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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

Thank you, Geri Flester for a great bargello class on Saturday January 28th! It is so nice to complete a class project during the class and to see how differently each project turned out. I hope we will see some of these completed projects at our meetings. I want to attempt quilting mine before bringing it in.

We are coming to that time of the year when we need to find new board members—night secretary, treasurer, and president. If none of those positions interest you, we also have other volunteer opportunities. Beth Cooper, our membership chair, said at our last board meeting that we have around 170 members. I know many of you have volunteered for various activities in the past, but now we are looking to replace (if that is humanly possible) our Love Quilt chair, Marianne Hendrickse. Maria O'Haver has agreed to keep the fabric at her house, which takes some pressure off the chair. However, we would like to break the job down into more manageable pieces, such as cutting squares and sewing quilt backs. We need a leader, and know that person is out there, so consider helping out.

Also, Maria would like some help with education. What a marvelous job she does finding and acquiring some top-notch instructors! She is looking for volunteers to be the point person for any particular class. Bonus: You get to schmooze with these instructors! Please see MARIA O'HAYER if you are interested.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

By Terry Wilson

Regarding our Monday night meetings in February: the Church is having their "Closed Weather Shelter" February 6th - 20th and, as a result, the church is closed for outside evening group meetings. Dawn, from Spring Water Designs, has graciously offered to have our February 6th and 13th meetings at her shop. Remember that Mondays are also the shop's guild discount day. There will be no meeting on February 20th as it is a federal holiday.

TAPS AND WOUNDED WARRIOR QUILTS

By Stephanie Sanidas

If you would like to donate a patriotic quilt or a red, white, and blue quilt for children attending TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) camp this year, quilts are needed by May 1st, 2017. Wounded Warrior quilts for adults are always needed and appreciated at our local medical hospitals. If you need fabric for a TAPS or Wounded Warrior quilt, donated fabric is available. Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS with any questions.

LOVE QUILTS

By Marianne Hendrickse

Thank you to all members who have been so generous with their time and talents. There is a great need for Love Quilts especially at this time of the year, so I encourage you to join us on Monday evening (1/30/17) and Thursday morning (2/2/17) to assist with Love Quilts. There will quilts to tie, bindings and labels to stitch on, and "free" kits available to take home to stitch up a beautiful top. In December, Howard County Hospital received 35 quilts and, this month, Sarah's House in Fort Meade received 5 large and 15 small quilts.

"TWIRL-A-TOOL" CLASS

By Patty Wheeler

Village Quilters is hosting quilter, teacher, and designer, Debbie Wendt. Debbie is from Massachusetts and teaches for AQS at many of their shows. She will be teaching her "Twirl-A-Tool" workshop on Friday, March 17th. This workshop will be held at Spring Water Designs from 10:00am -4:00pm (doors will open at 9:30am for set-up). The cost is \$30 payable to Village Quilters at sign-up; \$16 payable to Debbie Wendt at the workshop. The supply list and a few pre-workshop cutting instructions will be provided when you register. We still have some spaces available. If you are interested, please contact PATTY WHEELER at contact@villagequiltersmd.com.

"QUICK AND CUTE TUFFETS" CLASS

By Maria O'Haver

Based on multiple requests from members, Erin Underwood will be here to teach her "Quick and Cute Tuffets" class on Saturday March 25th. It will be an all-day class, held in the Fellowship Hall, and will cost \$45. That cost includes the class fee, a pattern and button. Additional materials are required which may be purchased from Erin or obtained on your own. See MARIA O'HAYER for additional details and to sign up now. The class is nearly half full, so don't wait too long!

Save the 2017 Dates:

June 1 - Lecture Jane Sassaman

June 2, 3 - Class with Jane Sassaman

July 31 - Lecture Philippa Naylor

Aug 1, 2 - Classes with Philippa Naylor

Sept 29 - Oct 1 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh - no classes

Oct 7, 8 - Classes with Karen Eckmeier

Oct 9 - Lecture Karen Eckmeier



BUS TRIPS

By Sheri Thompson

Faithful Circle/Milltown/Village Quilters Trip Co-op

Our first trip for 2017 is **Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop**. Friday, March 3rd, 2017.

We will visit 7 of the 9 participating shops:

The Blue Hen Quilt Shop, Newark, DE
Hoppin Bobbin, Aberdeen MD
Tomorrow's Treasures, Crofton MD
The Quilt Vine, Trappe MD
Serendipity, Dagboro, DE
Mare's Bears, Lewes, DE
Delaware Sewing Center; Dover, DE

Spring Water Designs in Columbia MD and Prints Charming in Fulton MD are also participating.

Unfortunately, due to the itinerary and time constraints, we hope you will visit these shops on your own between March 4th and 12th to complete your passport and enter the grand prize drawings.

We will depart from the Park & Ride at Rt. 108/Presbyterian Circle at 7:30am; and will return at approximately 9:00pm.

Cost is \$65 which includes lunch (en route), driver's gratuity, and transportation.

