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From the President

Happy Valentine's Day, my Quilty Peeps!

Did you know that about \$1.8 billion was expected to be spent on candy for Valentine's Day? That's a lot of chocolate and conversation hearts!

Question: So, what does that have to do with the quilt guild?

Answer: Absolutely nothing. I was just really stumped for a theme for this month's newsletter.

February is the guild's annual service meeting and we are going to try something different this year. In addition to sewing labels on neo-natal quilts and binding an ABC quilt, we are going to have speakers come talk to our group about a number of quilting-related volunteer opportunities available outside of the guild. Many of our members are involved in these other groups, but others may not be familiar with their missions. In my experience, all the quilters I know (and I know A LOT) are always willing to help recognize our veterans and bring comfort to those that are in need. These groups will provide a few more opportunities to share your talents.

During the business portion of our meeting, we will be discussing the volunteer jobs we need to fill in support of our guild's booth at the Stitches United event at the Connecticut Convention Center in March. While a number of members have signed up via the Sign Up Genius (www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4babae2fa0f85-stitches), there are still a number of shifts that need to be filled. We will have a sign-up list at the meeting as well. All volunteers will get free admission to the event the day they volunteer as well as discounted parking rates. We will also need a few volunteers to assist with set up and take down of our booth.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Keep calm and quilt on,
Peggy

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Snippets

- ◆ Meetings begins at 7pm.
- ◆ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members

This Month's Meeting

February 21st - Talks from Service Organizations. : Quilts of Valor, Quilts 2 Heal, Quilts beyond Borders, and Days for Girls. We will help some of our service groups finish labeling quilts.

Future Programs

March 21st - Cat Allard will give a talk entitled Preserve, Restore, Repair: What to do with Grandmas quilt. Members will be encouraged to bring their vintage, worn, and damaged quilts and learn how to evaluate them, repair them and preserve them for future generations or just enjoy on your bed. We'll be talking about differences between conservation, restoration and repair.

April 18th - Froncie Quinn giving a talk entitled "Lets Talk Turkey". This lecture follows the history of fabric styles and colors through the 19th century. Based around many things red, travel the fascinating journey of the production of fabric dyes of the 19th century with an emphasis on Turkey Red, specifically. www.hooplapatterns.com

May 16th - Adele Scott talk is entitled "Free-Motion for Today's Quilter" - Yes! You all can do free-motion on your domestic machine. Learn what 's available to help with your machine quilting. Learn about needles, threads, the new *Westalee* free-motion quilting rulers and other products that help to give you the best results plus trouble shooting advice, marking options, and tips to easily handle those larger quilts and more. www.adelescott.com

June 20th - June Social

September 19th - Victoria Findley Wolfe, an award winning quilter and artist, will give the lecture: Creativity & Play: The What and Why's of PLAY! Victoria will show you how to push your creativity. She will share enough to get you all creatively inspired, then send you home on the creative buzz! The lecture covers Play, process, Double wedding rings, and all new work. The lecture evolves constantly.

October 17th - TBA

November 14th - Allison Wilbur's lecture will be on Japan Tradition and Inspiration

Upcoming Workshops

April 19th - Froncie Quinn "A Miniature Sampling of History" will produce a mini-sampler quilt to be designed from an array of four-inch block patterns provided for the students and which have been miniaturized from the antique quilts. The sampler will be planned and begun under teacher supervision, but designed by each student. A booklet of settings and sashings is included, along with templates to be used in class. Time 10-4

May 17th - Adele Scott—"Westalee Sample Set Workshop" - Basics from attaching your ruler foot, adjusting it for proper height and set-up tips and recommended products.

Then we explore some of the different patterns available with your Westalee Sampler Set. Leave with a confidence and knowledge base to start quilting real quilts without the hours of practice! After a few basics to get everyone started, then the fun begins! It's like bowling with "bumpers", the rulers keep you on track as you create many classic designs. We all can quilt like the pros. Gain confidence and create custom masterpieces on your home machine.

