the home of Rhonda and Bob Koning NPR, cost is \$35 for the week 9am til 5pm daily (Thursday is noon to 5pm as its membership meeting day). Questions? Call Rhonda Koning, Carol Buonomo or Colleen Beckett.

Click [here](#) for Day Camp Registration Form.

HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 10:00am at the New Port Richey Aquatic and Recreation Center we will hold our annual WPQG Holiday Party. We will keep the tradition of the guild providing the main course with members bringing side dishes and desserts. Please remember, no crock pots since we do not have electricity to the center areas. We will have prizes for best table decorations, best costume/holiday dressed quilter, and our gift swap will be a small ornament. If you will be doing the gift swap, please wrap or bag your gift and include your name in or on the gift. We want to be able to thank the giver! We will also have games and other holiday activities. Again, the guild will provide the main course,

tablecloths, plates, flatware, cups, coffee, tea and lemonade. Please let Julie Gohring (770-680-8222) know if you will be sponsoring an open table so we can plan on how many to keep open. Thank you.

2026 Quilt Show Admission

At the December and January Guild meetings you will be able to purchase your ticket for \$10 which includes a lanyard with your name tag. This will be your entry to the quilt show for the entire weekend. If you are a Guild member you must wear your name tag to enter the Rec. Center.

Also, the Admission co-chairs will have forms for you to sign up to help with admissions during the show.



WPQG 2026 Quilt Show

“America’s Garden of Quilts”

QUILT SHOW notes....

We are just a few short months from our Quilt Show Celebration of ALL things quilts! We are selling ad space in our Quilt Show catalog - know a business that would place an ad? Please pick up a media kit at the membership meeting or contact Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667. You may also pick up a media kit at the office of Contractors Institute during business hours - 15409 US 19 Hudson, FL. Ad space ranges from \$50 for a business card to \$400 for full page - all ads are full color and reach over 2000 show attendees! A great value and the monies offset the cost of printing the catalog! Thank you everyone!

We are still in need of assistance with participation in our month long gallery exhibit at the West Pasco Art Guild - 6206 Jefferson Street NPR - that will hang the full month of February during our quilt show. This is such a grand opportunity to show off our quilting craft! Please consider participating with this exhibit! We will be hanging this exhibit on February 1st and we need a few volunteers to sit the gallery during open hours (Thursday - Friday - Saturday during the month and, of course, during our show). Contact Rhonda Koning or Lorna Calvert for details. This gallery exhibit will be a spot light of member Sue Kolczak’s incredible work as well as special art quilts from other guild members. Please and thank you everyone!

QUILT SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS! IT’S TIME!!

Our October meeting is HERE! We will be taking official photographs of your FINISHED quilts for the quilt show catalog! Please bring your FINISHED quilts to this month’s membership meeting. We will begin taking pics at 9am. Please make sure your quilts are complete with bindings and a label with the SHOW NAME securely fastened to the back of the quilt. Quilt(s) not finished? No worries, we will also be taking pics at the November and December meetings. Questions? Call Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667

2026 Quilt Show Basket Walk

Themed Basket for a Quilt Show

Creating a gift basket for a quilt show is a wonderful idea! Here is a simple plan for a themed basket, from picking a theme and container to filling it with the perfect items.

1. Choose a theme and register with Basket Walk Chair, Susanna Branon.

See Theme suggestions below. Additional themes are welcome.

2. Choose the container

Based on the theme, the container should be something that can be reused. e.g. wicker basket, glass jar, metal tubs or tins; let your imagination flow!

3. Choose your fillers and make a list of contents.

Now for the fun part! Fill your container with items that fit the theme you selected.

We will be hosting a workshop where you can bring your items and container, and we can help you put it together and dress it up for the Basket Walk. Once the basket is completed, we will store it for you and get it to the show during setup week.

If you have questions please contact Susanna Branon by phone (561-389-0142), email (sbranon189@gmail.com), in-person at our guild meetings or at the Hen House on Mondays.

Susanna Branon
Basket Walk Chair

Gift Basket Theme Suggestions				
Golfer	Hunter	Gardening	Coffee	Movie Night
Football	Fisherman	Beach	Tea Time	Gamer
Basketball	Biker	Picnic	Baking	Yoga
Hockey	Car Enthusiast	Pet	Gourmet Chocolate	Holidays (4)
Baseball	Boater	Charcuterie	Hot Chocolate	Spa
Baby Girl	Baby Boy	Sewing	Knitter	Bagmakers
Paper Piece	Holiday Decoration			

Quilts of Valor

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, WPQG Quilt Show.

