

Quilting Times

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Join us!!

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
Meets at 9:30 the second Saturday of every month at
the Arts Centre at the Imperial Centre for Arts &
Sciences 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, NC. 27804

From The Leadership Team!

Gobble gobble ladies,

Can you believe the holiday season is here. What are your holiday plans? I'm on a wait and see hold. The positive on this is that I think we'll think more about the meaning of the holidays and family. I guess it goes without saying but I will. We will hold our guild meetings by zoom the rest of 2020. The zoom meetings are fun. It's a great way to see and catch up with some friends. If you need help, please contact me, Martha or Paula. Bring your sew and tell to share and your own snacks. Zooming saves you time and gas money. I'd like for everyone to bring their ideas of how they use quilts in their Christmas decorating.

Betsy has been doing a great job with the mystery quilt. I think I'll have a completed Christmas quilt done in time for Christmas in the same year. Have you been working on your mystery quilt. Prizes will be awarded in December.

Please remember that social media is a great way to communicate during the pandemic. Would love to hear from you all. The members only Facebook page is private just to the group and is a great way to keep in touch with just the members. Please reach out if you need any help in getting started. Jennie agreed to handle the Facebook account for now and Frankie is handling the website. She has updated it, so please take a look. Looks great. Thanks to both of these ladies.

That's about it for now. Please stay safe and remember, we can't control our present situation but we can control how we respond to it. Try to keep up a good positive attitude and be thankful for your blessings. And when it gets hard, please give one of us a call to help lift you up. Missing and praying for everyone. Hope to see you on zoom. Wishing everyone a wonderful safe Happy Thanksgiving 🦃.. So looking forward to that great big, much deserved party next year. 😊😘❤️
Vickie

If you have not been following us on Zoom but have been participating in the Mystery Challenge, please take a picture of your finished top....doesn't have to be quilted yet, and send that picture to betsy@networkz.net by the second Saturday in December. Your name will be put in the hat along with all participants and a first, second, and third place winner will be drawn. Your gift will be delivered to your home via Amazon after the drawing. Please join us on zoom so we can all share our finished tops together. Thanks and I hope you enjoyed your challenge! Happy quilting! Betsy

Our Next Meeting
Saturday,
November 14, 2020
ZOOM MEETING

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 10-10-2020

Martha Cianos called the TRPQG meeting on ZOOM to order at 10:03 am and welcomed everyone. There were 13 members present. Martha wished Happy Birthday to members with birthdays in October.

A motion was made to accept the September Meeting Minutes by Pam Smith and seconded by Ramona Orzell. The motion was passed by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: Jinx Abernathy. Groups are still accepting donations Martha will talk with Jinx to see if a date can be set up for meeting so that donations can be delivered.

Library: Martha Blount/Maryann Rettino – Martha is doing book reviews from books in her own collection since the library is not available to us at this time.

Webpage: - Frankie Powell has volunteered to take over the webpage.

Newsletter/Facebook: Jennie Wright - Please submit pictures and news to Jennie for the newsletter.

Sunshine and Shadows: Ramona Orzell – A card was sent to Linda Baggett because her mother passed away. See Facebook page for details.

Membership: Jinx Abernathy/Amanda Jackson. No report this month.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith – Pam will be contacting Bee Queens for an update.

Hospitality: Hospitality is not needed for ZOOM meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Meetings: Martha will call Tracy to find out about the Art Center opening. We will probably continue with ZOOM meetings at least until January.

National Teachers: National teachers are charging the same prices for their programs by video as for in-person presentations. Planning programs will be put off until January. If someone would like to do a demo of something for the group, please get in touch with Martha Cianos or Vickie Wallace. There are also videos on Facebook that could be utilized.

Program:

Betsy Freeman gave a great presentation on the Mystery Quilt. She showed how to make the blocks and how to lay out the blocks for joining them together.

Sew N Tell items were presented by Katherine Carter, Sarah Wade, Martha Blount, Pam Smith, Jean Doyle and Rosalyn Ryers.

We spoke about a few ideas for the December Meeting (Christmas Party).