Adele will need to know what type of machine you will be bringing to class in advance.

For more info - <https://www.adelescott.com/sew-steady-rulers-westalee-rulers.htm>

Please click to view a video -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VV7VFTeQsc>

September 20 - Victoria's workshop: Modern Herringbone pillow day class! Have you ever wanted to make a quilt that makes your friends ask, "How did you do that?" Based on Victoria's newest book, "Modern Quilt Magic" (available August 2017), this class will focus on the Herringbone pattern with a partial seam construction (this is not a French Braid!) Learn the construction skills to make dazzling quilts with interwoven movement and simple, graphic style. This is a great Scrap-buster! Create a piece that looks more complicated than it is. Build your skills with partial seams for a result that boggles the viewer's mind – but not the maker's!

<https://vfwquilts.com/>

November 15th - Allison's workshop: Shashiko by Hand and by Machine.

Quilt Show 2018

Color My World Quilt Show



The Quilt show committee continues to work to have a successful show. I hope you are doing your part finishing up your quilt/s for exhibition in the show. The Registration process will open in March or April to register the quilts/projects you wish to display. Every quilt entered must have a good accompanying photo that will be used by the lay-out committee.

What does the Lay-Out Committee do? They determine where quilts will be hung in the show to create an attractive presentation. The purpose of the photos is to insure that we are not hanging an orange quilt next to a purple quilt....unless they want to! Remember, we are also displaying projects completed in our Guild Workshops and our 2017 June Challenge.

Raffle Baskets – donations are still strongly encouraged for our raffle baskets. We are looking for fat quarters, jelly rolls, kits, quilted items, and supplemental items to fill all the baskets. Leave donations at the Raffle Basket donation table at our guild meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Eagan or Barbara Heagney, our Raffle Basket Coordinators.

Maureen Hulsart, Show Chair

Quilt Show 2018...con't

Raffle Baskets

12 wonderful color-themed raffle baskets are being filled for our September quilt show, and members have already donated a number of beautiful items for them - fabrics, patterns, notions, candles, and more.

We hope you will consider contributing to these baskets, so they will be filled to the brim with treats for their lucky winners. Remember, each basket should have a quilted item in it, too. Please bring your donation to any meeting and place it near our hot pink tote bag on the side table, or hand it directly to the person(s) in charge of the basket. Here is a list of the generous volunteers who signed up to prepare the baskets and the colors they chose.

Red - Meg Lines, Wednesday morning bee

Orange - Debbie D'Angelo, Lynn Veith

Yellow - Susan Elliott, Monday morning bee

Green - Elizabeth Brochu, Lauren Elliott, Judy Lackey, Linda Walter

Blue - Alberta Culley, Donna DellaCamera, Debbie Jacoby, Margaret Omartian

Purple - Anne Dodge, Lois Palmer

Brown, tan - Marguerite Boslaugh, Kathi Maglia

Black, gray - Diane Francini, Judy Prohaska

Pink - Linda Lee Boucher, Susan Elliott, Jan Porvi

Red, White and Blue - Donna Gosselin, Marie Knapps

White - Lisa Bermel, Lisa Salvatore

Rainbow - Sue Hensley

Thank you in advance for your generosity! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Heagney (bheagney@comcast.net) or Maureen Egan (msureenegan@comcast.net)

Treasurer's Report

In memory of guild member, Elaine (Ellsworth) Barron, the guild has received several donations from her family and friends, totaling \$245.00. The board is currently discussing how best to use these donations to appropriately honor Elaine's memory. Thank you to her friends and family.

In addition to December's treasure report, the guild website has also been updated to include a review of our checking account activity in 2017 and YTD 2017-2018 operating budget tracker. If you have any questions, please email me at lauren.c.elliott@gmail.com.

