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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carol Petranek

What a difference a month makes! The Corona Virus has caused us to settle down in our homes and look for ways to stay engaged while maintaining "social distancing." This unexpected and shocking turn of events has left us rattled and confused. The surreal is now real.

Our routines may be on hold, but our lives are not. Human beings are incredibly resilient and amazingly adaptable. But, as we temporarily adjust our pattern of living, I see us banding together in new ways. There are daily posts by members on our new [Virtual FCQ Facebook page](#). Our newsletter now has a new column, *Quilt-Related Websites*, compiled by Linda Kerrick, providing online links to enhance and hone our skills. We are communicating more through email and phone calls. We are staying connected!

In May, we will be electing new FCQ officers: President, Daytime VP and Daytime Secretary. Kim Reading, Nora Goldstein, and Eleanor Howe comprise our Nominating Committee and they may be contacting you. The Love Quilt and Silent Auction committees need two co-chairpersons each. Will you step up and volunteer to guide us into the future?

This unusual circumstance is but a moment in time. What we will remember is the goodness and caring that we extend, and which circles back to us. Thank you for your friendship to each other and your support of FCQ! **The official rescheduled date for our Quilt Show is: October 15-16-17 with set up on October 14.**

QUILT RELATED LINKS

From Linda Kerrick

Now online sites, YouTube channels, and quilt-related items will be posted as part of the monthly newsletter! If you have a suggestion, please contact me so I may arrange the posting for our Newsletter.

- Angela Walters has a new free-motion quilting challenge. Check the "Quilting is My Therapy" challenge page (<https://quiltingismytherapy.com/free-quilt-patterns-and-tutorials/free-motion-challenge-quilting-along/>) or search YouTube. She also has "weekly updates" on YouTube including how to quilt the popular National Park panels.
- Stripology's Gudrun Erla hosts a free "Quarantine Sew Along." (<https://gequiltedesigns.com/>) Click on "Blog," which will take you to the GE-Happenings page. From there simply click on the Elvira Quarantine Quilt Along article. The Elvira pattern is still free on her website. There are five associated YouTube streams with demos for three different methods of cutting and assembling the project.
- Laundry Basket Quilts also has an on-going mystery quilt project (<https://www.laundrybasketquilts.com/blog/mystery-quilt-2020/>).
- Leila Garduna has several free foundation (strip piecing) patterns for scrappy mountains, carrots, and 6" scrappy triangles (<https://www.leilagardunia.com/blog>).

BUS TRIP

From Eleanor Howe

Lancaster Shopping Trip - July 17, 2020.

Departure 7:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Circle and Route 108

We'll be going to Burkholder's Fabric Shop, with a stop for lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We'll also be going to Good's Kitchen Kettle Village, Zook's, and Old Country Store.

We will return at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Please make your checks payable to: Village Quilters (\$60)

The cost includes transportation, lunch, and driver's gratuity.

To sign up, contact **SHERI THOMPSON** (sherit@aol.com, 301-490-4448) or

ELEANOR HOWE (mdhowes@aol.com, 410-799-0429).

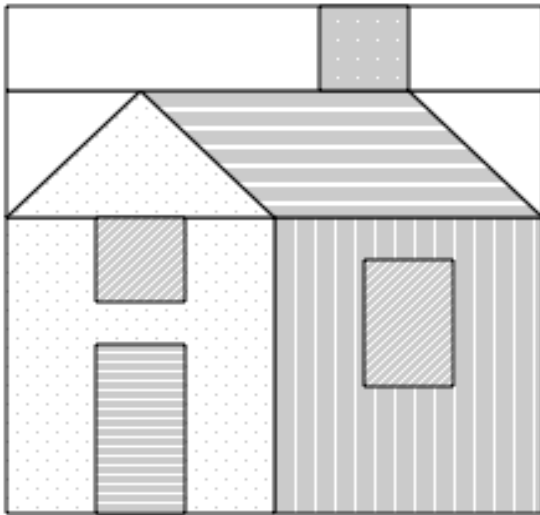
CANCELLATION OF EDUCATION EVENTS

From Maria O'Haver

The May lecture and workshop with MJ Kinman will be cancelled due to the coronavirus. The board has voted to cancel the Fall retreat at Pecometh that was scheduled for late September, in order to focus on the rescheduled quilt show planned for October 15 - 17, 2020.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - HOME SWEET HOME

From Linda Schiffer



Home Sweet Home

In honor of our strange stay-at-home times, I suggest that you make your fantasy perfect house. Would you like to have a hot pink front door? How about a bright purple or neon green roof? Here's your chance!

