



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Mailing address: PO Box 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876

MEETING September 12, 2023

@ Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876

Doors open at 6:30 PM

President

Sandy Cook
Sewing.sandy@yahoo.com
978-761-0755

Vice President

Cathy Harvey
pncharvey@comcast.net
978-851-5591

Secretary

Mary Arcidy
mmurph49@yahoo.com
978-994-9440

Treasurer

Cam Michallyszyn
camm917@gmail.com
978-256-1758

BOARD MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP

Cheryle Laffey
978-604-4434

meanswell@comcast.net

REFRESHMENTS

Elaine Walsh

lazyquilt@comcast.net

978-866-0995

Kathy Graham

RAFFLES

Pat Wolf

978-658-5024

dailywolfshop@yahoo.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Karen Ivas

Kivas1@verizon.net

WEB LIASON

Cheryle Laffey

HISTORIAN

Carol Calistro

nonicarol@comcast.net

978-957-8032

SUNSHINE

Cheryle Laffey

CHARITY COORDINATOR

Louise Kelley

Quilt47@comcast.net

WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Mary Renn

603-260-6590

mrenn@comcast.net

PHOTOGRAPHER

Anita Botolino

abotolino@yahoo.com

MUSEUM LIASON

PROGRAMS 24-25

PRESIDENTS GREETINGS

Hello Tewksbury Piecemakers Guild Members! I hope you all had a fabulous summer!

I found it way too short!

We have a great year lined up! The board members have worked hard setting things up and thinking of new and interesting things to present.

Thanks to them all...

Just a reminder for the placemats that should be submitted by November meeting. 12.5" x 17.5". ROUGHLY. If it's larger that is fine.

Did you notice on the side bar the names of our committees and their leaders? Did you notice we need more people to fill in some of the empty spaces? Did you notice there are spaces that have the same names over and over? It is not fair to have the same people on different committees. It is YOUR guild. YOU need to step up to help. You could co-chair with someone and help us fill in the empty spaces! WE NEED YOU!! Our special guest at our first 2023 meeting will be Dr. Maxwell Shippen. He is a licensed physical therapist in Massachusetts, a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and has earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology.

It will be a very interesting evening learning how to sit at our machines and for how long. Plus, we will be able to do more sewing if we are healthy and feel good! It all starts with a healthy mind and body! Make sure you save the date!

Also, our September meeting will be a pie social. The board members will bring the pies and you will bring whatever you want to drink.

(unfortunately non-alcoholic)

Sandy Cook, President

REFRESHMENTS for SEPTEMBER

Will be supplied by the board. Drinks will be needed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR AUGUST

2nd, Catherine Flowers; 5th, Rebecca Ryan; 15th, Lish Croes; 17th, Beverly Collins; 18th, Rosemary Bray.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SEPTEMBER

13th, Schuble Cook; 17th, Cam Michallyszyn; 24th, Mary Renn; 28th, Elaine Fubel; 28th, Louise Kelley.

FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE NO EXPIRED FOOD

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

We can use:

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

TEWKSBURY PIECEMAKERS BOARD MEETING August 1, 2023

In attendance were Sandy Cook, Cathy Harvey, Cheryl Laffey, Cam Michallyszyn, Chris Noonan, Deb Rauseo, Elaine Walsh, Pat Wolf, Mary Arcidy.

A list of expenses by category for the 9/12/22-7/11/23 season was submitted by the treasurer. This included the purchase of a PA system, a flash drive for photos, hall rental, and New England Quilt Membership.

A list of projected expenses for the upcoming April 2024 quilt show was submitted. The show is entitled "Quilts After Covid". The projected expenses are expected to be \$2,885.00.

A list of committees was submitted with both positions filled and positions to be filled for the 2023-2024 season.

Discussions continued regarding monthly speakers/activities, charity activities both ongoing and possible projects, as well as fees and costs.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Arcidy

FALL 23/SPRING 24 GUILD MEETING RAFFLES

This year we will have a new procedure for Raffles. We are asking all to donate one item for one meeting. You will bring in an item that would interest members with a value of \$20- \$25.00. The item can be new, or slightly used. Some examples of items would be; patterns, fabric, sewing tools/supplies, handmade item/s, decorative item, gift certificate, plant, or anything that you would find attractive for a raffle. Please do not donate old-out of date books. Items do not need to be wrapped or packaged. Each month, 5 members will be notified to donate. If you know ahead of time that you will not be attending that particular meeting, please let me know, and you will be moved to the next month.

I'm hoping this will be a good way to clear out some of our stash, and stuff, while we are summer/fall cleaning. You may bring the item to the previous meeting nite. Make sure it is labeled **for raffle** with your name on it. The meetings get very busy and I will also be working the raffle table, so I will need to be able to identify the item after the meeting, and know who is contributing the item so I can take your name off of the list.

September is all set, so for **October's** raffle donations will be from: Deb Alessandro, Mary Arcidy, Joan Blanchard, Ann Buskey and Carol Calistro. Please bring your items to the September meeting.

Feel free to call me with any questions..978-658-5024.

Pat Wolf

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

At the September meeting Elaine Walsh will explain the new refreshment system that she and Kathy Graham have come up with. Should be interesting!