We all know how fast time seems to fly by this time of year, and the quilt show will be here before we know it! The Quilts of Valor team is preparing to present 80 quilts to our honored Veterans during the 2026 Quilt Show, holding a minimum of 5 award ceremonies. This is one of those things that "takes a village", and we certainly have had a village of Quilters working very hard the past 20 months getting the quilts made. If you've helped, you know who you are, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This is definitely a passion for many members of our guild.

It's Time

Now is the time to finish up anything you are working on for Quilts of Valor and get them turned in. If you've taken block kits during our monthly meetings, we need those back now. We need time to get them assembled into tops and quilted. The same is true with any quit top kit that you checked out. Please make every effort to turn these in at the October meeting. We also welcome any blocks or tops or quilted quilts you've made outside of the kits we give. Those donations are the mainstay of our program.

How do you quilt your quilts?

Are you a longarmer? Do you know that it isn't only longarmers who can quilt the Quilts of Valor for us? The guidelines simply state that the quilts must be machine quilted, not tied. If you do any form of machine quilting, such as free motion, quilting with rulers, stitch in the ditch, or other method, we need your help. At this time we have 35 tops that need to be quilted and more will be coming in. We have some very generous longarmers who volunteer to help us each month, but they can't handle the full load. If you are willing to take a quilt and quilt it for us, please come by the QOV table at the next meeting and let Barbara Manning, or one of her teammates know that you are ready to quilt one. We'll make sure to get one for you to do.

QOV Raffle

During each quilt show the QOV group has a raffle to raise extra money for our supplies. Several of you have donated great things in the past. We are in need of Patriotic items to raffle in February. If you are willing to make something patriotic, like place mats or a tote bag as just a couple of examples, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. We ask that you turn those things in by the January meeting.

Thank you!!!
Vickie Dow

News from the Boutique

We are actively making unique items for the boutique. If you have a kit you have not turned in or an item to donate please bring it to the October guild meeting.

This year at day camp we will be making items for the boutique. Day camp is at Rhonda Koning's home (November 17-21). I will be teaching rope bowls, the first one you make is for the boutique. I will provide the rope and fabric. If you would like to make a second bowl to take home please bring cotton rope, 3/16 inch, 100 feet will make a nice size bowl, thread to match and whole piece of fabric to match (a fat quarter will work great).

We will have other classes to make more items for the boutique. Colleen will be teaching Ironing board caddys and couch caddys. Rhonda will be teaching Shabby Chapeau, cute hats!!!

Come and enjoy the week with us.

Consignment News

We encourage all our members to put their home-made items in the boutique on consignment.

The policy has changed and the guild now receives 20% of all sales.

What a great time to display all your talents and help fill the boutique with quality items. Michele Crary, Consignment Co-Chair, will be at the October meeting to distribute the consignment forms.

Carol Buonomo, Boutique

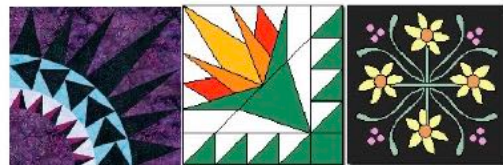
Block Party Silent Auction

With the success of the Block Party at our last quilt show, we are doing this fundraiser again at the 2026 "America's Garden of Quilts" show.

WPQG would appreciate your help!

Get with your small group, a friend or two and come up with a theme and/or a color scheme and make a set of blocks. It's that easy.

Show attendees will be bidding on packages of completed quilt blocks that they can put together by adding blank blocks, sashing, borders, etc.



Keep these guidelines in mind:

- Sets should have a standard amount of blocks to make a balanced quilt, wall hanging, or table runner (i.e., 4 - 12 blocks depending on the size and purpose).
- Blocks should be uniform in size and include seam allowances (8.5" not 8" blocks)
- Showcase your special skill – embroidery, paper piecing, applique, etc.

Have fun with it!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sonosky at 727-992-7419.

**Please view the list of
2026 WPQG Quilt Show Committees**

Click [here](#)

Your help is still needed!!!

WPQG Challenge

America's Garden of Quilts



February 13 - ~~14~~ - 15 2026
Richey Rec & Aquatic Ctr
6630 Van Buren St
New Port Richey, FL
9-5 Friday & Saturday
Sunday 10-4



Your challenge entry must be a "true quilt" NO LARGER than 20" x 20".

