



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

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QUILT SHOW DATE CHANGE

Due to an unexpected conflict our show has been move to June 1 – 2, 2024

PRESIDENTS GREETINGS

April newsletter

Happy Spring Tewksbury Quilt Guild Members!! Warmer weather is around the corner!

I hope you all enjoyed our “step dancers” last month! We were able to bring you all a little enjoyment this year! What a great group of fine individuals they were, so talented!

In April we will have Pam Weeks who is the Curator of the New England Quilt Museum. It is shaping up to be another fine event.

We are well on our way with the squares to produce the “Veteran’s Quilts”. So far, we have 90 squares made and about another 90 cut out and ready to put together. Please, return the ones you have finished. Please take one or more to help us out!

We also have bundles of strips cut and all you have to do is sew, press, sew and press till the square is filled! Lots of fun!

We will be having lots of business to attend to. We still have not had anyone step up as President and Vice President. This is YOUR guild. We have ideas which we will be going over and voting on. It should make it A LOT easier in the future.

So, if you are little nervous, don’t be, we have you covered with a few ideas....

Everyone’s participation is needed.

Sandy

REFRESHMENTS for APRIL

The refreshments for this month are provided by the following members:

Deb Alessandro, Anita Botolino, Lee Colbert, Claire Crowley, Polly Flanagan, Catherine Flowers & Collette Wick. A reminder about those whose turn it is for refreshments – Please remember to set up, serve up and clean up. It is not the responsibility of the janitor to take care of our cake and cookie crumbs.

Thank you, Elaine



SUNBONNET SUE NEWS

Kathy Starling will be assembling the Sunbonnet Sue Challenge for the Quilt Show- Sunbonnet Sue on Vacation.

Please have your finished 18 inch work of art for the **MAY** meeting so she can assemble the travel journey in time. No sleeve is needed. Applications are necessary and will be available at the meeting and in the newsletter.

QUILT SHOW NEWS: ALL HANDS ON DECK THIS STILL APPLIES!

This is your guild, so please consider volunteering for an hour or two to help this show run smoothly. Each piece of the show has a leader who can help you know what is needed, just see the list below.

Charity Table leader - Cathy Harvey

Quilt Raffle leader- Jo-Ann Lightfoot

Raffle Basket Leader-Kathy Graham

White Glove Leader- Beverly Collins

Publicity Leader- Catherine Flowers

Boutique table Leader- Mary Renn

Demonstrations Leader-Catherine Flowers

Yard Sale Leader- Pam Dougherty

Admissions Leader- Carol Calistro

Set up and hanging of the quilts needs as many hands as possible. If you can't help, send a grandson or husband. This will begin after noon. The center will be closed to the public and we can do our work.

APRIL GUILD MEETING RAFFLES

The donations due for our monthly raffle in April will be from the following people;

Cam Michallyszyn, Ann Newton, Kris Noonan, Mary Renn, Carol Saber and Charlotte Sargent.

Make sure you put your name on the item so that you can be removed from the list. Special thanks to those who've donated !!

We will continue to collect unwanted, unused items for our Raffle.

It's amazing what we can clear out of our stash without missing much. Just to review, each month 5 members will be notified by the newsletter and a phone call as a reminder to bring in an item.

We are asking for a donation of one item that would be of interest to members with value of \$20.00 to \$25.00.

The item can be new, or slightly used. Some examples could be, patterns, fabric, sewing supplies/tools, handmade item, decorative item, gift certificate, plant, chocolates, puzzles or anything you would find attractive for a raffle. Please do not donate old-out of date books. Items do not need to be packaged.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me (978) 658-5024

Pat Wolf



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR APRIL

1st, Ruth Russo, 7th, Pam Dougherty, 14th, Anita Botolino, 18th, Kathy Graham, 19th, Lee Colbert, 20th, Polly Flanagan, 21st, Claire Crowley, 29th, Joan Blanchard, 29th, Carol Kobelski. A very Happy Birthday to all!