Drawings:

In lieu of a drawing, Warm and Natural Batting was given to Frankie Powell for volunteering to do the webpage.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Doyle, Secretary





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Patterns, Tutorials & Free Patterns, Inspiration & Tips

<http://www.silverliningsoriginals.com/b.html>

Amazing paper piecing patterns

www.heartstringsquiltproject.com

An online group that makes string quilts for donating.
Great ideas on ways to make & use your string blocks



Sunshine & Shadow



Linda Baggett – sympathy card, her mom passed away
Teresa Parker – card of encouragement, her son Thomas had a heart attack

*We don't want you to go through it alone!
If you have anyone you want Remembered,
please email: Ramona Orzell at orzellrjo@suddenlink.net*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Please continue your sewing for charity. Hopefully when we are able to meet again we will have lots of items to donate. Don't forget to keep track of your chairity hours.



NOVEMBER BEES

Please keep in touch with your Queen Bee. Some of you are Skyping and conferencing your meetings to stay in touch during these trying times. Please keep Safe and Healthy. Pam

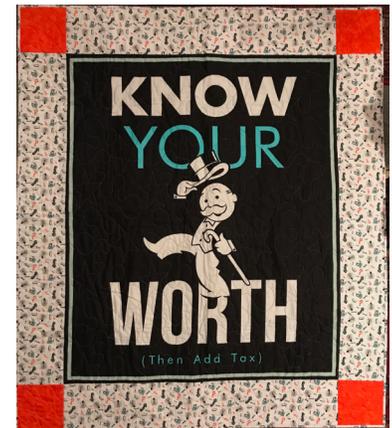
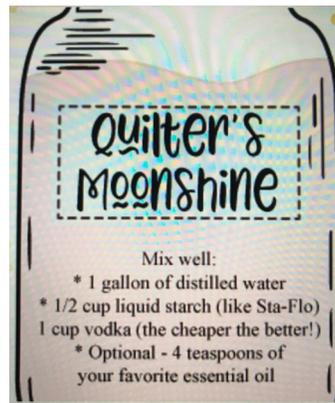
Busy Bees	Meetings are held at the Art's Centre on the 2nd Tuesday @ 10 am.
Cutting Corners	Meetings are held at Braswell Library on the 3rd Friday @ 10 am Bee Membership is Full
Happy Hoopers	Meeting are held on 3rd Saturday at the home of Pam Smith @ 10 am.
Rachel's Remnants	Meetings are held 6 pm on the 1st Thursday at various restaurants
Open Sewing	Open Sew Format @ Imperial Art Center on the 4th Saturday @ 10:15 - ?

November 2020, Book Report

This month I am reviewing the book "Quilted Home" by Leisure Arts, Inc. These are quilts from Fons & Porter. There are some quilts from standard patterns, houses, stars, snails trail, etc. The instructions are clear. There are patterns. It is like a primer for beginners. But useful to experienced quilters also. It is not in the library yet but will be when it opens.



Happy Quilting,
Maryann Rettino
Martha Blount



SAVE THE DATES

TRPQG MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 14th Meeting - **ZOOM MEETING**

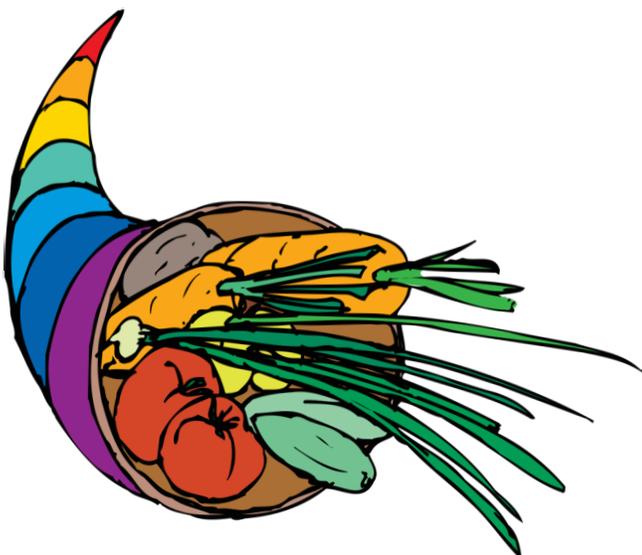
DECEMBER 12th Meeting - **ZOOM MEETING**

EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY

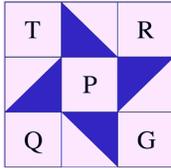
Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace 2021 -
January 15th & 16th - Sanford, NC. Pending

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo - Date Change
February 18, 19, 20 - 2021
Raleigh Convention Center

Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival 2021 - February 25 -28
Hampton Roads Convention Center - Hampton, VA



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TRPQG Official Charities

Patriotic quilts: Any size

Quilts for Christian Adoption Agency: any size

Please include a sample square from the quilt pattern which is given to the birth mother.

