



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

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MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022

THIS IS AN ONLINE BLUEJEANS MEETING

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PROGRAMS

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Fellow Quilters,
Well here it is, the NEW YEAR. Welcome 2022- I sure hope you are ready for some changes, because we are all for a new attitude. We have had plenty of time to go through our stashes and make some headway on our UFO's (unfinished objects). We learned to make masks and hoard toilet paper. We learned how important it is to stay in touch and we proudly became more efficient using the computer for things like video conferencing and watching you tube channels such as Just Get it Done Quilts. Our guest for January will be Karen Brown from Canada. I can hardly wait! Since she is in Canada, she will be visiting us on the computer- remember to look for the link later in the newsletter. Mute yourselves and do not interrupt.

When I agreed to be president, I thought, sure, no problem, gonna retire and sail away on my sewing machine. But that did not happen and here we are again on video. I cannot say enough wonderful things about all the people who stood behind me, helping, pushing and blocking all the exit doors. They were tremendous helpers. There were several meetings that I absolutely had nothing to do with except to show up and moderate. It has been a challenge and a blessing, and I am so happy I did it. But time is ticking, I am sometimes too busy to comb my hair, so I cut it all off. I am looking forward to the end of this stupid pandemic so I can really retire and spend time with my almost 3-year-old Granddaughter and my loving husband. SO, I will be retiring from the presidential podium in June. Please look deep into your heart and consider looking into helping this guild continue. Debbie is also leaving as vice president and the secretary, Kathy Graham, has also decided after 6 years, she can move on.

I promise to help and advocate for whoever decides to take this on. Come aboard as a group or solo. This guild is full of wonderful people and all they need is people in the background to help organize meetings, keep a little bit of order and have fun. Please consider moving this guild into some fun future years.

Happy New Year to all and don't forget to dust out your bobbin case now and again. Elaine

UP COMING CALENDAR

January- Karen Brown from Just Get It Done Quilts will be our Zoom (BlueJeans) speaker on January 11, 2022. This woman is funny and organized and does great presentations- look her up, read her blog or visit her you tube videos.

February seems so far away. What shall we do? In the past we have had a charity sew along, doing heart pillows and pillowcases and other projects.

Do you need a ride to the meeting? Please call, text or email a board member and we will see if we can arrange one for you. If at all possible, please do not wait until 6:15 on meeting night.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

4th- Mary Arcidy; 9th-Rosella Armin; 14th-Linda Naugler; 17th-Eileen Larry; 19th-Helen Gloor; and 21st-Roberta See.

A SMALL CHANGE

We are reviving the Fat Quarter drawing. No more name tag drawing. When you check in, if you brought a fat quarter, put your name in the bucket. For February please bring reds, hearts, valentine type fat quarters The girls, Allie and Lulu, will be collecting them at the door.

MONTHLY RAFFLES

The Christmas elves had been very hard at work last month and they did an awesome job. There were lots of great things that could be used for Christmas gifts, but I bet you are keeping them, lol!! Thank you for buying raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SPRING GETAWAY WEEKEND

Mary Renn is working on this weekend. Right now it looks like the Admiral Inn, Ogunquit, ME, hopefully sometime in mid-March or early April. She will keep us updated.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The food pantry would like paper products. Preferably Individually wrapped toilet tissue and individually wrapped paper towels but no more than a double package. This is because storage space is very limited. They do not need any food items at this time.

INTERESTING PIECE

Our January speaker, Karen Brown, is hosting a 21 day declutter challenge beginning on January 1st. As I am unable to fully use my designated sewing room, and since my "creative supplies " can be found in every room in the house except the bathrooms, I have signed up for this challenge . I will be taking before and after photos although I may only show the finished product. Wish me luck!

In conjunction with my declutter resolution I recently came across an article about the Navajo Quilt Project. This seems like a good outlet to send some of my excess materials. Information on this project can be found online at French general.com. I will print out the addresses that clean material, thread, needles, and straight pins can be mailed to.