Tewksbury Piecemakers Board Meeting March 19, 2024

In attendance were Nancy Araway, Carol Calistro, Sandy Cook, Susan Doherty, Kathy Graham, Cheryle Laffey, Jo-Ann Lightfoot, Cam Michallyszyn, Kristina Noonan, Elaine Walsh, Pat Wolf, Mary Arcidy.

The speaker for the April meeting will be Pam Weeks from the Quilt Museum in Lowell. Just a friendly reminder, the baskets for the Quilt Show will be put together during the May meeting.

The changing of bylaws and policies due to the lack of nominations for President and Vice President were discussed at length. Several ideas were offered as options. One such idea was having a Committee of Ten, with one person running one month's meeting, another person running the next month's meeting etc.

There will need to be a budget for each meeting, parameters for the budget, and a breakdown of the budget for each meeting. There also will need to be a coordination of types of activities planned for each meeting, etc.

Another change to be voted on by the Guild will be having the meeting year run from March through December. This would eliminate meetings in January and February and add meetings in July and August.

All changes will be discussed at the April meeting.

FOOD PANTRY - PLEASE DON'T FORGET THEM

The food pantry currently has a surplus of canned vegetables, canned soup, & pasta.

We can use:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

Breakfast Items:

Boxed Cereal, Pancake mix & Syrup, Oatmeal,
Fruit Bars, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Muffin mixes,
Coffee (ground & instant) - Caffeinated & Decaf,
Tea (Green tea & black tea) - Caffeinated & Decaf

Snack Items:

Cookies, cheez-its, peanut butter crackers, etc.

Snack Packs (Individual sized)

Juice (64 oz size) Juice Boxes, Hot Chocolate

DROP BOX IS IN THE LOBBY OF THE SENIOR CENTER NO EXPIRED FOOD

SIDE NOTE:

PLEASE DELETE BEVERLY COLLINS' EMAIL FROM YOUR LIST. IT IS NOT WORKING.

STEPS FOR YOUR QUILT RAFFLE BASKETS

1. You are put into a group by the color you picked.
 2. Each group decides of some theme for the basket not necessarily based on the color
 3. Build a basket based loosely on the theme chosen (whether color related or not)
 4. Each member of group, if possible, donate appropriately \$20 hand made or store bought items
- Example:

1. Group color is black.
2. Theme chosen is "Evening Party"

Items include:

- Black Licorice
- Zambuko liquor (black licorice flavored liquor)
- Gift Card for an evening out at a restaurant
- Black and White table runner
- Evening candles
- Package of black sharpies

Any questions contact Kathy Graham, 978-851-5591

BOUTIQUE TABLE INFORMATION FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Tewksbury Piecemakers quilt show is sponsoring a boutique table for members to sell handmade items. There will be a \$15.00 per entrant. You may bring any type of item as long as it is handmade. Woodworking, leather, fabric food or anything in-between.

I will be handing out instructions on how to tag your items at the meetings. You will be responsible to drop off and pick up your items. I will take care of everything else.

If you have any questions I can be reached at (603)260-6590 Home or (978)337-0760

Mary Renn mrenn@comcast.net

DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED

We are looking for demonstrators for our **JUNE** quilt show. We will need you for a one hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday. You can also repeat your demo on both days or more than once in a day as the audience will change.

Possible suggestions for demonstrations are: hand quilting, machine piecing/quilting, machine embroidery, hand piecing, hand embroidery, or any special technique you want to share. Other things that can be demonstrated include knitting, card making, crocheting or other crafts. It will be of interest to our viewers and may just draw in some new members!

To sign up or answer any questions contact: Catherine Flowers at cflowersbunch@yahoo.com.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Spring Has Sprung! Wall Hanging Free Pattern
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Designed by Jacquelynne Steves. Sample made by Kathryn F. Taylor of Silly Kat Quilts. Facebook.com/SillyKatQuilts.
Approximate finished size: 12 1/2" x 17 1/2"

Supplies and Materials:

Cotton fabric:

White/Ivory/Cream scraps for background (4 different prints/patterns)

Green fabric for background and binding – 3/8 yard

Scraps for machine appliqué- Green, Blue, Yellow, Orange, Purple

Cotton Fabric of choice for backing- 17" x 22"

Thin cotton batting- 15" x 20"

Lightweight Fusible Interfacing- 1/2 yard (optional, but I find that it gives a nicer finish to machine applique)

Lightweight Fusible web for machine applique

Embroidery floss- dark brown and yellow

Buttons- 14 assorted colors and sizes (3/8" – 3/4")

Thread in desired colored for machine appliqué

Marker for transferring embroidery design

All Seam allowances 1/4", sew right sides together unless otherwise specified.