Happy New Year! Lauren

Membership News

From Our 1st Vice President:

"Member Show & Tell: Pictures can be seen in the Photo Gallery on the Guild web site, www.fvquilter.org

Swap box

Please continue to share those goodies but if it is too little for you to use, it is probably to little for others. Also, sharing magazines and books is great, but please remember to take home any that have not found a new home by the end of the evening.

UFO's

It's not too late! Bring your UFO list to the February meeting and start collecting your stars for the completed projects. I'm sure you have been using the ugly weather days to sew up a storm so there should be lots of completed projects out there for show & tell.

Socials

The June Social will be held on Wednesday, June 20th.

June Challenge

This years June Challenge is to make creative signs for the quilt show that reminds people to not touch the quilts. As with past challenges it needs to be a completed quilt, just mini sized. Size can vary slightly: 8"x8", 8"x12", 12"x12", etc. Contact person is Diane Calkin.

Mystery Night

We are still looking for a volunteer (or two) to plan and lead the March Mystery night. If you are interested, please see Peggy Thomsen.

Guest Policy

There will be a \$10.00 **Guest Fee** at Guild Meetings with fee speakers and potluck dinners. Guest who join the guild that evening do not have to pay the guest fee.

Sunshine

If anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card . You can contact Kathy Lettieri at kbakerl@att.net or any board member.

Guild Library News

The Guild Library team welcomes our new member, Kitty Vangunten. Thank you Kitty for volunteering. We want to remind Guild members that we will usually have a sampling of books, kits, and tools available to borrow at each meeting. There is also a list on the Guild website of all the books, kits, and tools in the library. Please feel free to email a Guild Librarian if there is an item you would like to see. And, as always, a reminder that if you borrow an item from the library, please return it promptly. Thank you from Anne, Lois and Kitty.

ABC Quilts

The ABC, A Better Chance, program is a national, non-profit organization that gives promising minority students an opportunity to receive their high school education at an excellent suburban school. It is a residential program with the students living together in a house in Simsbury and attending Simsbury High School. Each student is sponsored by a local host family. Farmington Valley Quilters started making quilts for incoming freshmen beginning in 1997. At the August 2017 ABC picnic, three incoming students were presented with their quilts made by the guild.

If you took kits to sew for the second ABC quilt, please bring your sewn blocks to the February meeting. We will have kits available for the next quilt at this meeting. Thanks for sewing!

Marilyn Webber, 860-658-2422, mwebber09@gmail.com

Mary Gridley, 860-651-0805, gridleymary@gmail.com

Neo Natal

2017 was the BEST year so far for our neonatal quilts!! In December we supplied 46 quilts and 51 scent cloths (you busy beavers while getting ready for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). For the 2017 calendar year you provided 172 !!! quilts and 133 scent cloths.



This is such an amazing effort from all of you. Even a baby quilt takes as much planning, fabric selection, washing, sewing, ironing, and quilting as a lap or bed quilt. Each quilt is a testament to how much of your time, skill, creativity, fabrics, and love you put into making these quilts. Thank you so much for all you do.

If a few of you could bring supplies (needle, thread, pins, scissors) to the meeting, you could help sew on labels for any quilts provided at the meeting.

Thanks, Karen, Sally and Bobbi.

Guild Bees

The guild offers three smaller groups (bees) that are designed for people to get together outside the guild meetings to share ideas, learn from each other, and socialize. The groups are completely independent of each other and each decide on the structure, location, and direction that the group would like. You do not need to attend every meeting to be a member. These bees are great ways to get to know others who share your passion.

The Wednesday Morning group meets the second and fourth Wednesday mornings each month, at St. Alban's Church on Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Each quilter brings their own hand project. Occasionally a group project or a challenge is done. Please feel free to come or contact Meg Lines, malines7@comcast.net for more information.

The Monday Afternoon Bee meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 11 AM - 3 PM, at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St. Avon. There are large tables for sewing machines, cutting, and layout or smaller tables for hand sewing. In addition, rotary cutters, rulers, irons and ironing boards are also available for use. Please feel free to drop in come on a regular basis. Please contact Lois Palmer, lpalm5647@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please feel free to contact Susan Elliott, shsellott@sbcglobal.net or 860-658-0863 if you want more information or would like to start a group of your own!

