



# Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PROGRAMS

**ELECTIONS**

Due to Covid-19 the elections were held by email and phone. I am happy to report that 58 responded by email and 7 by phone. The vote was unanimous and there were no nays.

Hello All,

I want to send a quick note to all guild members to let you know that its been an enjoyable and enriching 2 years for me serving as your president. I would not have been able to do this without all of the assistance and support from the board members and chairpersons. For this I am grateful.

Now is the time for someone else to hone their skills in leading the guild, particularly in this unusual Covid time. Congrats to Elaine Walsh as President and Deb Rauseo as Vice President for accepting this responsibility. I have every confidence that they will provide the leadership necessary for guiding the guild forward.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Your outgoing President,  
Pat

**AND FROM OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT**

Well, hello all and thanks for letting me take the lead in these crazy times. I am trying to research all sorts of different ways to run a "virtual" meeting. This is not going to be easy, but I encourage you to stick this out and we will make this work. We are going to try live streaming on Facebook in a private group. Search for the Piecemakers 2021 and join up. If you cannot, friend me under my family nickname- Kiki Walsh. For those without that capability, we will try teleconference, too. Also reach out via email to [lazyquilt@comcast.net](mailto:lazyquilt@comcast.net) .

I know we have all had time to spend with our sewing machines, but I hope you have also had time to get outside and enjoy the summer. We may not be

together until the snow melts, so buckle up and watch for more news as we try to have some quilting fun this year remotely. We are travelling a new road, but we will do it together and let's hope it is a great adventure!

Elaine

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Cathy Harvey; 5<sup>th</sup>, Gina Maniscalco; 7<sup>th</sup>, Maureen Cohen; 12<sup>th</sup>, Marlene Levesque; 19<sup>th</sup>, Charlene Mara; 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Starling; 24<sup>th</sup>, Sandy Cook; 25<sup>th</sup>, Mary Mahoney; 28<sup>th</sup>, Anna Gallo and 28<sup>th</sup>, Pam Marlow; A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY all!

## **AUGUST Birthdays**

9<sup>th</sup>, Sue Pedersen; 15<sup>th</sup>, Lish Croes; 17<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Collins and 18<sup>th</sup>, Rosemary Bray. A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY all!

## **SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

4<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Jean Brown; 12<sup>th</sup>, Connie Reik; 13<sup>th</sup>, Schuble Cook; 17<sup>th</sup>, Cam Michallyszyn; 18<sup>th</sup>, Terry Maimone; 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gail Darrigo; 24<sup>th</sup>, Mary Renn; 28<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Fubel and 28<sup>th</sup>, Louise Kelley. A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY all!

## **DUES**

Your dues should be paid as soon as possible. \$30.00 and sent to Tewksbury Piecemakers, PO Box 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876. I do not need a paper filled out. Include any changes to your address or email along with your check.

IF you are not renewing, PLEASE let me know that also.

## **PATTERNS**

Below you will find some patterns THAT WERE ALREADY RUN. The drawstring bag we hope to fill with personal care items to be distributed over the holidays. Arrangements will be made to collect the bags and any items you may wish to donate for filling these bags.

The next one is the Covid-19 quilt blocks. This was included just for you to have fun with. Hopefully we will be able to have a show and tell and get to see what you have made.

The last is a picture, sent by Karen Ivas.

Attached is a picture of an adorable Christmas Tree quilt..

Anyone wanting the free pattern can search Fat Quarter Shop. Once the website is reached, search Christmas Tree short cut quilt pattern for the free download. Super cute! There is also a free download for a mini Christmas Tree short cut quilt! Enjoy!

The picture shown shows page 1 of 4. You need to go to the link for the complete pattern.

[www.FatQuarterShop.com](http://www.FatQuarterShop.com) Go to free download (pdf) patterns. Look on page 9 for this one and the mini one.