Deb Rauseo



FIDGET QUILTS an ongoing project

The Thursday girls have started a new project for charity, called Fidget Quilts. Fidget quilts are small quilts used for persons with Alzheimer's, Dementia, effects from a Stroke or Autism. This sensory quilt can provide activities and textures to calm restless hands.

We are starting with 6 1/2" squares of cotton, minki, corduroy, or any other textured fabric. Then we will sew an item onto this square. This is where you can use your imagination. Think of things that would feel good to the touch or something that can be manipulated if the patient is vision impaired. We will be collecting the squares and sewing them together on Thursday mornings.

The finished size is approximately 18" x 18 ."

If you would like to contribute to the square collection, please bring them to the next meeting. It will be fun to see what people have come up with. There will be a prototype quilt available to look at. This will be a continuation project throughout the year.

Finished quilts will be donated to local nursing homes. If you know of anyone who could benefit from one of these quilts please let me know. Pat Wolf

FIDGET QUILTS

Start with a 6 1/2 " square: cotton, Minki, Corduroy, Textured fabric

Add one of the following to the square ;

Pocket

Belt buckle

Yoyo

Shirt cuff with buttons

Zipper

Pom poms

Buttons

Keys on a ribbon

Velcro

Lace

Spool on a ribbon

Wooden or plastic beads

If you are sewing an individual item to a quilt square, it would be good to reinforce the back of the square with interfacing to prevent tearing.

Any other suggestions are greatly appreciated

NEW BLOCKS of THE MONTH CHALLENGE!

Karen Ivas has new projects for us. See the following patterns.

I will be sending instructions each month for two 10 inch blocks for a total of 16 blocks!

The sampler blocks can be made scrappy!

Additional fabric requirements: 1-5/8 yards for sashing, and binding (1 yard for sashing and binding 5/8 yard for cornerstones).

Sashing, binding and cornerstones can be decided on after the blocks are completed.

In this newsletter you will find the instructions for the next two blocks. Enjoy a new project!

Happy Quilting!

Karen Ivas

Reach for the Stars

10" x 10" Finished

by Melanie Collette

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Materials

Fabrics listed are Confetti Cottons by Riley Blake

Storm 7" x 21"
 Avocado 5" x 21"
 Le Creme 6" x WOF

Tools

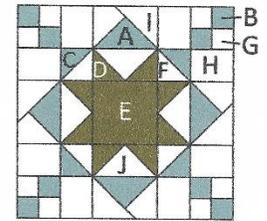
Marking pencil, scissors, ruler, rotary cutter and mat, iron and ironing board.

Cutting Instructions

Storm: A- four 2½" x 3½" rectangles
 B- eight 1½" squares
 C- two 2¾" squares

Avocado: D- eight 2" squares
 E- one 3½" square

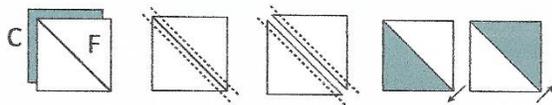
Le Creme: F- two 2¾" squares
 G- eight 1½" squares
 H- eight 2" x 2½" rectangles
 I- eight 2½" squares
 J- four 2" x 3½" rectangles



Sewing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the D, F and I squares.

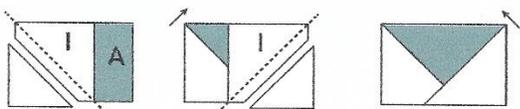
2. Place one F and C square right sides together. Sew ¼" on either side of the marked line. Cut the squares on the diagonal line. Open and press towards the C square. Trim each square to 2" x 2". Repeat to make 4 half square triangle units (HST).



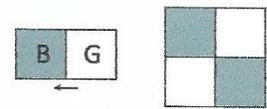
3. Place one D square on the left end of one J rectangle, right sides together. Sew along marked line, and trim, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Press towards the D square. Repeat with other side, and trim flying geese to 2" x 3½". Repeat to make 4 flying geese units.