Spring Retreat 2018

The Spring Retreat is full and we are looking forward to a wonderful time.

Fall Retreat 2018

Mark you calendars for the 2018 Fall Retreat, November 7-11, 2018.

Help Needed

The Sew Thankful Quilters who make Quilts of Valor at the Avon Congregational Church is very prolific in producing quilts. One area where we could use some help is with Long Arm Quilting. It is a wonderful opportunity to give some time toward National Service, work on your long arm skills, and help get quilts in the hands of our many service men and women who need to know we all appreciate their service. We leave the quilt design to you, but a simple overall pattern is perfect. We supply the batting and we will also do the trimming, binding, and all the other steps necessary to get the quilt finished. Please call or email me if you can help. Susan Elliott [860-658-0863](tel:860-658-0863) (h), [860-748-1775](tel:860-748-1775) (c), or shsellott@sbcglobal.net

Imagine what it would be like not to have feminine hygiene products when we need them!!!

Many girls and women live where they must miss as much as a week of school or work wages, forced to stay home, in a shed, isolated in a field, using corn husks, old newspapers, rags..... This perpetuates the cycle of poverty and the stigma of having one's period.

DAYS FOR GIRLS International (www.daysforgirls.org/) has designed and distributes **washable, reusable** sanitary products. They reach women on all continents in need of these supplies and related health information. These products allow girls to function normally.

Come join us in making these kits. Change the lives of those less fortunate. We need people who want to make a positive difference for others: **sewers and non-sewers welcomed.**

We also need fabric: cotton, bright colors, no animals or objects in the prints, but flowers and abstract patterns are good. Got some?

Our first Sew-a-thon will be in January. Come join us.

Contact Josi Klein: josiklein@sbcglobal.net 860 – 653 - 5752

Quilts2Heal – MISSION STATEMENT: To provide comfort and healing through quilts created for those individuals and families who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives.

SEW DAYS:

FEBRUARY

Fri 2/16 @ SI 10:00-4:00

Tues. 2/27 @ SI 10:00-4:00

MARCH

Fri 3/16 @ SI 10:00-4:00

Sat. 3/24 @ SI 10:00-4:00

APRIL

4/10 @ SI 10:00-4:00

4/24 @ SI 10:00-4:00

MAY

Sat. 5/19 @ SI 10:00-4:00

MORE DATES to be confirmed for 2018!

SI=Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury

ALL WELCOME: Cut, iron, pin, sew, serge! Pick up kits to sew at home!

c. 860.306.7000 Paula DeSilva, Founder;

quilts2heal@comcast.net; <https://www.facebook.com/quilt2heal?fref=ts>

Member Classifieds

If you would like to advertise a service or are looking to sell or buy something related to quilting/ sewing, you can now advertise it here. Your advertisement will be kept in the Newsletter for six months; after which it will be removed unless told otherwise.

For Sale - HQ Avante w/Pro-Stitcher Premium for sale \$9,950

Purchased November 2009. Machine has been used for personal quilting only and regularly maintained by a certified HQ technician. Less than 8,000,000 stitches. Has precision glide rails, LED light strip on the arm, Handi pole cradles, Micro handles, new Ruler base. Machine is on a Studio Frame that can be set up at 4, 8, 10 or 12 feet.

Contact Deb Jacoby 860-658-0322

11/17

For Sale - 1948 Featherweight - Singer Portable Electric Sewing Machine 221-1. In good working order, pristine condition, in original sturdy case, comes with 7 feet, 5 bobbins, original manual...\$375
If interest, please call Chris Snieckus at 860-738-8922.

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Friendship Blocks

Questions? Contact:

Linnea Amodio: Neaya@aol.com

Donna Flynn: dflynn@endvr.com

The tradition is for guild members to participate in making friendship blocks as a way to try a new block, learn a new technique, and finally to have a chance to win the blocks. You need to complete your block on the due date.