Make checks payable to **Village Quilters**

Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759; 301-490-4448; sherit@aol.com

Lois Hollander - Milltown contact; Eleanor Howe - FCQ contact

Block of the Month

By Francis Parker

Simple Heart Block

CUTTING FOR ONE 8" HEART BLOCK:

2 print fabrics cut $8\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$,
2 white background fabrics cut $4\frac{1}{2}"$ square
4 white background fabrics cut $1\frac{1}{2}"$ square

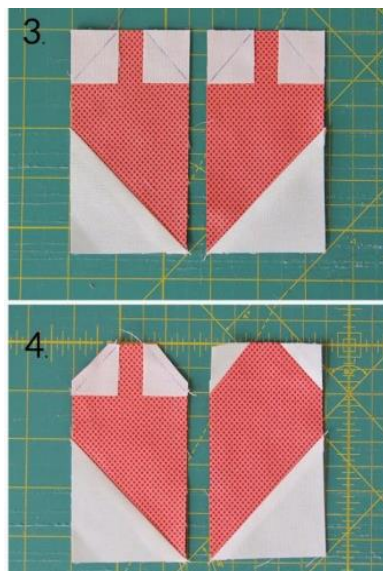
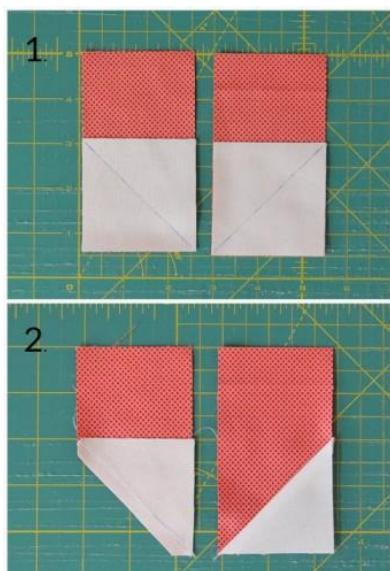


To make the block:

1. Place a white $1\frac{1}{2}"$ square in each top corner of the "print" fabrics. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the white squares and sew from corner to corner along the drawn line, on each square as shown below.
2. Trim corners leaving $\frac{1}{4}"$, and press seams out.
3. On each of the $4\frac{1}{2}"$ white background squares, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Place a square at the bottom of each $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$ fabric as shown.
4. Sew along the drawn line. Trim the corner, leaving $\frac{1}{4}"$, and press out.
5. Pin seams and sew the two sides together. (In other words, draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of each of your white squares, place them on the print fabrics, sew along the lines, trim corners and press seams out, then sew the two sides together!)

For any questions, please contact FRANCES PARKER at 301-498-5512.

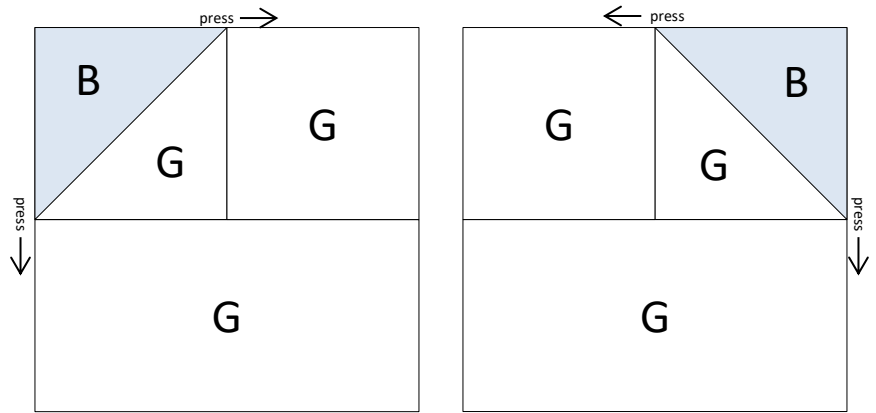
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Mystery Challenge

From Janette Tarr

Step 6: From our background fabric *G*, some additional squares and rectangles must be cut. Also, it is now time to cut into fabric *A*. The table below gives the number of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabric *G* and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of fabric *G* which are needed for the various quilt sizes. It also gives the number of $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabric *A* which must be cut. That should complete the cutting required.



Using some of the fabric *G* squares, and rectangles, and the remaining $2\frac{1}{2}$ " HST made from fabrics *G* and *B*, assemble the following units. **Note: Orientation matters!**

You will make the same number of each of these mirror imaged units (Right and Left).

	Small	Lap	Twin	Large
	44" \times 44"	44" \times 68"	68" \times 92"	92" \times 92"
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric <i>G</i> squares	16	20	28	32
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric <i>G</i> rectangles	16	20	28	32
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric <i>A</i> squares	5	8	18	25
Right Unit	8	10	14	16
Left Unit	8	10	14	16
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " HST w/ <i>G</i> & <i>E</i>	16	28	68	96
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric <i>G</i> rectangles	16	28	68	96

With this step, you should have used all of your HST and all of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of fabric *G*. If you have any questions, just let me know!

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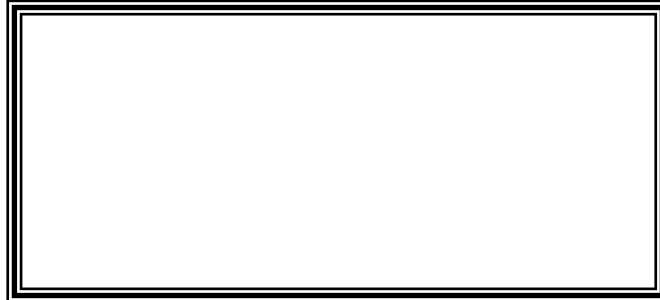
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD

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



Betty Kilroy February Birthday Party

- 06 Barbara Bennett
- 06 Sandy Lynch
- 08 Paula Henry
- 08 Janet C. O'Leary
- 17 Sue Scott
- 19 Peg McClelland
- 21 Eleanor Fabiszak
- 24 Lynda Gaidis
- 24 Sue Haynie
- 28 Jonnifer Lennon
- 28 Cathy Oliver
- 29 Rita Kaiser

CALENDAR

- Feb. 6 - FCQ Meeting will be held at Spring
Water Designs 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- Feb 13 - FCQ Meeting will be held at Spring
Water Designs 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- Feb 20 - No Meeting President's Day