



# Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

**MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2021 7:00 PM**  
**175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876**  
**Doors open at 6:30 PM**  
**MASKS REQUIRED**

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#### RAFFLES

Carol Saber  
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#### WEB LIASON

Pat Wolf  
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#### HISTORIAN

Carol Calistro

#### MUSEUM LIASON

#### SUNSHINE

Cheryle Laffey

#### CHARITY COORDINATOR

Louise Kelley

#### WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Spring – Mary Renn  
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#### PROGRAMS

## PRESIDENTS LETTER

I was so excited to finally be in a room of talented happy quilters. Our September meeting was like a Covid dream come true. We are still wearing masks, but we are smiling underneath them. October is here and the weather for wrapping up in a quilt is coming.

BC, that is before Covid, we had acquired some UFOS and doodads for an auction that never happened. Well, we have located the goods and we will be having our auction at the October. So, check the couches for loose change, bring all your deposit bottles back for your deposits and raid your piggy banks. Load your pockets and get ready to have a good time. Let's have some FUN!

## UP COMING CALENDAR

October will be a show and tell - Covid style. Please bring anything you COMPLETED during the lockdown.

November we have a machine repair man coming, not one we have seen before. This one works out of the Quilter's Common in Wakefield Center.

December, I would love to have our usual style stations set up. PLEASE let me know if you have something you can present or you know of someone I should invite to share their tips and techniques.

January- Karen Brown from Just Get It Done Quilts will be our Zoom 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.

Elaine

**NOTE: Refreshments will not be provided. You may bring your own if you wish.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

3<sup>rd</sup>, Karen Ivas; 6<sup>th</sup>, Ann LeBourdais; 11<sup>th</sup>, Kerry Kelly; 11<sup>th</sup>, Sandy Matthews; 18<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Bell; 26<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Forrestall; 28<sup>th</sup>, Carol Saber; 28<sup>th</sup>, Collette Wick.

### MINUTES from SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

#### **Board Meeting:**

Attendees (6): Kathy Graham, Cam Michallyszyn, Pat Wolf, Cheryle Laffey, Elaine Walsh and Deb Rauseo

The board approved \$50 do be donated to Action Recovery in memory of Bryan Kelley, son of Louise Kelley.

The board approved to spend \$500 to purchase personal items to fill the Christmas stockings to be donated to the Tewksbury Food Panty for local families. Any donations towards this \$500 expenditure would be greatly appreciated for this worthy cause.

For the October 12th meeting, please bring in all projects (large or small) that you have done during our "Covid Time" for Show and Tell.

We are looking for ideas for our December Ginger Bread Sampler. Does anyone have any special talents or ideas that can used or shown for a quick (15 minute) presentation? This could be a quick recipe, craft idea, etc. this does not have to be quilting related.

For the November 9t h meeting, our speaker will be Carmen Morellis discussing sewing machines: "Why does this do that?"

#### **September Monthly Meeting Notes:**

Carol Calistro spoke about the history of the Tewksbury Peacemakers. Thank you, this was Very Informative!

Name Tag Winner was Claire Crowley.

Raffle Winners were:

- Pam Marlow;
- Cheryle Laffey and Allie;
- Mary Arcidy;
- Claudia Russo;
- Bev Collins.

Respectfully,  
Kathy Graham

These are couple of pics of the Thursday group putting together over 125 Christmas stockings to be handed out by the food pantry.

THIS IS A GUILD PROJECT.



Thank you to Mary Arcidy for organizing this.



The guild has appropriated \$150.00 towards filling these with essential items. \$150.00 is not enough. That amounts to just over \$1.00 per stocking. We are asking all of you to please add to the jar during our October and November meetings. Any amount you can give will go towards purchasing items for the stockings.

### **UFO AUCTION**

We will host the long-awaited UFO Auction at the October meeting. Prior to the pandemic guild members donated fabric, kits, and unfinished projects for the auction. A few of the items for sale are:

- Sewing boxes
- Valentine table runner kit
- Moda charm pack
- 12x12 Christmas blocks
- Several quilt tops
- Lots of great fabric

We will have a fun time raising money for the guild. Bring cash or your checkbook and be prepared to renew your stash in time for winter.

Deb

## New Block(s) of Month Challenge for the coming year!

Karen Ivas has a 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 first two blocks. Enjoy a new project!

# Shining Star Block

10" x 10" Finished

by Bev McCullough

flamingotoes.com @flamingotoes

### Materials

Fabrics listed are Confetti Cottons by Riley Blake

Frosting 6" x 9" (Copyright 2009)

Marsala 3½" x WOF

Pebble 4" x 21"

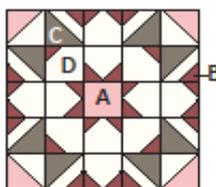
Le Creme 6" x WOF

### Tools

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

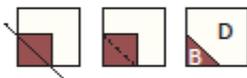
### Cutting Instructions

- Frosting: A- five 2½" squares  
 Marsala: B- twenty eight 1½" squares  
 Pebble: C- eight 2½" squares  
 Le Creme: D- twenty four 2½" squares



### Sewing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four of the B squares. Place one square, right sides together, on the corner of a D square as shown. Sew on the marked line, then trim the corner off, ¼" away from the seam. Press the seam towards the darker fabric. Make 4.



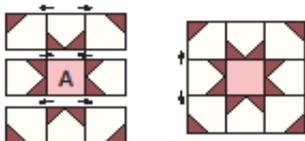
2. Repeat this step, sewing four more B squares on each of the Step 1 units as shown below.