Write your name on a piece of paper and attach it to your block(s) so the winner knows who finished the block(s).

Fill out 1 ticket for each block you've completed with your name on it and drop it in the basket provided.

1. The winner will win the blocks and 1 yard of coordinating fabric.
2. If you bring in at least three (3) blocks, you'll get 1 extra chance to win.

Have Fun!!!

Block 1-Fall Twist

Due October 2017

Block 2-Low Volume Shoemaker's Puzzle

Due January 2018

Block 3-Totally Tulip

Due March 2018

Block 4-Polka Dots

Due May 2018

Friendship Blocks

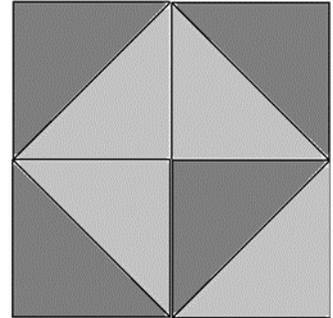
Fall Twist--Due October 2017

Size block 8 ½" x 8 ½" (includes seam allowances)

Colors

Light half can be: cream, ivory, tans (no white)

Contrast/Dark half can be any fall color



For 1 block

Choose your favorite method for half square triangles (hst)

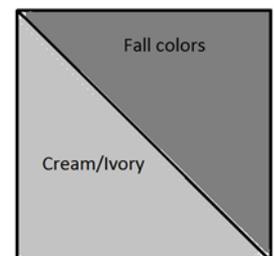
(see next page for method ideas)

Make 4 half square triangles

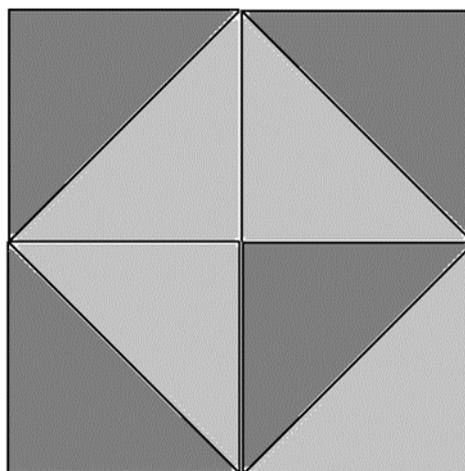
each measure 4 ½" unfinished (includes seams allowances)

Light half can be: cream, ivory, tans (no white)

Contrast/Dark half can be any fall color



Sew all four into the following layout remembering to rotate the bottom right corner 180 degrees



Friendship Blocks

Here are 2 suggestions

Option 1.

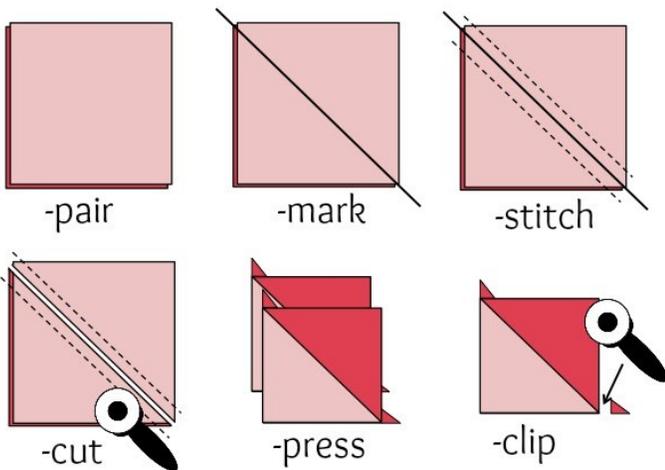
Cut light and contrast squares at 5"

Sew

Cut

Press

Trim to 4 ½"



Option 2: Magic 8 (this method makes 8 hst)

