

Making String Blocks for *The Home for Good Campaign*

String quilts are fun to make and use some of the last bits of a quilter's scraps. One way to contribute to quilts for *The Home for Good Campaign* is to donate string blocks. Volunteers will then assemble the donated blocks into colourful quilt tops for the project.

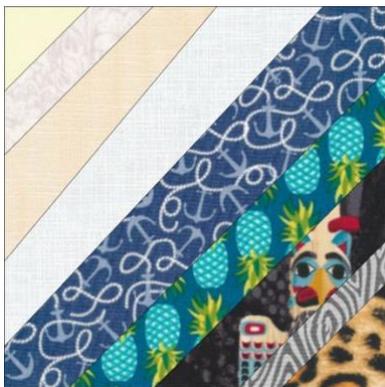
The following tutorial is a good introduction to string quilt blocks:

<https://newquilters.com/how-to-make-string-quilts/>

So donated blocks can easily be assembled into quilt tops, we are asking makers to use the following guidelines to direct their efforts:

- Use an 8" square of newsprint paper as the foundation for your block. Outdated store flyers and some annual reports from corporations are perfect for this purpose. You can pick up your first 10 papers at the Membership table during the April meeting.
- Shorten your stitch length and sew the strings diagonally to the paper. This makes the paper easy to remove and keeps the seams from pulling apart.
- Carefully trim the block to a generous 8" square.
- Leave the paper in the block. This protects the bias edges until the block is sewn into a top.
- We recommend three colour schemes for any blocks you contribute:
 - Colourful scrappy (anything goes)
 - Sunshine and shadow (dark on one half and light on the other half). Notice that the division between light and dark is not exactly equal. It is important to keep bulky seams out of the corners for ease in assembling blocks into quilts.
 - Monochromatic (one colour, any colour, with fabrics ranging from light to dark shades)

You may bring completed blocks to the Spring Fling on April 23 and to any Guild meeting at Lakeside Church.



Sunshine and shadow



Monochromatic



Colourful scrappy