Use any fabrics you please to make your house. Ditto the sky - sunny, cloudy, filled with rainbows or brilliant night stars - the way YOU want it to be.

Blocks should finish 12" (12.5" unsewn). Drawing whenever we meet next.

Cutting Instructions:

House front (the half with door):

Two rectangles 2.5" x 7.5", One 1.5" x 2.5", One 3.5" x 6.5"

Door: One rectangle 2.5" x 4.5"; Front Window: One 2.5" square

Roof: One rectangle 3.5" x 9.5"

House side: Two rectangles 2.5" x 7.5", One 1.5" x 2.5", One 2.5" x 3.5"

Side Window: One rectangle 2.5" x 3.5"

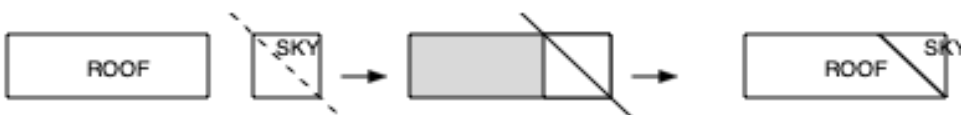
Chimney: One 2.5" square

Sky: Two 3.5" squares, One rectangle 2.5" x 3.5", One rectangle 2.5" x 7.5"

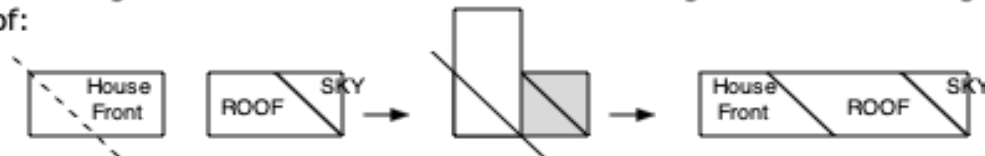
Piecing Instructions:

To make roof (front and side):

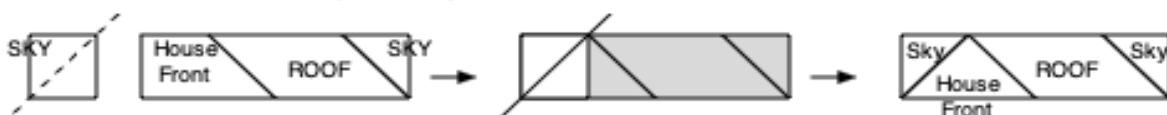
Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of one 3.5" sky fabric square. Put marked sky square right sides together with one end of the roof rectangle and sew along marked line. Trim away extra fabric and press.



Mark wrong side of House Front 3.5"x6.5" rectangle with similar diagonal line and sew to Roof:



Mark diagonal on second Sky fabric 3.5" square. Sew this to the remaining end of the House Front fabric to complete top of house.



Assemble the remaining fabric patches as shown in the diagram at the top of this page.

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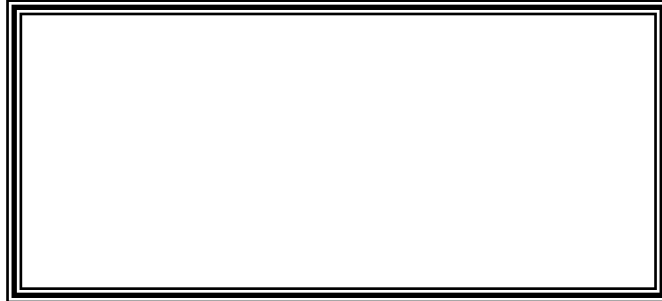
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interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
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Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy's April Birthday Party

- 03 Michelle Tarr
- 12 Carol Everett
- 13 Susan Mann
- 14 Beth Cooper
- 14 George Huble
- 15 Gayle Sternheim
- 17 Joanne Brazinski
- 17 Helene Ross
- 19 Kathy Lee
- 20 Ruth Parks
- 25 Leigh Eirich
- 26 Patricia Hanyok
- 28 JoAnn Adkins
- 28 Amanda Bush
- 29 Betsy Grater

CALENDAR

STAY AT HOME AND STAY SAFE!!!