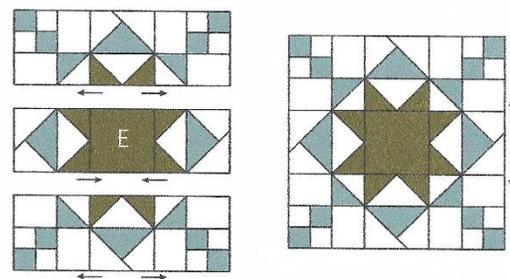
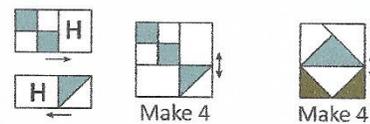
4. Place one I square on the left end of one A rectangle, right sides together. Sew along marked line, and trim, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Press towards the A rectangle. Repeat with other side, and trim tall flying geese to 2½" x 3½". Repeat to make 4 tall flying geese units.



5. Sew each B square to a G square, and press the seam towards the B square. Sew two B/G sets together in a four patch. Press seam open. Repeat to make 4 four patches.



6. Lay out pieces, and sew into 9-patch sections, as illustrated. In corner units, press towards H rectangles when sewing into rows, and then press seams open when rows are sewn together. Sew flying geese units together, and press seams open. Sew sections into rows, and press seams according to arrows. Sew rows together, and press away from center to complete the Reach for the Stars Block (10½" x 10½").



Butterfly Block

10" x 10" Finished

by Elea Lutz

elealutzdesign.com @elealutz

Materials

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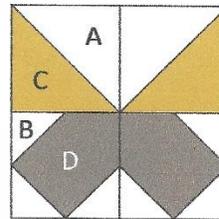
Curry 7" square
 Pebble 7" x 12"
 Le Creme 7" x 21"

Tools

Marking pencil, scissors, ruler, rotary cutter and mat, iron and ironing board.

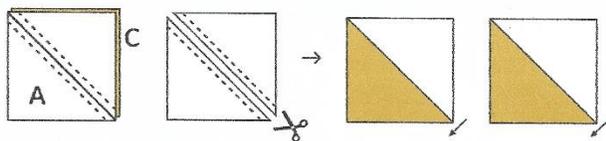
Cutting Instructions

Curry: C- one 6" square
 Pebble: D- two 5½" squares
 Le Creme: A- one 6" square
 B- six 3" squares

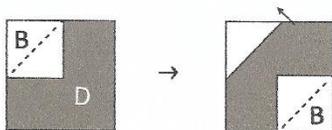


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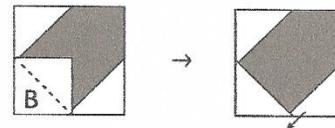
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the A square. Align the A and C squares, right sides together. Sew along both sides of the drawn line with a ¼" seam allowance. Cut along the drawn line. Makes two half square triangle blocks (HST). Open and press both HSTs. Trim HST units to measure 5½" x 5½".



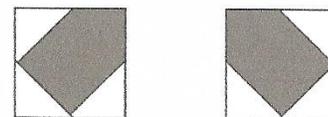
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the B squares. Align one B square on the top left corner of one D square. Sew along the drawn line. Press towards the B square and trim away excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Repeat with another B square on the opposite corner.



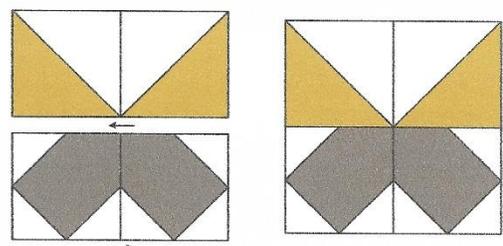
3. Align one B square to the bottom left corner of the same unit. Sew along the drawn line. Press corner towards the B square and trim away excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Measures 5½" x 5½".



4. Repeat Steps 2-3 to make a matching square unit.



5. Sew the HSTs and square units together in 2 rows. Sew the rows together to complete the Butterfly Block (10½" x 10½"). Press seams as shown.



BLUEJEANS MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2022 6:30 PM SIGN IN. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

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With Karen Brown From Just Get it Done Quilts

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