



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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December and January Meetings

Tuesday, December 14 and Tuesday, January 11

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45

Doors Open

7:00

Opening Remarks

7:15

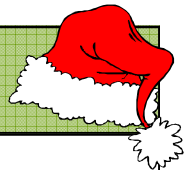
Program

Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block
- ✓ Placemat & Sewing Kit
- ✓ Money for Annual Bake & Book Sale
- ✓ January - \$ (Speaker is bringing merchandise)



President's Message



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Once the excitement of Christmas dies down and the hats and horns from New Year's Eve are put away for another year, one can start on a new or finish an old quilting project.

Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Was it to finish up UFO's, buy more fabric for the stash, join a quilting group, or was it just to make a good start at a quilt for the Quilt Show? Whatever your resolution is or was, don't fret for the day goes on and things have a way of working out.

Speaking of Quilt Show, thank you to all who signed up to help out. You will be getting a call in the new year where your help is needed. If you didn't sign up at the last meeting, there is still time. The clipboards will be going around again at the January meeting. The show is scheduled for spring of 2012 (exact dates will follow), so there is just a little over a year to get ready. We have the venue, but lots of "behind the scenes" preparation is needed to ensure a successful quilt show. The Royal City Quilters are known to put on a spectacular show and I know this one will "fit the bill" as well. Along with bed quilts, wall hangings, quilted clothing, and challenges, the Quilt Show committee will be looking for our famous "Minis" for the draw table along with those that will be auctioned off. Keep this in mind if you would like to make just "a little something" for the show. Please remember, whether you are a seasoned quilter or a beginner, our show is the place for your creations to be spotlighted.

Please remember to bring with you lots of coins and bills to the December meeting. You will want to pick up those books you were looking for along with some baking to ward off the "hunger pangs" while finishing up those last minute projects for Christmas. Again enjoy the holiday season.

Susan Harrington, President

December Program



We have included instructions on the next page for our members to make a placemat, (or two if you like), at home, and then bring it with you to our December meeting so that we can embellish it with ribbons, stars, snowflakes, beads, and a lot of other colourful items that we will supply for you.

These placemats, once embellished by our members at the meeting, will be donated by our Guild, to local Community groups and Seniors Homes. The placemat does not require a lot of fabric or time to put together, so we are hoping everyone will participate in this worthwhile project. Don't forget to bring your sewing kit with you, i.e. needles, thread, scissors, and any embellishments that you have at home, that you think would brighten up your placemat. Instructions follow on the next page. If you have any questions about the instructions, please feel free to contact Joanne or Shelly.

*Joanne Ariss and Shelly Palframan
Co-chairs, Program Committee*

Placemat Instructions

Finished placemats usually measure 12" x 16" or 13" x 17". The finished size can vary. The placemat can be rectangular, or with rounded edges.

Start with two pieces of fabric (front and back) and cut approximately 13" x 17", finished size will be 12" x 16" and one piece of batting 13" x 17"

1st method – lay top fabric on batting, right side up. Lay bottom fabric on top fabric, right sides together. Stitch around perimeter using ¼" seam allowance. Leave a 4" or 5" opening for turning right side out. Trim corners and turn right side out. Turn opening edges under and press. Press all edges and corners. Topstitch around entire outside edge 1/8" from edge using matching or contrasting thread.

2nd method – Make a quilt sandwich, top fabric right side up, batting, and bottom fabric right side out and pin together. Machine quilt the sandwich with diagonal lines, or any machine quilting design you are comfortable with. When the quilting is complete, "square up" the placemat. The edges of the placemat can be finished with binding from leftover fabric or store bought binding.

3rd method – Piece the top of the placemat together using orphan blocks, or scraps from your stash. Machine quilt as above, square up and bind the edges. Seasonal fabric with snowmen, santas, etc. can also be fussy cut and appliquéd to the top of the placemat. Felt can also be used for appliquéd shapes on the top of the placemat.

Please use festive seasonal fabric and bring the placemats to December's meeting to embellish with ribbon, rickrack, buttons, etc. all of which will be supplied at the meeting.