3. Repeat Step 1 with four more B and D squares. Make 4.



4. Assemble the center of the Shining Star block as shown below using the units in Steps 2 and 3, plus one A square. Sew each row together, then sew row 1 to row 2, then add row 3.



5. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to create 4 units.



6. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four A squares. Place them right sides together with four D squares. Sew on the marked line, then trim the corner ¼" away from the seam. Press towards the A corner. Make 4.



7. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the C squares. Place them right sides together with a D square. Sew on the marked line, trim and press open. Make 8.



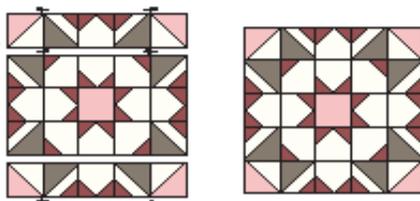
8. Draw a diagonal line on the remaining eight B squares. Place the squares right sides together on the D corner of the Step 7 units. Sew on the marked line, trim and press open.



9. Create units with one Step 5 unit and two Step 8 units. Make 4.



10. Assemble the Shining Star Block as shown. Block will be 10½" x 10½" unfinished.



# Pinwheel Star Block by Amanda Niederhauser

10" x 10" Finished

www.jedcraftgirl.com @jedcraftgirl

## Materials

Fabrics listed are Confetti Cottons by Riley Blake

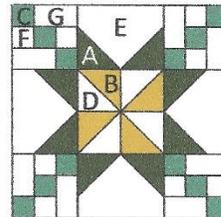
Chive	4" x 21"
Curry	4" x 12"
Lodge Pole	2½" x 21"
Le Creme	6" x WOF

## Tools

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

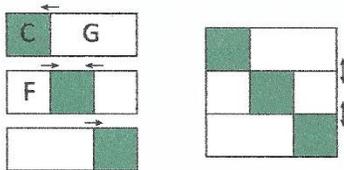
## Cutting Instructions

- Chive:** A- eight 2½" squares  
**Curry:** B- four 2½" squares  
**Lodge Pole:** C- twelve 1½" squares  
**Le Creme:** D- four 2½" squares  
 E- four 3½" x 4½" rectangles  
 F- eight 1½" squares  
 G- eight 1½" x 2½" rectangles

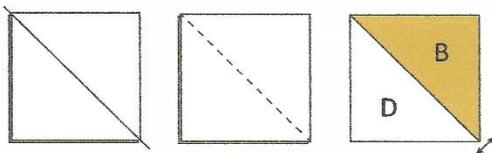


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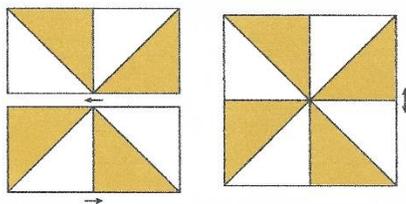
1. Lay out three C squares, two F squares and two G rectangles and sew together in rows. Press toward the dark. Sew rows together. Press seams open. Make 4 Chain Units (3½" x 3½").



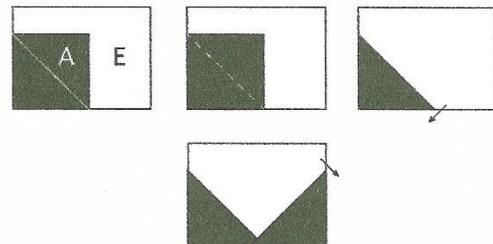
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the four D squares. Pair with the four B squares, right sides together. Sew ON the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the seam. Press seams open.



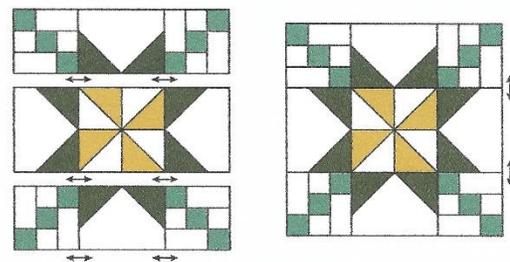
3. Sew the half square triangles in a 4-patch to create a Pinwheel Unit (4½" x 4½").



4. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the A squares. Position an A square on the bottom left corner of an E rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim ¼" away from the seam. Press. Repeat with the right side. Make 4 Star Point Units (3½" x 4½").



5. Lay out the quilt block using the four Chain Units, four Star Point Units and one Pinwheel Unit. Sew together in rows. Sew the rows together to complete the Pinwheel Star Block (10½" x 10½"). Press seams open.



This questionnaire should be given to Deb Rauseo, preferably before the November meeting. This will enable the machine guy to prepare his program. If you want, you can just write down your questions and turn them in to Deb.

### WHY DOES IT DO THAT?

**Have you ever been sewing along and all of a sudden, your stitching goes off for no reason?**

Our upcoming seminar will explain the different reasons *Why Your Machine does That*. This course will answer the “**WHY**” and help you with the “**How Do I Correct It?**” There will also be a question-and-answer session in this seminar.

To get the most out of the question-and-answer session please answer the following questions and return them before the day of the seminar.

1. What is the most common or “nagging” problem you experience with your sewing machine? -----

2. What Brand of sewing machine do you have? -----

3. What is the model of your sewing machine? -----

4. What type of thread do you generally use? -----

5. What type sewing do you primarily sew? -----  
i.e. Mending, quilting, clothing, heavy repairing like canvases covers.

6. Is there something you always wanted to know about your machine?

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Thank you for your input.