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Quilting Times

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



Tar River Piecemakers Quilt Guild Exhibit

Well we are about a month away from our quilt exhibit at the Dunn Center Mims Gallery. A reception party is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm to open the exhibit. All are invited to attend.

I know with the prolonged time at home some of you have been quilting and some have been involved in other things. But please take a moment and select one or more of your completed quilts to display at the exhibit. You only need a sleeve and a label with your name. If you wish to put a value on the quilt, I will include that information in my listing to the curator. I would like to have a list of your names if you are presenting by Saturday August 29, 2020. Please email me at mayoj50@aol.com with the information.

There is no size limit on the quilts and it would be wonderful to see many different designs and techniques. I especially am looking forward to a string quilt I saw presented at a guild meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Keep sewing...Joan K. Mayo

From The Leadership Team!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRPQG 🎈🎂🍰📺🧵

This will be month 7 without all those sweet faces in person. Miss everyone a bunch. Good news is that we did a zoom meeting last month. We had 17 members zoom in. It was nice to see them and catch up a little. In times like these it is most important that we keep in touch and keep our spirits up. Please join us this month. It's our birthday! I want to have a challenge. Come to zoom in your best birthday attire (no birthday suits please lol) hats, noisemaker, cupcake with candle, whatever you can think of. BYOC&C, bring your own cupcake and coffee. Let's have a great show and tell. Would love to see if you have any previous years challenge quilts. How about photos too. Bring your favorite memory from past years too. Our theme this year is nostalgia. We're so excited that Betsy has volunteered to come up with a mystery quilt for us to work on the next few months. Please join in to see how she chooses her fabric and the first step.

It's really easy and fun to zoom so please join us. Call a member and ask them to join in too, someone you think might not want to give it a try. Please let us know if you know of a member that might need something even just a phone call. We still have not heard when they intend to open the center up to meetings again. We will let you know as soon as we do. We need to have a major celebration when meetings are permitted again. Until then... Keep quilting
Vickie

Our Next Meeting
Saturday, September 12, 2020
ZOOM MEETING
10:00 am



The Crafty Quilter – Julie Cefalu – thecraftyquilter.com - List of fabric manufacturers
free project pages, Patterns, Tutorials, Tips, Recipes & more

Just Get It Done Quilts - Karen Brown - justgetitdonequilts.com -

Blog how much are you really paying for fabric – the cost of yardage and pre-cuts broken down.
Patterns, Downloads & YouTube

Quilter's Paradise – Sue Mezera - quiltersparadiseesc.com –

Kits, Notions & Tools, & Free Software Tools

Electric Quilt - electricquilt.com – EQ Shop, EQ Blog & EQ Lessons

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.

SEPTEMBER 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 of each month @ 10 am.
Cutting Corners	Meetings are held at Braswell Library on the 3rd Friday of the month @ 10 am Bee Membership is Full
Happy Hoopers	Meeting are held on 3rd Saturday at the home of Pam Smith @ 10 am. Bee Membership is Full
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 of each month 10:15 - ?

TRPQG COVID - 19 Challenge

Hi All...

So with all going on trying to think of something to do with/for the guild..... As always you can always make charity items, those are always in need.. We also have our challenge going on for a few of you.. don't forget that when we meet again we will swap those out..... But we thought of a new project that hopefully you will all embrace and help us out with it.....

We want everyone to make a Friendship star, one that is either 6" or 12" finished.... as you know that is our block for the guild and what better block to make then this one.... make whatever color you want. Then we will get these put together either as a raffle quilt, or as quilts for seniors or kids,.. for someone that a guild member knows need some help & needs something warm..... I thought we could also possibly make a quilt & keep it for the guild, hang it up each month as a symbol of this strange, scary time..... there are lots of possibilities, something to think about & make suggestions of ideas..... we always welcome ideas so bring them on..... remember this is your guild

We know that not everyone can do this, and that is fine, but thought that this would be a way to unite us with a common theme... Hope to see you all soon..... Martha



Surviving Covid 19

WOW!!! Who know in February that we wouldn't be able to meet again until ????

Hopefully you have been fine tuning your survival skills. Here are a few ideas.

- Call a friend, use facetime, zoom, texts, and emails to keep in touch.
- Try doing a sew along with one of the national instructors or do one with a friend.
- Do something nice for yourself. Sew, read a book, bake a special treat, watch some YouTube videos, plan your next project.
- Find a way to have lunch with a friend while social distancing and staying safe.
- Learn a new skill.
- Help a friend who is struggling with the isolation. Share your survival skills with others.