You must use enough of the challenge fabric so we see what it is.

You will purchase your fat quarter for \$5.

This \$5 will be returned to you when you turn in your entry.



If you do not turn in your entry your
\$5 will be donated to our charity quilt program



Special ribbons and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Viewer's choice ballots are provided at the challenge table

Remember to keep your entry a secret and don't forget your quilt label.



For more information please contact
Genie Betts
727-233-2346
Geniequilts@gmail.com



It's only 4 months, (that's right **4 MONTHS!**), until the 2026 Quilt Show.
Mark your calendars now and block off the week of February 9, 2026!
Your volunteer time will be crucial to the success of the Quilt Show.





Community Outreach



In September we collected \$85 in food and \$148 in cash as a donation to Dana's Angels.

We need sponsors for 2026; January and February are currently open. Of course we also need to fill the rest of the 2026 calendar. See us at the Food Bank table to sign up.

Again, thanks for all your support. GOOD JOB!

Sandra Teclaw and Kim Smith
Food Bank Co-chairs



Hospice Doves

The guild is making white felt doves for Gulfside Hospice. The doves are given to the family of the person who passed away under Hospice care. Betsy Turner and I have made kits and will be distributing them to the members at the monthly guild meetings. The Hospice Dove instructions are also on the guild web page. This is an ongoing project and they have asked if we could provide 20-25 doves per month. If you take a kit and you do not feel comfortable sewing on the eyes, bring the completed dove back and we have a member who has volunteered to attach the eyes. You can return the kits to either of us at the guild meetings. Thank you.

Avis Merritt
Betsy Turner

Charity Sew

Join us anytime at the Hen House (8301 Joliet St. Hudson) on Monday and The Coop (9341 Osceola Dr. NPR) on Wednesdays. Come join the fun. We always have something to do for willing hands!

I would like to thank ALL of our members that help make Charity Sew a success. It is so much appreciated! All your hard work making such beautiful quilts is our Guild's way of touching the lives of children, and many adults, in a very real way. Without you, it could not be done. Continue to make all those quilts! Thank you so much for your generous spirit of giving. It is a tremendous help.

PLEASE NOTE: THRU OCTOBER 8th, THE COOP HOURS WILL BE FROM 9:00 UNTIL 1:00.

Lori Romanosky; Co-Chair Charity Sew and Scrap Chair
Ann Marshall; Co-Chair Charity Sew

◆ Ways and Means ◆

Gift Basket and Share the Wealth (50/50)

Just a reminder.....I am signing up volunteers for the gift basket donations for 2026. As of this writing, no one has stepped forward to sign up. If you or your group would like to donate a basket call me (727)372-6456 or email PennyB1618@gmail.com.
Look forward to hearing from YOU.

For the remainder of this year:

Oct. - Marsha White & Beverly Webster

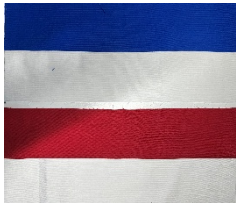
Nov. - Hen House

Dec. - Trish Wallick

Penny Black, Chair

◆ Fat Chance / Art Challenge ◆

Month	Fat Quarters	Art Challenge
October	Green and Red	Thanksgiving scene: table food, turkey, table setting
November	Red	Christmas scene: Santa Clause, snow, toys, Christmas tree
December	None	No art challenge
Jan. 2026	Green	Valentine cards, presents, chocolates, on a date