Remember to bring your sewing kit, i.e. small scissors, thread, needles, etc. for hand sewing.

Community Outreach

Outreach Bee Day 2010 was held on Saturday, November 6 at St. Mary's Parish Centre. Sixteen dedicated Royal City Guild members got together for a fun day of quilting. Nellie had a bin full of projects ready for our selection and in no time everyone was sewing up a storm. We tried some new techniques, took a break for a delicious pot-luck lunch and continued sewing into the afternoon. Here we are nearing the end of Community Outreach Bee Day 2010 showing off some of our blocks and projects. Check out the website Community Outreach tab for some additional pictures.

Thanks to everyone for picking up quilt tops to quilt, block kits to stitch together and donating their orphan blocks, sample Mystery Quilt blocks and unwanted fabric. We are well on our way to meeting our goal of 40+ quilts for this guild season. When you return your quilt blocks, please return the baggies so they can be reused for another block project. Your support and enthusiasm for this program are greatly appreciated.



January's Program



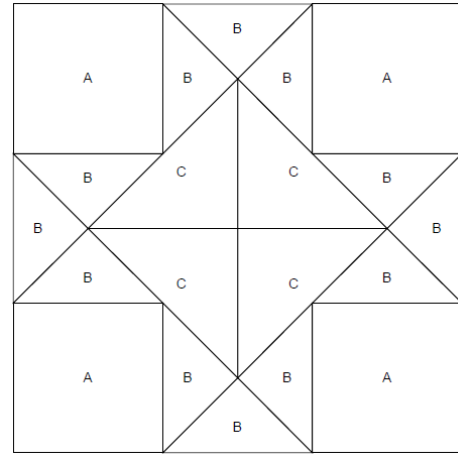
For January's program we are very pleased to have Cheryl Westlake from Alice's Quilt Shop in Erin. Cheryl's trunk show is called "***That's My Story and I'm Stitchin' to It***". Cheryl enjoys appliqué work and machine quilting. She is a member of several local quilting guilds as well as the Canadian Machine Quilters Association. Cheryl will also be bringing some merchandise from her store to sell at our meeting, so don't forget to bring your wallets to this meeting!


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Block 7


12 1/2" Block

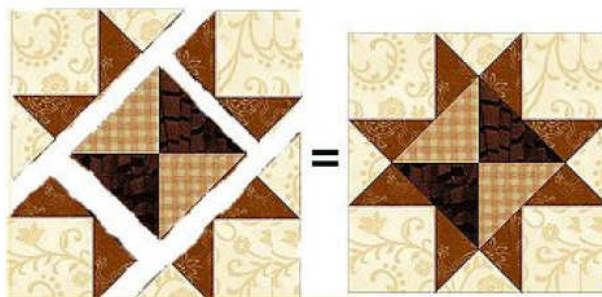
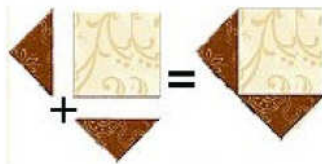
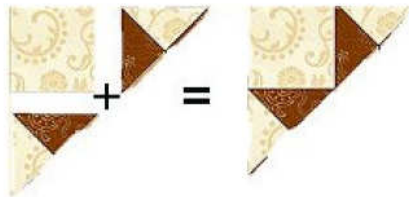
Sew together patches as shown using a 1/4" seam. Press to the darker fabric if possible.



Patch #	Color # to Cut	Color # to Cut	Size & Shape	Second Cut*
A	 4		4 1/2 square	
C	 1	 2	5 3/16 square	
B	 1	 1	4 7/8 square	

*  - Cut once diagonally.