Make the background:

Cut 4 squares from White/Ivory/Cream fabrics, each 6 1/2" x 6 1/2". Sew 2 squares together and repeat with other 2 squares, press seam allowances to one side. Sew the 2 units together so you have a large square, press seam allowances open. This will be the background for your appliqued flower pot, it should measure 12 1/2" square.

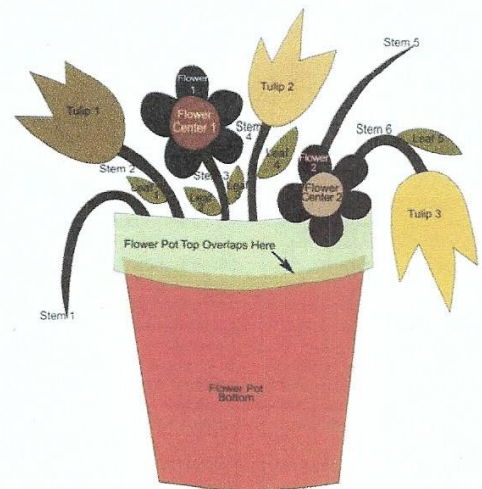
Cut Green fabric 12 1/2" x 5 1/2". Trace "Spring has Sprung" onto Green fabric. Backstitch with 3 strands of Dark Brown embroidery floss. Press on wrong side of fabric.

Sew pieced White/Ivory/Cream background to top of Green fabric. Press seam allowances toward Green.

Machine appliqué:

(Optional step) Cut fusible interfacing 17 1/2" x 12 1/2". Fuse to back (wrong side) of wall hanging according to manufacturer's directions.

Trace pattern pieces onto paper side of fusible web, cut out leaving about 1/8" around the edges. Fuse to wrong side of fabrics, according to manufacturer's directions. Cut out pieces on line.



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Referring to placement diagram, arrange appliqué pieces on background. We will use buttons as the “flowers” for stems #1 and #5.

Fuse pieces in place according to manufacturer’s instructions. Applique with desired stitch, such as zig zag or blanket stitch.

Layer the wall hanging, batting, and backing fabric together; quilt as desired.

Cut (2) 2 1/4” x width of fabric strips. Bind wall hanging with Green fabric strips.

Using 4 strands of yellow embroidery floss, sew large X’s to corners of wall hanging (refer to photo pg 1). Using 4 strands of brown embroidery floss, sew a large running stitch (about 1/4” long) around the border of the White/Ivory/Cream background, about 3/4” from the edge (refer to photo).

Arrange buttons as desired, sew on with 4 strands of yellow embroidery floss with knots on top. Trim threads to 1/4” long.

Make a dowel pocket for hanging:

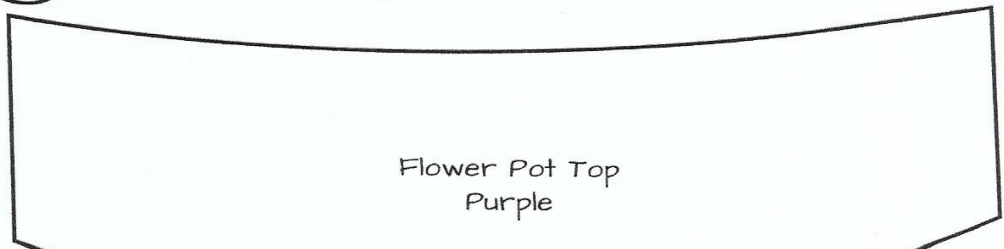
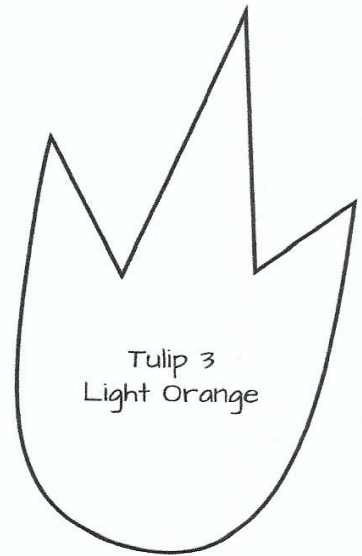
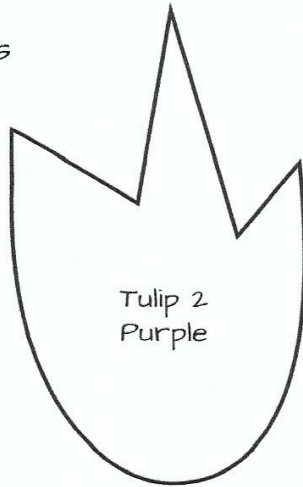
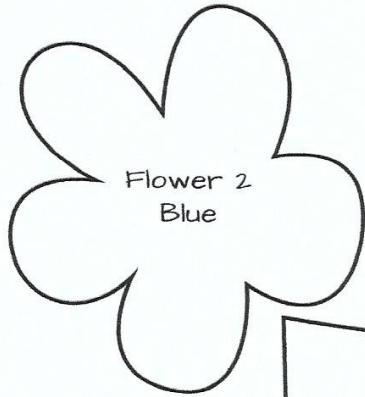
Cut a piece of fabric 12” x 3 1/2”. Turn short ends under 1/4” toward wrong side of fabric, and topstitch turned under edge to finish the edges. With *wrong sides out*, fold fabric in half lengthwise, and sew the long edges together to make a tube. Turn right side out and press.


Pin tube to the back of the wall hanging, about 1” from the top. Hand stitch the long edges of the tube to the backing. Insert a dowel or rod through tube for hanging. For a slightly different method of making a hanging sleeve, see tutorial here <https://jacquelynnesteves.com/how-to-make-a-hanging-sleeve-for-a-quilt/>

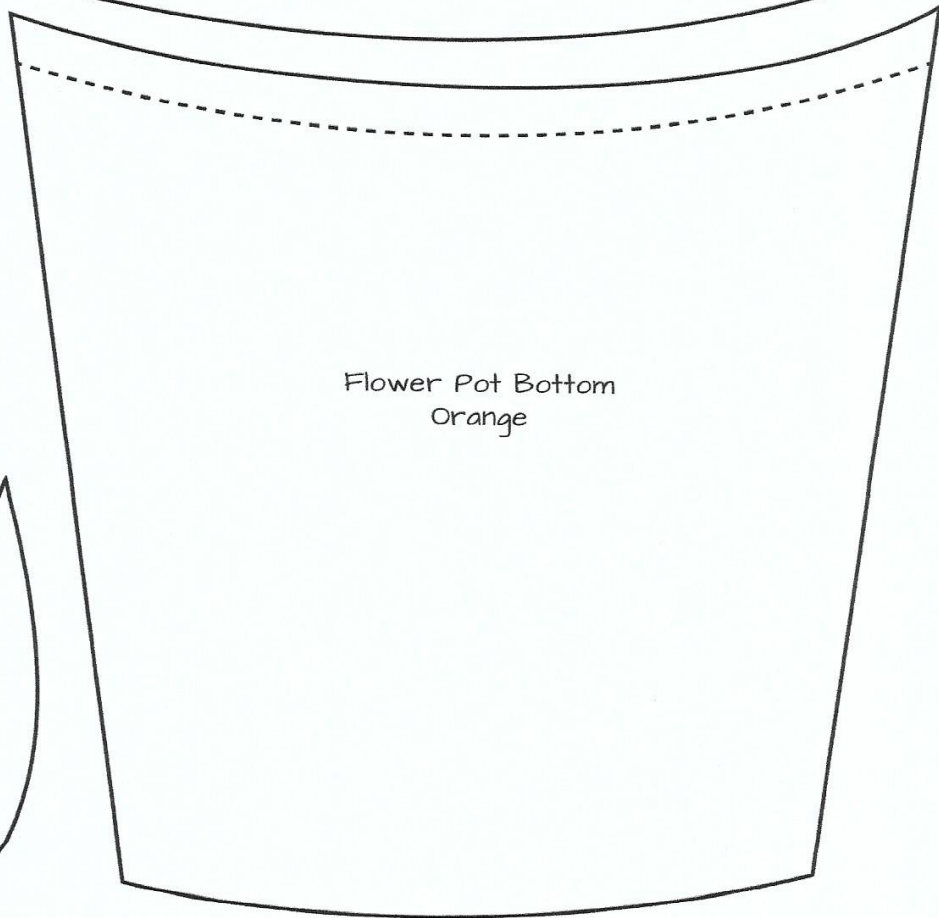
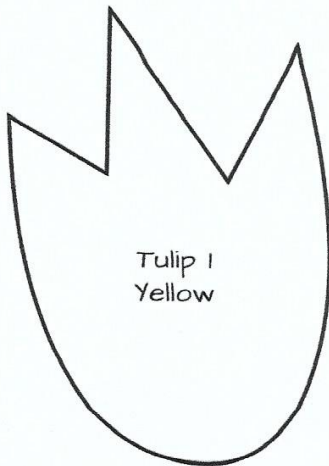