West Pasco Quilters' Guild	Diamond Chain	Block of the Month October 2025	Skill Level Easy-Medium
Finished size of block: Approximately 18" X 18" Fabric Requirements: White = 3½ x WOF & 6½" x WOF Blue = 3½" X WOF Red = 3½" X WOF	All seam allowances = scant ¼" For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" X 21" Eighth of a Yard = 4½" X 40" WOF = Width of Fabric Anatomy of a 9 Patch Block Patch 1 Patch 2 Patch 3 Patch 4 Patch 5 Patch 6 Patch 7 Patch 8 Patch 9		
Cutting Requirements: White (solid or predominantly white) • (4) - 6½" X 6½" squares • (2) – 15" X 3½" strips Blue (solid or predominantly blue) • (4) - 3½" X 3½" squares • (1) - 15" X 3½" strip Red (solid or predominantly red) • (4) - 3½" X 3½" squares • (1) - 15" X 3½" strip			
<u>MAKING THE FOUR PATCH BLOCKS – STEP ONE</u> ✦ Pair one 3½" white strip and one 3½" red strip right sides together. Sew along one long side. Press seam to the red side. ✦ Pair one 3½" white strip and one 3½" blue strip right sides together. Sew along one long side. Press seam to the blue side.		2 steps of strips; a blue and white set and a red and white set. 	
<u>MAKING THE FOUR PATCH BLOCKS – STEP TWO</u> ✦ Sub cut the red and white strip set and the blue and white strip set into four 3½" x 6½" blocks. You need 4 red and white patches and 4 blue and white.			
<u>MAKING THE FOUR PATCH BLOCKS – STEP THREE</u> ✦ Make 2 red and white 4 patch blocks measuring 6½" x 6½". ✦ Make 2 blue and white 4 patch blocks measuring 6½" x 6½" (See the photo) Sew these together to form 4 four patch blocks as illustrated. Press seams in either direction.			
YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED PATCHES 1, 3, 7, and 9. PATCHES 2, 4, 6, AND 8 are the white 6½" squares.			

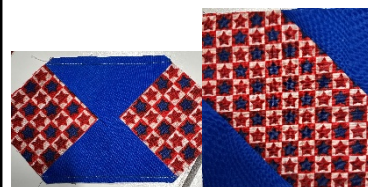
MAKING PATCH 5

Square in a Square block

- ✦ Mark a diagonal line on the back of the two red 3-½" squares and the two blue 3-½" squares.
- ✦ Line up two blue squares on opposite corners of the 6½" patriotic square, right sides together



- ✦ Sew on the diagonal lines.
- ✦ Trim off the corner leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press the blue corners out.



Repeat with Red squares on the other two corners of the Patriotic patch.

Patch should measure 6½" x 6½"



◆ Do you know... ◆

- ◆ Sometimes your skipped stitches can be corrected by changing your needle.

Julie Gohring

HOW TO PRICE MY QUILT

When I first started charging for my quilts, I wanted to be fair. I logged every minute in my studio and charged it to the quilt I was making. When I finished the quilt, I added up the time spent to see how long it took me to make each size. This gave me a good idea of what my per hour charge should be. As I have increased in speed and knowledge, my time has also been adjusted. If a client asks me to do anything having to do with their quilt (quilt it, bind it, repair it, etc.) I have a good hourly rate that I feel compensates me for my time and experience.

The current minimum wage is \$7.25. If you feel you are a very beginner and this is your base, use it as your hourly labor charge. If you were making \$20+ in the corporate world, or your last job, this is a blow to your ego. Experience will get to where you are comfortable charging a reasonable rate. You should reevaluate your price scale once a year and adjust your charge rates accordingly. Do not sell yourself short.

There are several ways to price your quilt. I am listing two in this article.

COST PLUS PRICING=Materials + Labor

You simply list all your materials:

Cotton Material for TOP, BACKING & BINDING

Cotton Batting

Thread for piecing and quilting

Labor for prep, piecing, quilting & binding

Pattern (I usually do not add this because I make my own layouts)

Washing quilt (optional) and label

Here is the calculation for any quilt: using \$12 per yard material

Quilt size = Width x Length = Fabric needed

Sample: Crib size 36" x 40/44 (WOF)	1 yard of fabric	\$12
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Backing = 38" x WOF	1.25 yds of fabric	\$16
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Binding = 5 2 1/2" strips WOF (12" of fabric)	1/2 yard of fabric	\$ 6
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Thread (unless it is a special thread or high volume quilting)		\$ 6
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Batting = 40 x 46	Estimate cut from larger piece	\$15
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Washing (I do not always prewash my finished quilts)		\$10
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Label: I ask the customer what they want on this.

I embroider this on a neutral/coordinating color and attach it on the back.

I always add my name and year at the bottom.		\$ 6
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Labor/per hourly rate/I machine sew everything including binding

At minimum rate \$7.25 x 4 hours (about how long it takes me total)		<u>\$29</u>
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TOTAL CHARGE		\$100
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This would be the most I would likely charge for a baby quilt. On my price list I have them starting at \$85. I rarely purchase full price materials. I lived at a place in Georgia near a store that sold discounted material. Tables would be piled high with name brands that they purchased for pennies on the dollar. I picked through Kaufman, batiks, Fassett, Moda, Riley Blake, and more, and found great out of date fabrics for \$1 & \$2 a yard. So, my prices would reflect that savings. Most of my clients were willing to pay \$85 for a cute baby quilt, especially if I made it to order and included the baby's name on it in big letters. If you use a front panel, it goes together extra fast so your labor charge is reduced.