## **FAT QUARTER DRAWSTRING BAG**

### **MATERIALS**

2 coordinating Fat quarters 22" x 18" 1 will be main fabric, 1 will be lining

1 yard ¼" grosgrain ribbon or cotton cord cut in half (2 – 18" pieces)

### **Prepping**

Trim off two 2" x 22" pieces from both fat quarters, put aside piece cut from lining (other pc will not be used)  
Trim the remaining fat quarter pieces to same size (approx. 21.5" x 16")

### **BAG BODY**

Fold each piece in half, wrong sides together (approx. 11.0 x 8) Stitch ¼" seam along side opposite fold and bottom, leave a 4" opening on bottom of lining fat quarter. Turn one bag right side out. Put this bag inside other one with right sides together and seams on opposite side to reduce bulk. Sew ¼" seam along top of the raw edges of bag. Turn inside out through the 4" opening of lining. Stitch the 4" opening closed by turning edges in ¼" on both sides. Put lining inside outer bag and press along top edge. Top stitch ¼" from edge.

### **CASING for drawstring**

Using the reserved 2' x 22" strip (should match lining) press the 22" edge toward the center to create a 1" casing, raw edges will meet in the center. Cut in half.

### **ATTACH the casing**

Fold over and press both ends of casing on each piece, so casing is ¼" from both ends of the finished bag on both sides of the bag. Measure down 2" from finished edge on both sides of the finished bag with chalk or removable marker. Place top edge of casing on the line ¼" from sides of bag and continuously top stitch close to the top and bottom edge of casing on both sides of bag.

### **INSERT ribbon/cord**

Attach a safety pin to one piece of ribbon/cord and feed through casing on both sides of the bag so both ends meet. With remaining ribbon/cord attach safety pin and feed through casing from opposite side. Join the 2 ends of ribbon/cord on one side and make over-hand knot about 2" from end of ribbon/cord. Do the same with remaining ribbon/cord. Trim ends. By pulling both knotted edges, the drawstring gathers the bag.

NOTE: Press whenever necessary

(I left this in again this month in case you didn't get to it.)

# Stained Glass/COVID-19 Challenge



This quilt was featured in Simple Quilts & Sewing magazine. The Designer /Quilt maker is Wendy Shephard.

You can use 2" strips or 2-1/2" strips.

The goal is to only use fabric that you have.

Its a great scrap quilt, we hope you enjoy using up your scraps.

## Materials

1-1/2 yards of light colored fabric  
Or 2 yards for 2-1/2" strips or squares  
Assorted prints , equal to 2-1/2 yards or  
(10) 1/4 yard cuts

## Cutting for 2" strips:

\*For light colored fabric  
(21) 2" x 42" strips, recut into (140)  
2" x 3-1/2" strips and (175) 2" squares.

\*From assorted bright prints:  
(21) 2" x 42" strips, recut into (140)  
2" x 3-1/2" strips (cut in 35 groups of 4)  
and (140) 2" squares.

## IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE 2-1/2" STRIPS

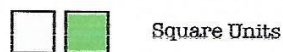
### Cutting for 2-1/2" strips:

\*For light colored fabric  
(27) 2-1/2" x 42" strips, recut into (140)  
2-1/2" x 4-1/2" strips and (175) 2-1/2" squares

\*From assorted bright prints:  
(27) 2-1/2" x 42" strips, recut into (140)  
2-1/2" x 4-1/2" strips (cut in 35 groups of 4)  
and (140) 2-1/2" squares.

**You can also use 2-1/2" squares and your rectangle size will be 4-1/2"**

1. Stitch a 2" light colored square to a 2" bright Square. Make 140.



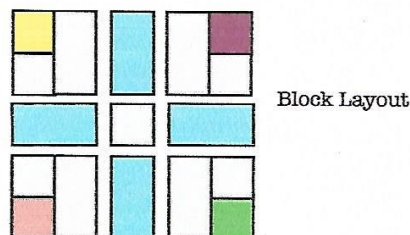
Square Units

2. Add 2" x 3-1/2" light colored strip to 1 square unit to make a corner unit. Make 70 of each orientation as shown. Press all seams open for easier time sewing rows of blocks together.