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Cut 1 of each



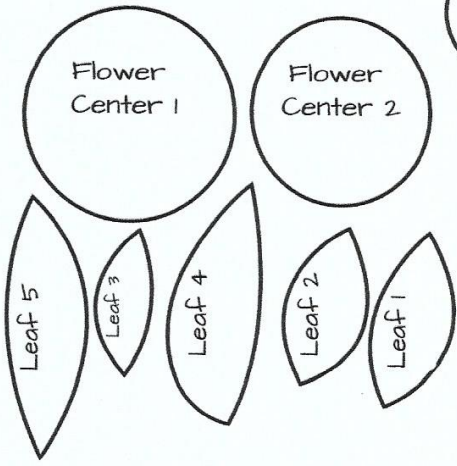
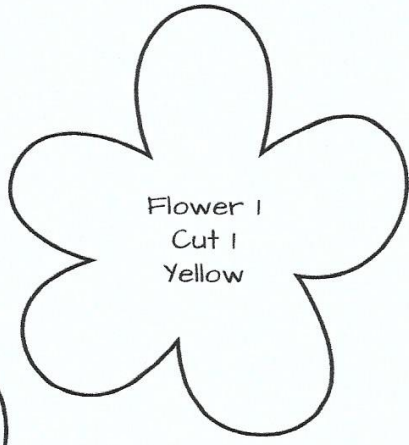

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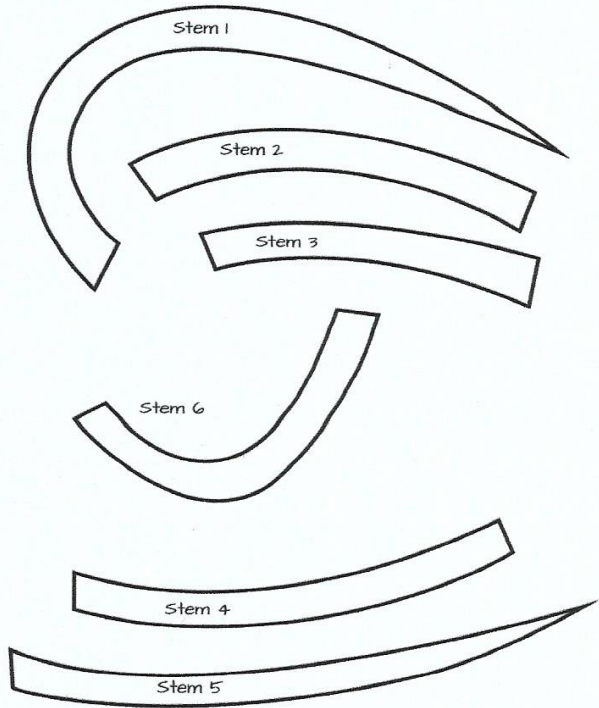
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Cut 1 of each



All stems and leaves- Green



Spring has sprung!