Cut 10" square of light and contrast

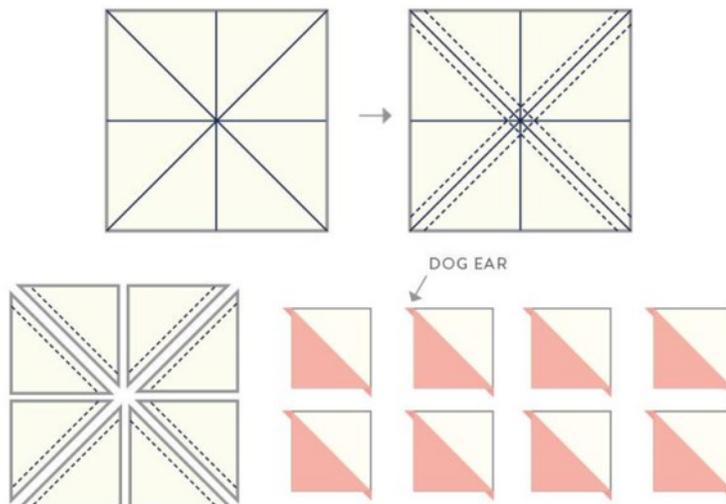
Mark

Sew

Cut

Press

Trim to 4 ½"



Friendship Blocks

Low Volume Shoeman's Puzzle- due January 2018

From quilter's cache

Paper pieced

Blocks should measure 4 ½" (including seam allowances)

Center block (#1) white solid

Pieces 2,3,4-All low volume

What is low volume?

Craftsy says:

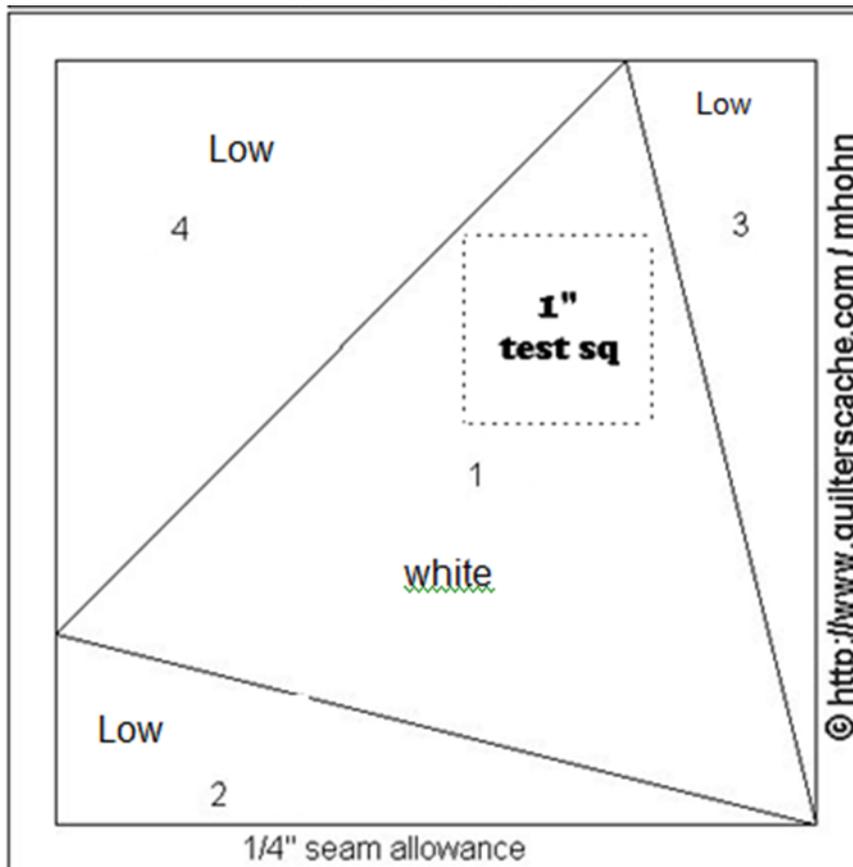
Low-volume fabrics are defined as fabrics that "read" as light fabrics but at the same time have a secondary pattern or design. Just one of these fabrics can be used as the background for an entire quilt, but it's even more fun to combine many different low-volume fabrics for stunning quilts.