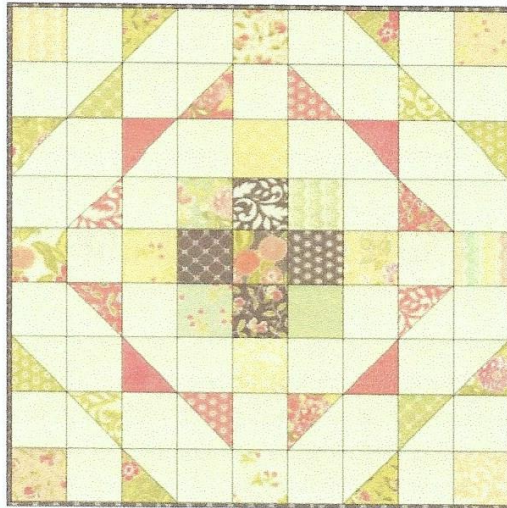
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Once again Karen Ivas will be doing the monthly blocks.
Doesn't she do a great job!

A table topper or make it a wall hanging.
Karen Ivas

Gather Round

A table top quilt pattern by Amber Johnson of Gigi's Thimble



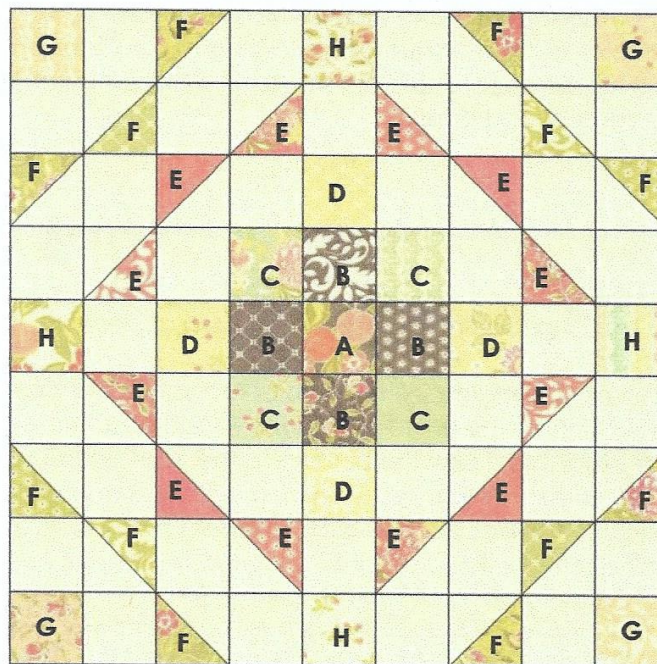
Finished size: 27" x 27"

Materials Needed:

- 1 charm pack
- 5/8 yard of cream solid fabric
- 1/4 yard binding fabric
- 1 yard backing fabric
- 31" x 31" piece of batting

From the charm pack select:

- (1) dark multi color square – A
 - (4) brown squares – B
 - (4) mint squares – C
 - (4) yellow squares – D
 - (6) red squares – E
 - (6) green squares – F
 - (4) peach squares – G
 - (4) light multi color squares – H
- = 33 squares total



Cutting:

From the 33 charm squares:

trim the A, B, C, D, G and H squares to 3½" x 3½"

trim the E and F squares to 4" x 4"

From the cream solid fabric, cut:

3 strips, 3½" x width of fabric; crosscut into 36 squares, 3½" x 3½" each

2 strips, 4" x width of fabric; crosscut into 12 squares, 4" x 4" each

From the binding fabric, cut:

3 strips, 2½" x width of fabric

Quilt Top Assembly

Make Half-Square Triangles:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 12 cream solid 4" squares.

Place a marked cream solid square on top of a red (E) 4" x 4" square with right sides together. Pin in place and stitch on each side of the drawn line ¼" away from the line. Cut on the drawn line to yield 2 half-square triangle units. Press the seam allowances toward the red (E) triangles. Trim both units to 3½" square (keeping the diagonal seam centered at 45°). Repeat to make a total of 12 red (E) and 12 green (F) half-square triangle units.

Lay Out:

Lay out the half-square triangle units, the twenty-one A, B, C, D, G and H 3½" x 3½" squares, and the 36 cream solid 3½" x 3½" squares according to the diagram at the bottom of page 1. Sew together 9 rows of 9 blocks each. Press the seam allowances toward the cream and brown (B) squares. Sew the rows together and press.

Finishing

Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt as desired. Trim the excess backing and batting.

Trim the selvages from the 2½" x width of fabric binding strips and sew together end-to-end to make one long strip. Press the seam allowances open and then press the long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Sew the binding to the front side of your quilt, aligning the raw edges and mitering the corners as you go. Join the beginning and end of the binding strip and then turn the folded edge to the back of the quilt. Hand stitch in place using a blind or running stitch and coordinating thread. For a great binding tutorial, check out my blog: alittlebitbiased.blogspot.com.

Thank you for choosing this free pattern. Feel free to e-mail me with photos, comments or questions at

gigisthimbler@hotmail.com or tag me on Instagram (username = @gigis_thimble). I'd love for you to use the hashtags

#gigisthimblerpattern and #gatherroundtabletopper when posting about this quilt. ©Copyright 2017 Gigi's Thimble. Please do not reproduce in any way without written consent from Gigi's Thimble. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.