



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021 7:00 PM

175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876

Doors open at 6:30 PM

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PROGRAMS

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Happy Fall! My favorite colors of yellows and oranges and reds popping out all over. I love doing all my projects for gift giving, as I work well under pressure. There are plenty of things to do.

We are getting things ready for our November machine tips and tricks presentation. After Carmen presents, we have time for Q&A. Then we have stockings for the food pantry to stuff. We have all the stuff, just need hands to help out.

Our December meeting will be another workshop sampler. We have so many talented people in our midst.

Remember, we cannot put out a snack table, but you can bring your own and share with anyone you want to share with. 😊

UP COMING CALENDAR

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 for your table if you wish. Sharing is allowed.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

1st, Robin Murch; 1st, Donna Singleton; 6th, Pat Wolf; 10th, Anita Sartori; 11th, Joyce Lloyd; 27th, Claudia Russo; 29th, Deb Alessandro.

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. This month is Christmas fat quarters. The girls, Allie and Lulu, will be collecting them at the door.

Also, Christmas stockings were made and need to be filled for distribution by the Food Pantry. There is a pumpkin on the stable to put your donation in. We need to collect as much as we can. Distributions will be in early December, before our next meeting, so this is the last month for us to collect. Thank you for helping the food pantry.

MONTHLY RAFFLES

Carol Saber and Kathy Starling put a lot of thought and effort into running this. Purchasing raffle tickets is one way (and at this time the only way) of raising money for the guild. Buy some raffle tickets and even if you don't win you are doing it for the good of the guild.

A FEW ROAD TRIP SIGNS





QUESTION

Anyone interested in having the scissor sharpener guys back? Please let me know and I will contact them.

Maybe for February or March? I will try to remember to bring it up at the meeting and the board meeting. If I don't, someone please remind me!

ANOTHER YEAR

Even though they haven't finished this term, yet it is time to consider elections. Please start thinking about running for office or help by filling in. Currently President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are due for election. Some of them may agree to stay on for another term BUT we don't know that. There are also posted positions on the sidebar that are open. More than one person can chair any position, grab your friend and do it together. Think real HARD, the guild needs you.

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 next two blocks. Enjoy a new project!

These are the next two blocks for our Blocks of the Month Challenge! The Stella block is a bit tricky, made with templates. If you have a Deb Tucker V-Block ruler, the portion of the block using templates is very much simplified!

If you brought a Covid quilt for show and tell last month, please let me know and I will enter you in the drawing for a prize at the November meeting. Unfortunately, I couldn't be at the meeting and I encouraged you to bring your quilts for show and tell.

Happy Quilting!

Karen Ivas

Stella

10" x 10" Finished

by Sandy Gervais

piecesfrommyheart.net @gervaisandy

Materials

Fabrics listed are Confetti Cottons by Riley Blake

Colonial Blue 4" x 21"
 Curry 4" x 10"
 Dove 4" x 10"
 Le Creme 6" x WOF

Tools

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

One of the following: Tri Recs Tool or Planted Seed Designs Triangle-in-a-Square ruler or template plastic.

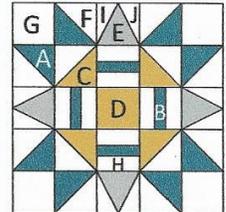
Cutting Instructions

Colonial Blue: A- four $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
 B- four $1" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$ rectangle

Curry: C- two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
 D- one $2\frac{1}{2}"$ square

Dove: E- four triangle 1*

Le Creme: F- six $2\frac{7}{8}"$ squares
 G- four $2\frac{1}{2}"$ squares
 H- eight $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$ rectangles
 I- four left triangle 2*
 J- four right triangle 2*



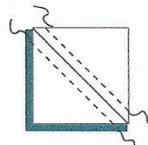
* See box for how to cut triangles 1 and 2 using the listed rulers or templates provided.

Sewing Instructions

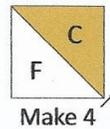
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the F squares.

2. Place one A and F square right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}"$ from the drawn line on each side.

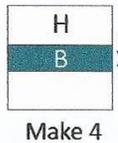
Cut the squares on the diagonal line. Open and press towards the dark fabric. You should now have two A/F half square triangle units (HST). Repeat to make eight A/F HST ($2\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$).



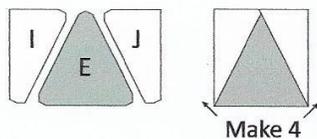
3. Repeat the process in Step 2 to using C and F squares to make four C/F HST units.