A Low Volume fabric can best be defined as a fabric which shows up as a light solid (or nearly solid) in a black and white photograph. These fabrics can vary from the lightest tone on tone fabrics, to text fabrics printed on a light background, to light floral fabrics. Fabrics classified as Low Volume come in a variety of fabrics.

Friendship Blocks

Fabrics classified as Low Volume come in a variety of colors from white to cream to beige to grey. Quilting with Low Volume fabrics isn't something new—quilts using these types of fabrics for backgrounds can be seen in nearly every era of American quilt making; however, the use of these fabrics is definitely something that is currently trending with today's modern quilter.

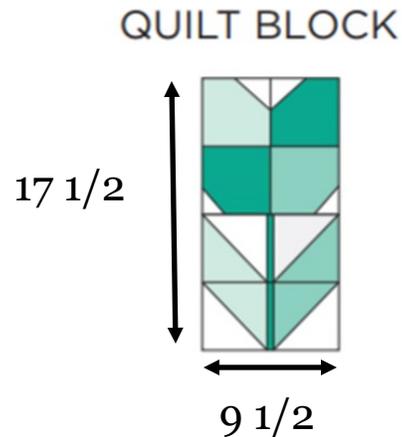
****Check square size before starting your work**



Friendship Blocks

Totally Tulips-due March 2018

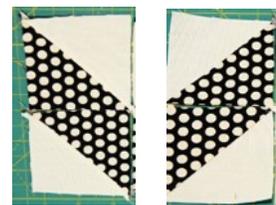
From Missouri Quilt Co.



- Background-white/tone on tone/white prints
- Flower (4 squares with a snowball corner)-Kaffe Fassett fabrics
- Green Leaves (4 HST blocks measuring 4 1/2")-your choice of greens
- Stem 1 1/2" X 8" green fabric

Make leaves

1. Make 4 HST (4 1/2") with green
2. Sew matching sets together like this



Add stem in between leaves

**Press to in towards stem



Friendship Blocks

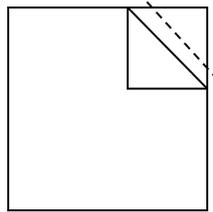
Flower

You'll need

4 --5" squares

4 --2 ½" background squares

- Mark diagonals on the background squares
- Sew on the marked line 1 background square to one corner for each 5" flower square
- Trim off extra



- Press
- Join all 4 squares to look like this for the flower



Join the flower to the stem/leaves



Friendship Blocks

Polka dot square - due May 2018

Size 8 ½" (includes seam allowances)

Directions

Cut from Fabric A

1 Square 4 ½" X 4 ½"

Cut from Fabric B

2 rectangles (2 ½" X 4 ½")

2 rectangles (2 ½" X 8 ½")

Sew the two shorter rectangles (B) to square (A)

Press.

Sew long rectangles to the remaining sides.

Friendship Blocks

Size 8 ½" (includes seam allowances)