Embroider
with 3
strands
Brown
floss.

Tewksbury Piecemakers 2024 Quilt Show Entry Form

Entry # _____

Quilts after COVID

JUNE 1-2, 2024

Please make 2 copies of this form and give to Show Chairperson,
Elaine Walsh, Deb Rauseo or Pat Wolf
INCLUDE A PHOTO OF THE QUILT

Submitter's Name: _____

Phone Number, Cell: _____ Home: _____

Email: _____

Quiltmaker's Name: _____

Title of Quilt: _____

Actual Size (in Inches) Across Top _____ Down the Side _____

Describe Color Category ___ Winter ___ Spring ___ Summer ___ Fall

List Colors: Front of Quilt: _____ Back of Quilt _____

- ___ Hand Pieced ___ Machine Pieced ___ Machine Appliquéd
- ___ Hand Appliquéd ___ Machine Embroidered ___ Hand Embroidered
- ___ Hand Quilted ___ Machine Quilted

Machine Quilted by: _____

Quilter Maker's Statement: (examples) discuss technique, who the quilt was made for etc.,

Entry Receipt

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Title of Quilt _____
 Entry # _____

Entry Receipt

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Title of Quilt _____
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PLEASE!!! WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THE QUILT SHOW!! JUST TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR QUILT, FILL OUT THE FORM AND GIVE IT TO PAT WOLF. IT DOESN'T HURT AND WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME.... THANK YOU

(If you have a printer at home, email a picture to yourself and then print it from your email.)

If you cannot figure out how to make a sleeve, YouTube has tutorials, or we can demo it at the meeting. Just ask.

ALL QUILTS WILL NEED A SLEEVE. GENERAL DIRECTIONS

1. Cut and Sew **or** piece together fabric to make a strip 9 or 10 inches tall and the same width as the quilt. Fold under both short edges, wrong sides together, about 1/4 inch. Fold under again to double the fabric, and press. Sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the folds.
 2. Fold and Sew Lengthwise

Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a 1/2-inch seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open.

3. Sew Tube to Backing

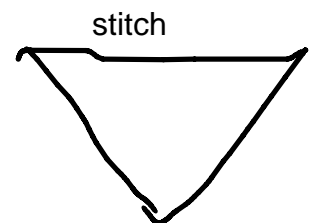
Place the open seam against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about 1/2-inch below the binding. Use a whipstitch to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt backing. Stitch into the [quilt batting](#) occasionally to help strengthen the seam but do not allow the stitches to show on the front of the quilt.

4. Attach the Sleeve to Quilt

Pin the sleeve bottom to the quilt.

Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove the pins. The sleeve will pooch out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod. Whipstitch the (short) back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front sides unsewn to allow for rod insertion.

Another way – Fold 10 inch squares into a triangle. Stitch fold onto backing, letting point hang down. Tack down the points. Rod will slide between the triangle and the quilt. Use enough triangles to support your quilt. The “pocket” will be between the quilt back and the triangle.



Sunbonnet Sue Vacationing After COVID Quilt Show Challenge

This challenge will be featuring Sunbonnet Sue dressed in her most appropriate outfit for vacation. You can choose where you want her to go. It could be your favorite country, state, beach, amusement park or whatever you would like. Be creative!! She should be made on an 18" X 18" finished square. I have included a blank pattern of Sunbonnet Sue as a size guide. The background on the square should depict the vacation spot she is visiting. You can use whatever embellishments you want, embroidery, applique, fabric painting, beads, buttons or whatever you would like to create your scene. The sky's the limit!