Greeters

September ZOOM MEETING

SAVE THE DATES

TRPQG MEETINGS

September 12th Meeting. - **ZOOM MEETING**

OCTOBER 10th Meeting -

EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY

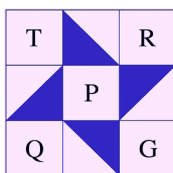
Quilt Carolina Shop Hop - 2020 Date Change
Terrific Thursday - August 27, 2020 **CANCELED**
Shop Hop - October 1 - 10 Still Scheduled

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

Spring AQS Quilt Week- 2020 - September 2-5
Paducah-McCracken County **CANCELED**
Convention & Expo Center

Quilting in the Pines Quilt Show - 2020 -
September 25 - 26. Pinehurst NC
May be **CANCELED**

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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

Quarterly Challenges: To be announced

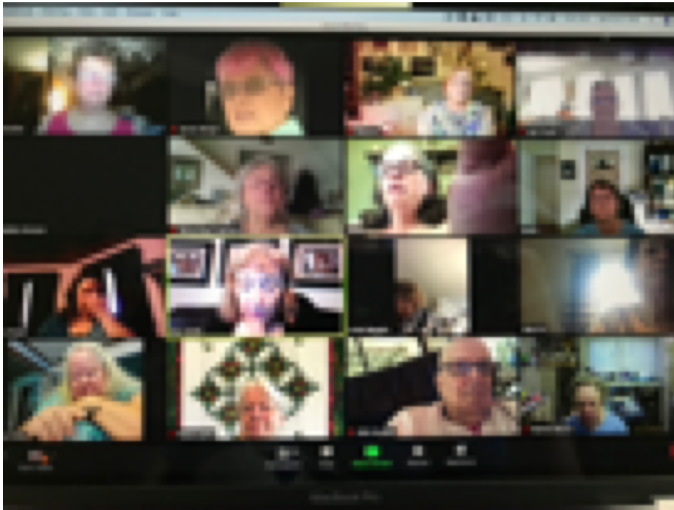
A Big TRPQG Thank You

- * 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.
- * Joan Mayo for putting together the TRPQG Quilt Exhibit
- * Betsy Freeman for presenting us with a Mystery Quilt 2020 - Covid Christmas
- * Paula Loges for all her help with ZOOM
- * Matt & Wendy at the Broken Needle for their continuing support of our guild



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

First ever TRPQG ZOOM Meeting



Sunshine & Shadow

*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*

Betsy Freeman and Pam Smith winners of the Broken Needle gift certificates at the first ever TRPQG ZOOM Meeting.



Agenda zoom meeting

10:00.....call meeting to order

Welcome

Thank yous

Birthdays

Motion to accept minutes from August meeting

Committee reports

Old business

New business...birthday celebration

Sew and tell

Adjourn

THE RECIPE CORNER

We're 20 years old!!! I thought it might be fun if we put recipes from the TRPQG cookbook for the next year. We need someone who owns the cookbook and is willing to email a recipe to Jennie every month by the 25th. Please give me a call, text, FB post or email if you think you would like to do this for the guild.

Thanks
Vickie

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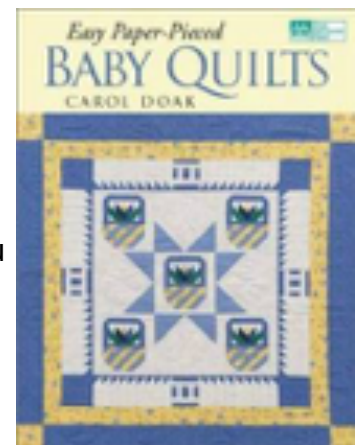
**At the end of the day
what really matters is that your
loved ones are well, you've
done your best and that you're
thankful for all you have.**

September 2020, Book Report

The book I am reviewing is "Easy Paper-Pieced Baby Quilts" by Carol Doak. Since we donate quilts to two hospitals and the Christian Adoption Services I thought it appropriate I review a book of baby quilts.

This book is like a primer for paper-piecing. The instructions are clear and simple. There are plenty of diagrams to help you along. Some of the patterns could be used on quilts other than baby quilts like hearts and trees. I think you will find it very useful. Give it a try.