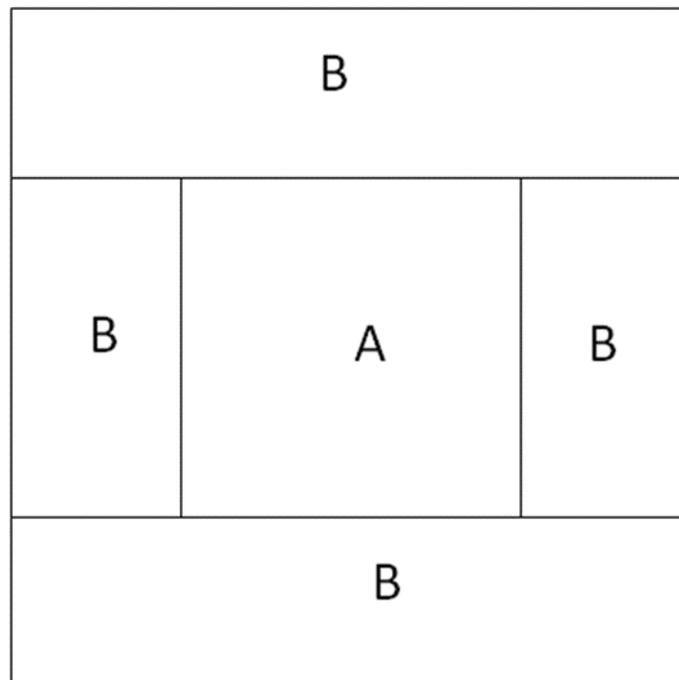
Colors

Solids

Polka dots

If Fabric A is a solid, Fabric B is a polka dot.

If Fabric A is a polka dot, Fabric B is a solid.



Quilt Shows & Events

For a national and international calendar of quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. website: www.saqqa.com

New England Quilt Museum

Our Guild is supporting the New England Quilt Museum and one of the benefits that we receive are "Guild Guest Passes". If you are planning a trip to the Museum and would like to use one of the Guest Passes, please contact Carol Martinchek.

March 22-25, 2018

Stitches United
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT

April 28-29, 2018

Winchester Center Congregational Church
11th Annual Quilt & Needle Art Show
Quilt & Needle Art Challenge

June 22-24, 2018

Vermont Quilt Festival

August 16-18, 2018

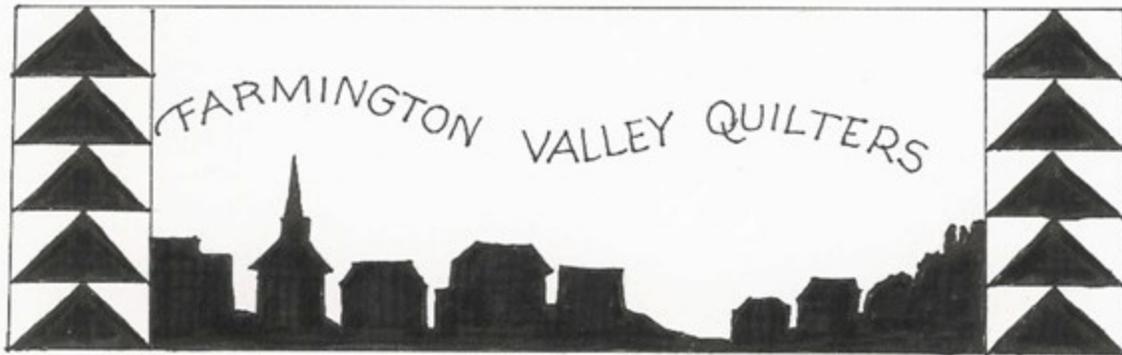
World Quilt New England
Manchester, NH

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2017–2018 Committees

ABC Quilts	Marilyn Webber & Mary Gridley
Bee Keeper	Susan Elliott
The Beekeeper is here to answer any questions you may have about our bees and help you join one if you wish. AM Bee meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30 AM at various homes. The Wednesday Night Stitchers meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at various homes. Contact Susan Elliott by email, shelliott@sbcglobal.net or 860-658-0863 if you want to join one.	
Fabric Swap Box & UFO	Kathy Fallon
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Bronson Amodio & Donna Flynn
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin, Marie Knapps, Lynn Veith
June Challenge	Diane Calkin
Library	Anne Dodge, Lois Palmer, Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night	Open
Neo Natal Quilts	Karen Hines - Sally Sargent Markey - Bobbi Morehouse
Retreat—Fall	Christine Zepp
Retreat—Spring	Christine Zepp
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Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore



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Meetings typically held at
Eno Memorial Hall
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For more information
go to
www.fvquilter.org