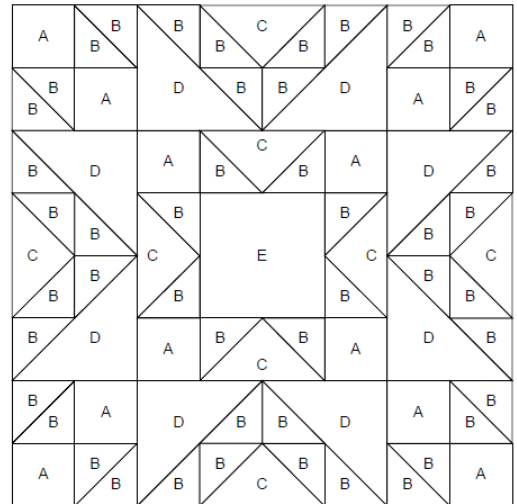
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Block 8

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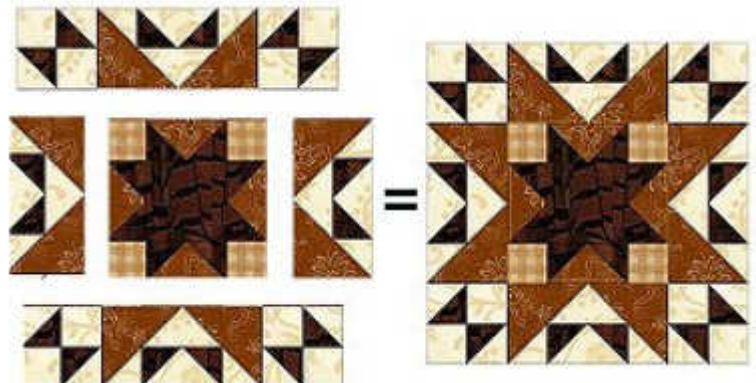
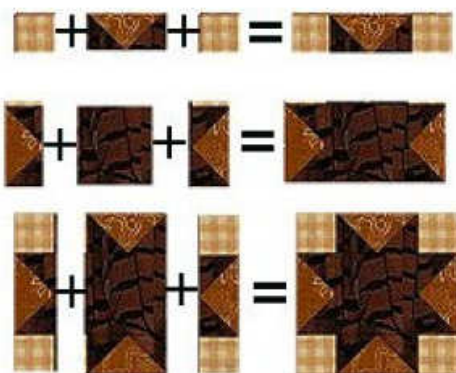
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A	8	4	2 inch square	
B	12	12	2 3/8 square	
C	1	1	4 3/16 square	
D	4		3 7/8 square	
E	1		3 1/2 square	

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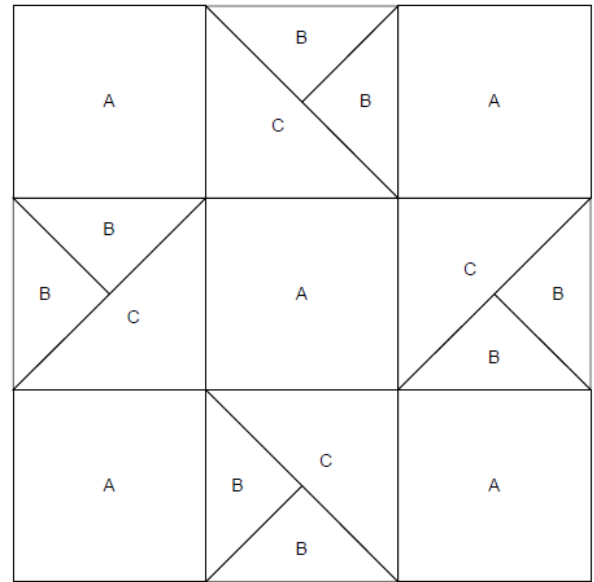
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Block 9