Isolette covers for Vidant Hospital: should be no larger than 36" x 36"

Quilts for Nash Hospital Nursery: They accept any size quilts they use to send the babies home. We will accept smaller blankets that are knitted or crocheted. We can always find someone who has a need.

Additional charities our TRPQG members support.

Oncology Department Quilts: can always use lap size quilts & Mug rugs for them.

Bereavement wraps: 12" x 12" or 15" x 15" (use pattern)

Mother's Hearts: (ask for pattern) used for preemies in neonatal departments.

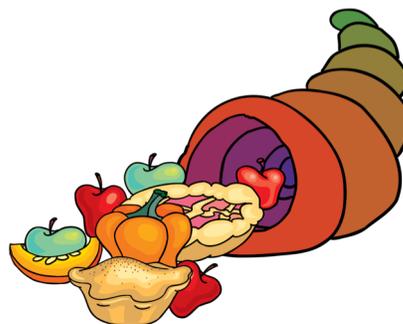
Preemie Beanies: (knitted) ask for pattern or Google them

Comfort Bags: For Police department bags

**Deadline for newsletter submissions
is the 25th of each month**

A Big TRPQG Thank You

- * Harvey Sopher for mailing the newsletters
- * Everyone who is home sewing for charity
- * The Queen Bees who are helping their members stay connected.
- * The Leadership Team for doing what is necessary to help keep us safe.
- * For your understanding and patience while we find new ways to stay connected.
- * Betsy Freeman for presenting us with a Mystery Quilt 2020 - Covid Christmas
- * Paula Loges for all her help with ZOOM



QUILTOLGY – NOVEMBER 2020

“Fabric Precuts”

Courtesy Scissortail Quilting, Fat Quarter Shop, & The Broken Needle

What is a “Fabric Precut” you ask? In quilting terms, “Fabric Precuts” are coordinated cuts of fabric, normally from the same fabric manufacturer’s collection, that have been cut into precisely measured pieces. This “PRE”-cutting makes the fabric not only convenient to use, thereby reducing project production time, it also decreases scraps. Just think how long you spend cutting fabric for a quilt. The cutting time saved using “Precuts” more than makes up for the nominal extra cost of purchasing precuts for your project rather than bolt fabric.

Precuts are the perfect answer to the quilter stricken with “Can’t match that pattern!”; “Can’t find a matching fabric!”; “Can’t cut that perfectly 1,584 times!”; “The PERFECT pattern and color is in THAT Layer Cake pack!” or the ever famous complaints, “That much cutting will ruin my back!” and “I don’t have time to do all that cutting, not to mention my scissors will be too dull to cut paper!” Fabric manufacturers have developed quilting fabric to perfectly match all the colors, hues and tones in their collections for your next project. All the colors and patterns in precuts work together perfectly as they all come from the same collection! An added benefit to using Precuts, they reduce fabric waste, leaving you with less of a scrap pile to deal with. Less fabric wasted means more money in your pocket. Instead of buying too much fabric yardage, you get exactly what you need for your project in a pre-cut bundle! Not convinced? Make your own Precuts from scraps so they are ready to use!

Different fabric companies market their precut products under different names, such as the “bakery” terms: “**Jelly Roll**” & “**Layer Cake**”, exclusive to, & trademarked by Moda Fabrics, aka United Notions. Precuts come in many sizes & each fabric company has their own name for the same size. The more familiar Precuts, from Moda Fabrics, are listed below, in order of smallest to largest. Although different size Precuts have their own unique name, once the precuts are stacked together, they can be called “Packs”, “Stacks”, “Strips”, or “Bundles”.