Corner Unit

3. Layout 4 corner units, (1) 2" light colored fabric, and 4 matching 2" x 3-1/2" bright strips. Sew pieces into rows. Sew rows together to make a block. Make 35 blocks.



Block Layout

**Assembly:** Arrange blocks in 7 rows of 5 or any size you would like your quilt to be. Sew blocks in rows. Sew rows together.





# Charming Christmas

Quilt Pattern

Fat Quarter Shop Exclusive



Finished Size: 59" x 59"

### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

- Two Charm Packs or sixty-eight 5" squares Shop Charm Packs at: <https://www.fatquartershop.com/charm-packs>
- 2 1/2 yards background
- 5/8 yard binding
- 3 7/8 yards backing

### CUTTING

- 68 - 5" squares (Fabric A)
- Cut background fabric into:
  - 2 - 5" x 14" rectangles (Fabric I)
  - 2 - 5" x 11 3/4" squares (Fabric J)
  - 2 - 5" x 9 1/2" rectangles (Fabric K)
  - 2 - 5" x 7 1/4" rectangles (Fabric L)
  - 2 - 5" squares (Fabric F)
  - 12 - 5" squares (Fabric G)
  - 2 - 2 3/4" x 5" rectangles (Fabric H)

### CUTTING CONTINUED:

- Cut background fabric into:
  - 2 - 5" x 32" strips (Fabric I)
  - 2 - 5" x 41" strips (Fabric J)
  - 7 - 5" x width of fabric strips (Fabric K)
- Cut binding fabric into:
  - 7 - 2 1/2" x width of fabric strips (Fabric L)

Use 1/8" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

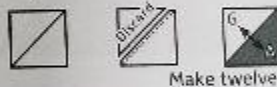
### ROW ASSEMBLY:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric G squares.

With right sides facing, layer a Fabric G square with a Fabric A square.

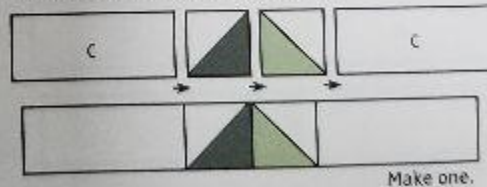
Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam.

Half Square Triangle Unit should measure 5" x 5".



Assemble two Fabric C rectangles and two Half Square Triangle Units.

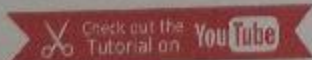
First Row should measure 5" x 32".



Ready. Set. Sew!

#CHARMINGCHRISTMASQUILT

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## **NEWSPAPER**

I normally would have copies of this newspaper at the meetings; however, due to COVID it must be online. I am including the info given to me for you to do as you wish.

The Country Register Newspaper. There are usually some interesting stories in it.

[http://www.countryregisteronline.com/Papers/CTMA\\_currentissue.pdf](http://www.countryregisteronline.com/Papers/CTMA_currentissue.pdf)

## **ANOTHER THING**

Please check with your friends that don't have email. I am trying to reach everyone but not everyone lets me know their email changed because they used a work one or a public one. I only find out if the email bounces back. I am mailing out copies when I can.

## **CHARITY AND GIVING**

The food pantry is in need of many things. One thing they were so grateful for was SCHOOL SUPPLIES. It may sound crazy, especially when we don't know the schedule, but they were so happy to receive some from one of our members. She was kind enough to pass the word. The guild isn't collecting but you can drop food and other items off right at the food pantry. There is a big box outside. It is located at the DPW yard, 999 Whipple Road. Right off of Pine Street. Every little bit helps.

The draw string bag pattern is another charity thing. Please make as many as you can and we will set up a collection time and place. Ideally we will be also collect personal care items. Combs, brushes, deodorants, tampax, pads, toothpaste and tooth brushes are examples.