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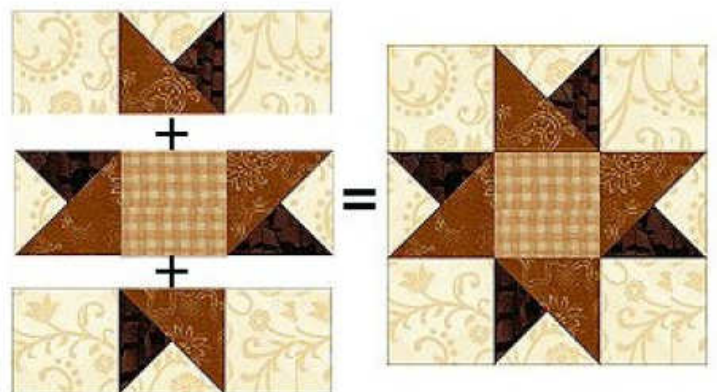
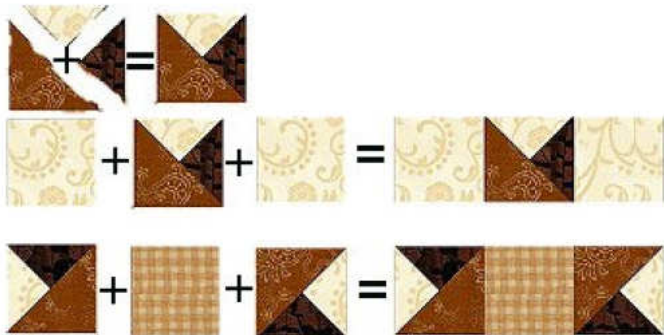
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B	1	1	5 3/16 square	
C	2		4 7/8 square	

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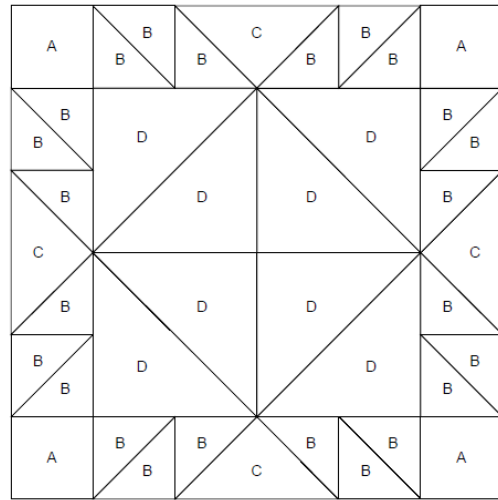
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Block 10

12 1/2" Block

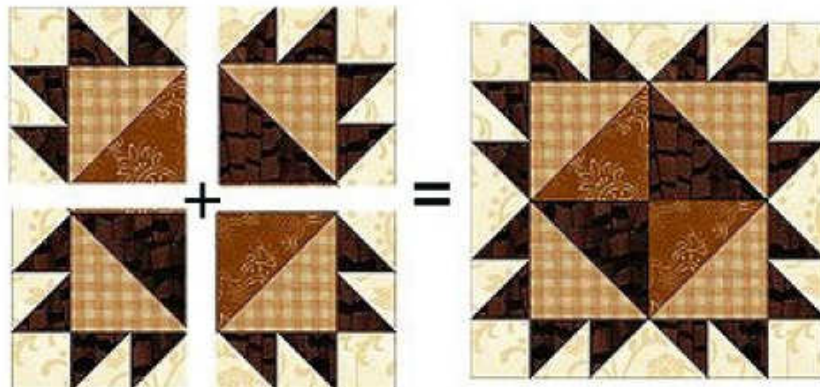
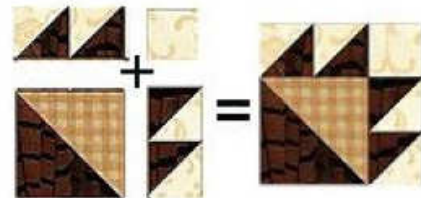
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A	4			2 1/2 square	
B	4	8		2 7/8 square	
C	1			5 3/16 square	
D	2	1	1	4 7/8 square	

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Workshops

Unique Fibre Art with Nancy Yule

Nancy will show you how to think outside the recycling bin to create unusual works of art. During this workshop you will fabricate an unique journal of techniques that you can easily take to the next level in your own quilting artwork. For examples of Nancy's work, visit her website: www.nancyyule.com

Where? Three Willows United Church
When? Saturday, February 12th 9 am – 4 pm
Price? \$35 (includes kit fee)

Visit Jackie James, Cindy Kinnon and Andrea Curtis at the Workshop table at the next meeting to get any details and register.