PRICE PER INCH PRICING – Width" x Length" = total square inches x cost (I round up/down)

After doing my daily chart of hours and what I charged for my quilts for a couple of years, I came up with a simple cost per square inch that reflected what I felt I wanted to charge for my quilts across the board. I always tell my client this is a base price. If they want additional items added, a particular fabric, pattern or other special instructions, the price will reflect that. My quilts run between \$.06 to \$.10 per square inch.

<u>Estimate sizes</u>	Baby Quilt	36" x 40"	\$85 (36X40=1440x.06=\$86.4)
	Toddler	40" x 55"	\$135
	Lap/throw	50" x 65"	\$200
	Twin	60" x 80"	\$300
	Full	70 x 80"	\$400
	Queen	80" x 95"	\$725
	King	100" x 100"	\$1000

I ask for 50% up front and the rest on completion. Additional \$25 for shipping upon completed payment. T-shirts are the same amount. I know they are providing tops but I have to provide interfacing to prep shirts so that is the cost of interfacing and prep time.

I do free motion quilting on a Handi Quilter Capri machine. I do not enjoy quilting the Queen and King sized quilts so my fees are adjusted to a higher amount for that size quilt. I have also told people I am not willing to make that size of quilt because of the pattern or technique they have asked for.

I also give myself 4-6 weeks to complete most quilts. I schedule about a weeks' worth of my time in the quilt studio to get this done. I will work 3-6 hours, 2-3 days, depending on the pattern.

I love the entire process of making a quilt. From planning the pattern, piecing, (applique not so much), to quilting, binding and seeing the end product. If there is an area of the process you do not like, find an easy way to get it done. I did not like hand binding so I learned to do it well on the machine. Now it's a finishing touch I look forward to on each quilt.

Pricing is a personal thing that takes into consideration your comfort zone, the actual cost of your materials, your clientele—will they pay what you feel your products are worth? and your experience. Once your client is educated in how much materials are, the time it takes to produce the product and the value of your work, they will reevaluate what they are paying for. Yes, they can get a comforter at Walmart for \$30 but once it is machine washed a few times it will shred and fall apart. A quilt made to order will first, be custom made; second, be of high quality; third, be an heirloom to be passed on; and forth, be worth every cent paid. Also, check on-line to see what a comparable quilt sells for.

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ON YOUR SALES RECEIPT:

Be sure to verify any specifics. Get correct spellings of names on label - if order is over the phone spell the particulars and ask for verification. Always add your name and year on the quilt label.

If they are not sure of a pattern, offer them some simple suggestions with basic colors. Stay within your comfort zone until you are confident you can do the pattern within your time frame. Half square triangles can be arranged in many patterns and are fast and easy to do.

Always give yourself 4-6 weeks to make the quilt. If you finish before the due date they will be pleased. Be up front about any problems. Do not wait until pick up to tell your customer you ran out of material and had to go with a different finish or trim. If they give you free range to select "anything" stay within a safe zone. A simple change can be your artistic choice, not an error. Do not point out any quilting errors or minor changes. Only another quilter would pick up on your points being off a bit. Be proud and happy to offer your finished product to a satisfied client.

I am attaching a basic order form for a cost-plus pricing. You can use as a price per inch by putting the size estimated Toddler 40"x55", do your calculations ($40'' \times 55'' = 2,200$ square inches $\times \$.06 = \132) and listing the price on the sheet. This is your worksheet so gather any information you need to complete the quilt. If you want to give a discount, put that on your sheet also so you will remember to include it in the final pricing. I also make note of their deposit (cash or check #) and how much is due at delivery.

If you have additional questions, I am here to help!
Google "How to Price My Quilt" for other ideas.

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Customer Order Form

Date of Order				Date Due			
Customer							
Address							
Phone				Email			
Size Quilt				Pattern			
Cost Estimate							
	TOP	BACKING	BINDING			Total	
FABRIC							
BATTING							
THREAD							
LABEL							
LABOR							
Other							
Special Instructions							
Total							
50% Down							
Shipping							
Bal Due							



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