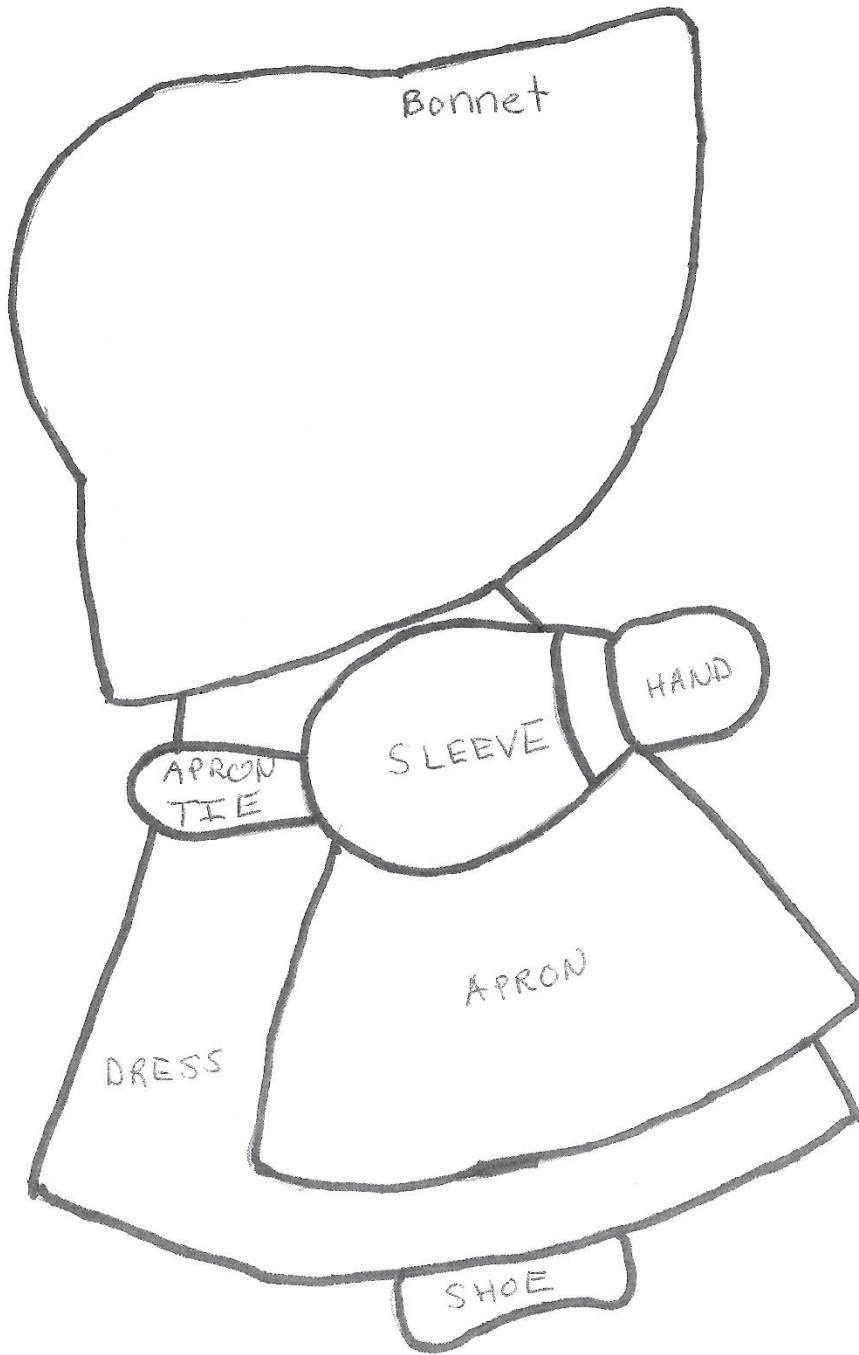
Rules:

1. Sunbonnet Sue should be dressed for a vacation destination of your choice.
2. Her face must be hidden by her bonnet/hat.
3. This mini quilt should measure 18" X 18".
4. No restrictions on embellishments which may be used.
5. Finished challenge quilts must be turned in by our March guild meeting on 3/12/24.
6. Have fun and enjoy your mini vacation!
7. If you have any questions, call Kathy Starling at 978-828-4126.



Please finish your block. Just like you would a wall hanging. Key words: mini quilt. Blocks will be pinned to a curtain for display

Sunbonnet Sue



APPROXIMATE HEIGHT 8 INCHES