Full Payment will reserve your spot.

Library



Don't forget to bring your loonies and toonies to the December meeting. We'll be having our annual book and bake sale to raise money for the library. All books and bundles of magazines will be \$2.00.

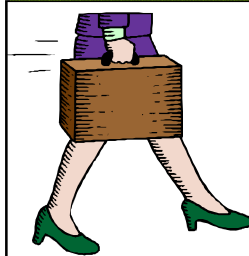
This is also your chance to dazzle your fellow quilters with your baking skills. Please bring your **wrapped and priced** baking specialities for the sale.



Thanks to all for your support of the raffle at the November meeting. We raised \$289.00 for the purchase of library books, magazines and DVDs. If you know of a book you'd like the library to purchase, please email me at Imarso@rogers.com. See you in December!

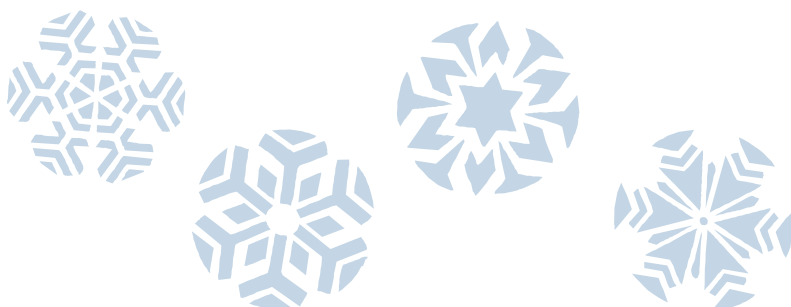
Laurel Marsolais, Library

Membership Business Directory



Do you have a business or service you would like other members to know about? We will publish a page in an upcoming newsletter. Send your submission to Susan at susan@qualitycomputing.ca

by January's guild meeting, or go to the website at <http://www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca/> and click on "Contact Us" tab and then on "Newsletter".



Book Review

Sew Scrappy: Quilts For Fabric Lovers

Better Homes and Gardens bring you 22 great stash-busting quilts from the pages of American Patchwork & Quilting.



If you have fabric that needs a home, look no further. These scrappy quilts will make a serious dent in your fabric collection, and let's face it – we bought that fabric to use it, not to save it.

There is a lovely tumbler charm quilt in contrasting values, or gather your assorted pink prints, and use them to showcase stars from your dark prints. If you have a collection of wool scraps, cut them, stack them and stitch them into a colourful fabric wreath wall hanging. For the children, there are fun and cheerful appliqué t-shirts, choose either a beautiful butterfly or a colourful lion.

Your kitchen will look like summer all the time with placemats that look like watermelon, or lemon and lime wedges made with a stitch and flip method. This collection is brimming with ideas for using up those fabrics that are taking up space (and causing us guilt), so use them up! Make a quilt, give a gift, and free yourself to buy more fabric.

Membership

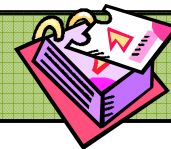
Two members renewed their memberships at the November meeting. We were also joined by returning member Ann Reynard and new member Susan Knapp. Welcome to the guild Ann and Susan!

Lisa Jones, Membership



NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30.

Calendar



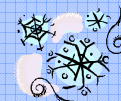
November 3-December 30—In the Gallery at Greenwood Quiltery “Inspired by Nature” by Sue Sharpe, 275 Woolwich St., Guelph. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 - 5:00. Thursday and Friday 10:00 - 6:00.

January 7-February 26—In the Gallery at Greenwood Quiltery “Breaking Out” featuring Group of Eight Fibre Artists

At the time of printing this newsletter, there were no Ontario events listed on the CQA website. If you need to check for a listing, go to: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/event-listings.php>

If you are planning a trip, this site lists events for all provinces, United States and International.

Inclement Weather



In the case of inclement weather, please listen for an announcement of meeting cancellation on the Guelph radio station CJOY (1460 on the AM dial) or MAGIC (106.1 on the FM dial).