Your Quilt Librarians,
Maryann Rettino
Martha Blount



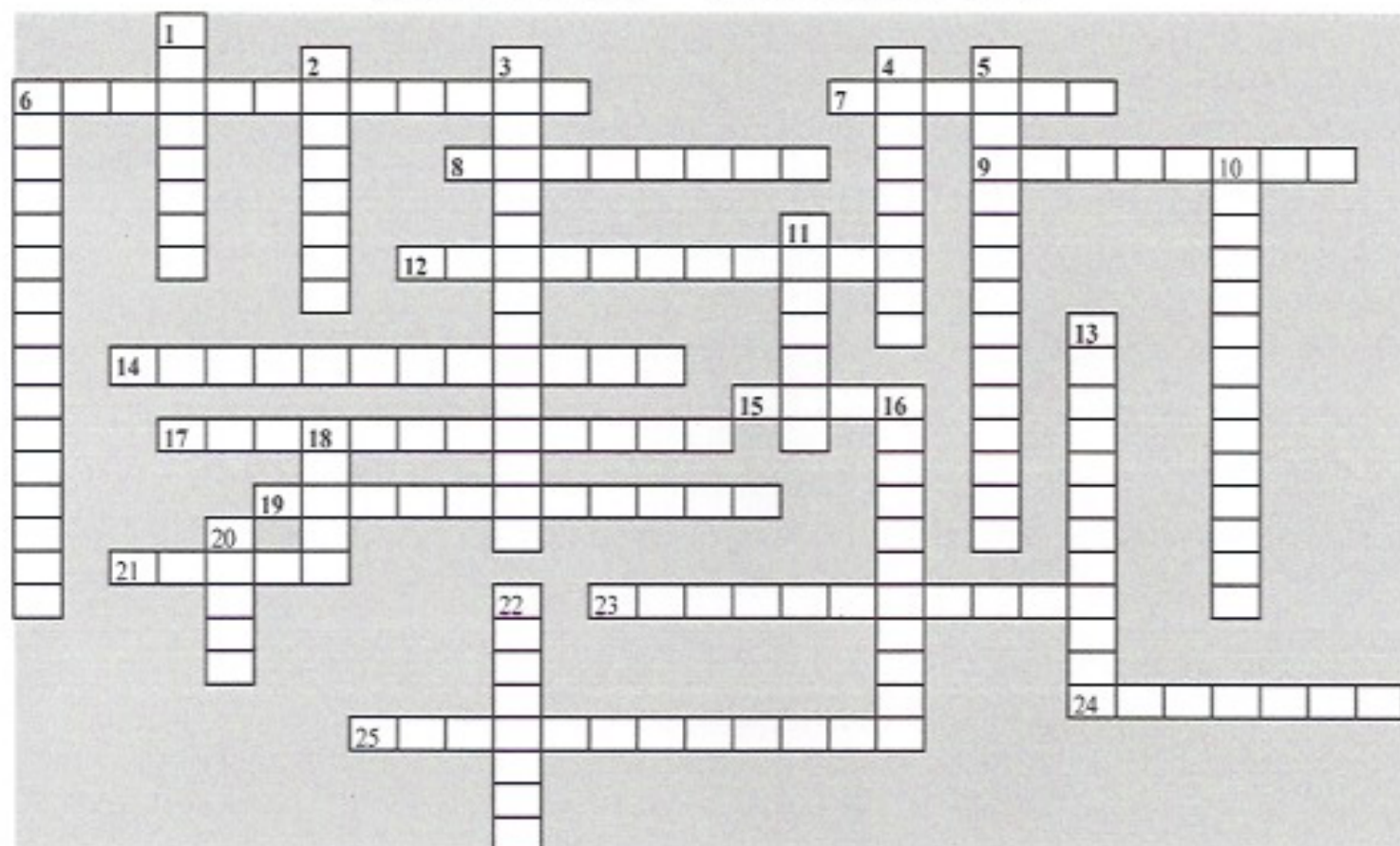
Tips, Tricks & Techniques



Looking for a way to keep track of where you are in a pattern or mark a place you are having issues. **FRIXION** now comes in pens, highlighters and markers in multiple colors. Marks can be removed from paper by friction and from most fabric by heat. Though you should test your fabric before using on the right side. If fabric gets cold enough the mark will reappear and on darker fabrics it may leave a white mark.

Highlighter tape is also available in several colors and can be repositioned on your pattern pages to keep track of your progress or highlight places you need to take special notice.

QUILTOLOGY – SEPTEMBER 2020



D O W N

1. Adding fabric motifs by hand or machine to a foundation fabric.
2. A method of adding raised texture to quilts by stuffing design areas, such as stems, leaves, & other motifs.
3. Stitching that covers the entire quilt without regard for block shapes or fabric design.
4. A machine straight stitch typically done on the right side of a project close to a seam.
5. Neighbors on the color wheel.
6. The process of stitching just next to the seams on the quilt surface.
10. A pattern created when Log Cabin blocks are placed so the lights & darks radiate from the quilt center.
11. Taking a stitch through all three layers of the quilt & knotting it on the quilt surface creating a loftier quilt.
13. Stitching multiple lines that follow the outline of an appliqué or other design element, coniving its shape.
16. The removable plate on the machine bed that covers the bobbin & has an opening for the feed dogs & needle.
18. The top part of the needle that is held by the machine.
20. 3-dimensional gathered fabric circles that may be sewn into quilt tops or used for decorative embellishments.
22. A quilt style identified by peaks & valleys created from squares of fabric that are sewn in strips, then cut & offset before joining the