Precut #1 = 1½” Squares, called “Mini Charm Squares” or “Mini Charm Packs”, or “Candy”

“Mini Charm Packs” contain 42, 2½” squares, or roughly 1/4 yard of fabric.

Projects, plan approximately one Mini Charm Pack for small projects; 2-3 packs for 1-Baby or Crib quilt

Precut #2 = 5” Squares, called “Charm Squares”, “Charm Packs” or “Nickel Squares”.

“Charm Squares” contain 42, 5” squares, or roughly 5/8 yard of fabric.

Projects, plan approximately one Charm Pack for 1-Baby quilt; 2-packs for 1-Crib quilt; 3-packs for 1-Lap quilt;

4-packs for 1-Twin quilt; 5-6 packs for 1-Queen quilt; & 6-7-packs for 1-King quilt.

TIP: 5” Charm Squares are easily sub-cut into four, 2½” “Mini Charm Squares”.

Precut #3: 10” Squares, called “Layer Cake Squares”

“Layer Cake Squares” contain 42, 10” squares, or roughly 2¾ yards of fabric.

Projects, plan approximately One Layer Cake Pack for 1-Twin quilt; 2-packs for 1-Queen quilt; 2-3-packs for 1-King quilt.

TIP: Layer Cake Squares are also known as “10” Stackers” or “10” Karat Crystals.”

Precut #4 - 1½” x 42” Strips, called “Honey Buns”

“Honey Buns” contain approximately 40, 1½” x 42” width of fabric strips, or roughly 1⅔ yards of fabric.

Projects, plan approximately two Honey Buns for 1-Baby or Lap quilt; 3-buns rolls for 1-Twin quilt; 4-rolls for 1-Queen quilt.

Precut #5: 2½” x 42” Strips, called “Jelly Rolls”, “Roly Polys”, or “Pixie Strips”

“Jelly Rolls” contain approximately 40, 2½” x 42” width of fabric strips, or roughly 2¾ yards of fabric.

Projects, plan approximately one “Jelly Roll” for 1-Twin quilt; 2-rolls for 1-Queen quilt; 3-rolls for 1-King quilt.

TIP: “Jelly Rolls” are considered perfect for Strip Quilting.

Precut #6: “Precut Bundles” are a great way to purchase fabrics when you really love the designer's line. Bundles can be found in several sizes. Obviously, you can get several quilts from a Bundle, so some general guidelines are included.

One “Fat Eighth Bundle” contains One, 9”x21” piece of each fabric from a designer’s specific collection. The total number of fabric pieces in a Bundle & the price of each Bundle will vary.
 One “Fat Eighth Bundle” + background fabric makes 1-2 Baby or Lap quilts

One “Fat Quarter Bundle” contains One 18”x21” piece of each fabric from a designer’s specific collection. The total number of fabric pieces in a Bundle & the price of each Bundle will vary.
 One “Fat Quarter Bundle” + background fabric makes 2-Lap quilts or 1-Queen quilt

One “Half Yard Bundle” contains One 18”x 42” piece of each fabric from a designer’s specific collection. The total number of fabric pieces in a Bundle & the price of each Bundle will vary.
 One “Half Yard Bundle” + background fabric makes 2-3-Queen quilts, depending on complexity of the patchwork designs.



Happy Quiting

TRPQG Mystery Quilt - Covid Christmas Part Three

Now that you have finished all 16 of the same block it is time to put them together. Try and find a place where you can lay the block out and arrange them so you can see the pattern that the blocks make.

Sewing the Blocks Together

- Lay out four of the blocks and turn blocks 2 and 4 so the HST units are placed as shown in figure 3a...sew them together.
- Repeat until all four rows are sown.
- Lay out the rows, rotate row 2 and 4 in the opposite direction (Fig 3b)
- Sew all four rows together and the top is finished except the borders.