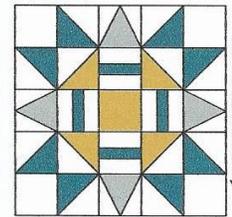
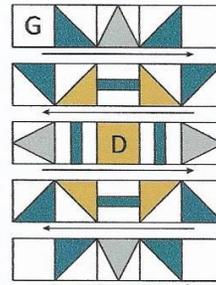
4. Sew an H rectangle to the top and bottom of a B rectangle. Press seams towards the B rectangle. Repeat to make four Unit 1 ($2\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$).



5. Sew an I triangle to the left edge of an E triangle, followed by a J triangle. Repeat to make four Unit 2 ($2\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$).

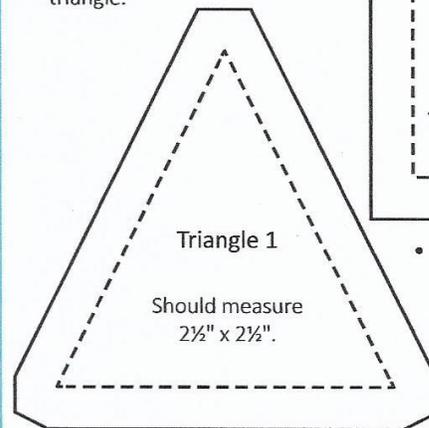


6. Sew the HSTs, Units 1 and 2, and D and G squares together in 5 rows as shown. Press seams in opposite directions on odd and even rows. Then sew the rows together to complete the Stella Block ($10\frac{1}{2}" \times 10\frac{1}{2}"$). Press seams in one direction.



To cut triangles:

- Cut a $2\frac{1}{2}"$ strip of fabric.
- For E and J triangles, place template or ruler right side up, on the right side of a single layer of fabric, and cut around. Rotate template/ruler 180° and cut next triangle.



- For I triangles, place the template/ruler wrong side up then cut as for J triangles.

Framed Flower Block

10" x 10" Finished

by Carina Gardner

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Materials

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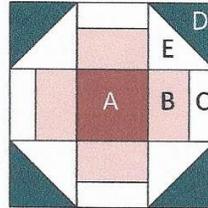
Marsala 5" square
Frosting 5" x 11" (Updated 2/24)
Stargazer 6" x 11"
Le Creme 6" x 21"

Tools

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

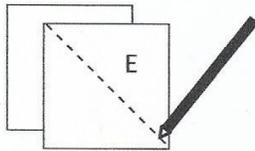
Cutting Instructions

- Marsala: A- one 4" square
Frosting: B- four 2½" x 4" rectangles
Stargazer: D- two 5" squares (will be trimmed down)
Le Creme: C- four 1¾" x 4" rectangles
E- two 5" squares (will be trimmed down)

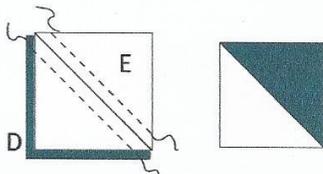


Sewing Instructions

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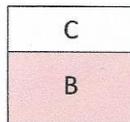


2. Place D and E pieces right side together and sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line. Once sewn, cut in half on the pencil line to create half square triangles. Press open.

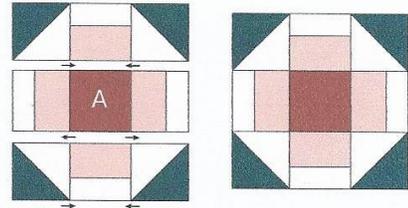


3. Trim the half square triangles to 3¾" squares. You should have 4 total when you are done!

4. Sew a C rectangle to the top of a B rectangle. Repeat to make 4 Unit 1.



5. Lay out the four half square triangles, four Unit 1 and A square as shown. Sew horizontal rows. Then sew the rows together to complete the block (10½" x 10½").



Rather watch a video?
Go to
[@carinagardner](https://www.instagram.com/carinagardner) on Instagram
or [Youtube.com/carinagardner](https://www.youtube.com/carinagardner)
for a full video.

Riley Blake
DESIGNS

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The Tuesday Charity group has been very busy working on these current projects. This is just 2 of the many projects they have been working on these many years. Feel free to join them on Tuesday mornings at the Tewksbury senior center around 11 am.

DAM-IT Dolls for Breast Cancer



Fleece scarfs for the homeless in Lowell



FIDGET QUILTS

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

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Any other suggestions are greatly appreciated
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