A C R O S S

6. A quilt in which each block is a different pattern.
7. A chalk bag that can be patted over a stencil to transfer a pattern to fabric.
8. A fabric woven with colored threads rather than printed. The color is inherent in the fabric & not applied at a later
9. A translucent surface that is lit from below and is used for tracing patterns onto paper or fabric.
12. The number of threads woven into a fabric. A higher designates a more tightly woven fabric.
14. A side-to-side stitch that can be used for machine appliqué or shortened & very closely spaced to create a Satin
15. A combination of two or more pieces of fabric sewn together that form part of a block.
17. Isolating & cutting out a specific print or motif from a piece of fabric.
19. A presser foot that acts in tandem with the sewing machine's feed dogs to evenly feed multiple layers beneath
21. A basic unit, often repeated, from which many quilts are composed. May be pieced, appliquéd, or solid.
23. Visual or actual center of block where units come
24. Lightweight, plain-woven cotton cloth, typically checked in white & a bold color.
25. Threads, stabilizers, or marks that dissolve when wet.

TRPQG Mystery Quilt 2020 - Covid Christmas

Part One

I hope you will join us in this three part Mystery Quilt. It will begin in September and end November 2020 so I am calling this **Covid Christmas**! I plan on making my quilt in Christmas fabric but the choice is yours. Supplies needed are simple.....for your top you will need 5 yards of fabric and a little extra for binding. If you feel you might make a mistake or if the sales person cuts your fabric a little short of a yard, you will have problems so I have added a little extra of your light and dark fabrics to make sure you have enough! Also, think ahead to what you might want to use for your borders and binding. The binding could be one of the fabrics in the body of the quilt top. Get ready.....You will be making **many** Half Square Triangles (HST)! Your quilt will finish approximately 56" x 56".

You will need:

1½ yards each of **2 dark fabrics (A,D)** 1 yard for **border (E)**

1½ yards each of **2 light fabrics (B,C)** ½ yard for **binding**

4 yards for backing **or** 2 yards wideback fabric Twin size batting

- Note: Label your light and dark fabric so you will remember which is A,B,C,and D. It doesn't matter which light you match with which dark but you need to be consistent.

Cutting Instructions:

Fabric A,B,C,D

Cut **eight** strips of each fabric 4½ inches (WOF). Sub-cut **sixty four** 4½ x 4 ½ inch squares of each for your HST units for your block.

Fabric E

Cut **seven** strips 4½ inches, (WOF). Sub-cut **four** strips at 4½ x 40, **two** strips to 4½ x 25 inches and one strip to **two** 4½ x 17 inches for the borders. (Borders must be sewn together in straight seams...not on the bias. Instructions for that will be given later.)

Binding

Cut **seven** strips at 2¼ inches and join each piece with mitered seams.

Making the blocks!

- Take one each of the $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ squares of fabric **A** and **C** and place them right sides together (RST). With a pencil draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other on all the light squares.
- Sew a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the left of the drawn line, then $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the right as in figure 1a.
- Press then cut as in figure 1b.
- Press open and trim to 4 x 4 inches if needed (fig 1c).
- Repeat with the remaining Fabric **A** and **C** squares to make **128** HST units.
- Repeat this process with the squares of fabric **B** and **D** to make **128** **B / D** HST units.
- Yes.....you will be making **256** HST.....don't give up!

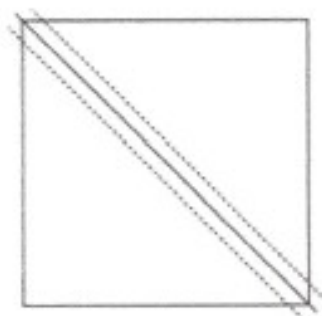


Figure 1a

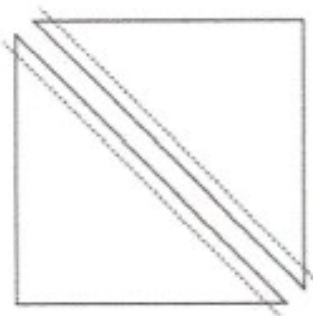


Figure 1b

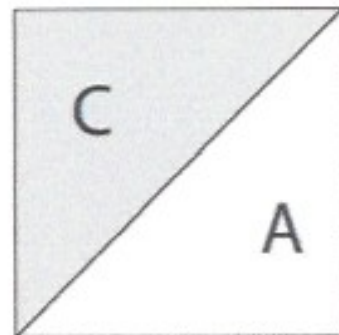


Figure 1c

That is all for this month so get busy making those HST! Next month we will see how they are put together to make our design. If you have any questions, please email me at betsy@networkz.net. Please join the guild meeting via zoom on September 12th @ 10 am where we will be discussing any problems you might have and answer any questions. I will show you the fabric I have chosen and see some of the HST I have made. I hope you can find your fabric in your stash at homestay safe and stay home!

Betsy Freeman