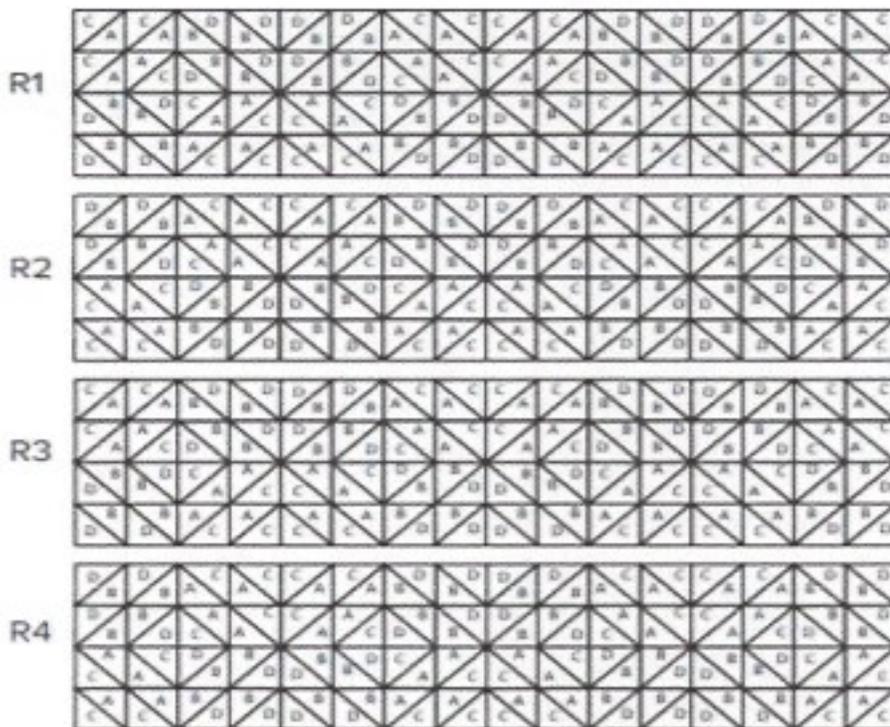
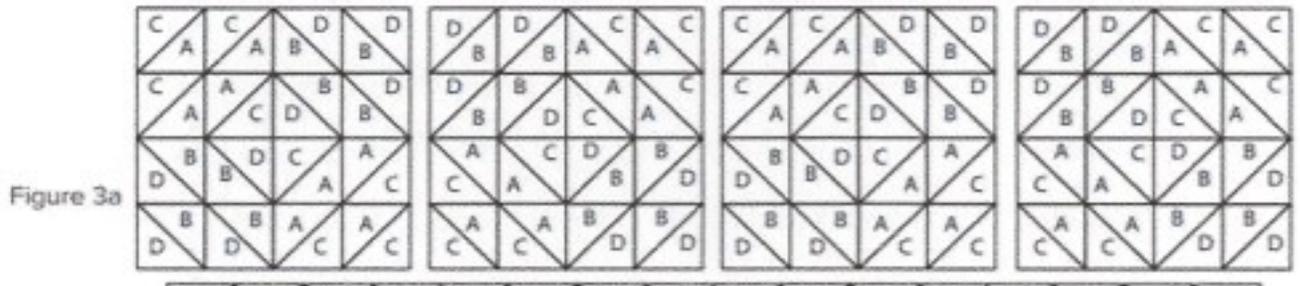


Figure 3b



Adding the Borders

- Take your 4 1/2 inch strips of border fabric and join them all together into a long strip. You can use a straight seam or if you have enough fabric you can bias sew where they join.
- Measure your quilt in the center to see how wide your quilt is and use this measurement to cut the above strips to match. Fold the strips in half, finding the center of each strip and match that center to the center of the quilt and pin. Match the ends of the strip to the ends of your quilt, sew the strip to each side of the quilt. Repeat this step for the top and bottom of the quilt. Press the border with the seam toward the border. **Your top is finished!** The only thing that is left is quilting and binding.
- Press your top well, layer it with batting and a backing and quilt as you see fit! Sew your binding together, end to end using a 45 degree angle, and sew to your quilt using your favorite method.
Note: Please join the zoom guild meeting on November 14th where I will go over how to accurately join borders to the quilt. If you have your quilt professionally quilted, your quilter will love it if you will follow this method. Wavy borders are not fun! I hope you have enjoyed this Mystery Quilt and love your new quilt.

-- Betsy

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