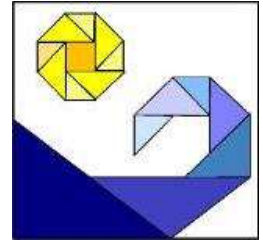


Quilters by the Sea



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August, 2020

Howdy Quilters!!!!

Well, half the year is gone. What have we accomplished individually and as a Guild? I have organized and reorganized my stash. Some of it I have simply given to others or for the Red Hen. With this pandemic it seems I am sewing more and more. I tried the Wings QBS community quilt kit. Have you tried it yet? It is important to pay attention to the direction of the blocks when you lay them out – maybe you will not have to rip a few seams like I had to.

As a Guild, we held our second Zoom General meeting with a speaker in July, some Zoom get together, and had 4 members attended the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds Zoom quarterly meeting. We delivered quilts to Long Beach Women's Shelter, For the Child, and New Life Beginnings and checks.

We are a little more than halfway toward meeting our goal of donating 350 quilts for 2020. Together we have all donated several thousands of masks locally and around the country. Most of us are still making masks. Wow!!! It's not our favorite thing to do but know we need to rise to keep helping those around us. THANK YOU!!

Our new Parliamentarian Dawn Lindelin is overseeing the Nominating Committee. She is currently working on the required slate of officers for QBS 2021. We have a few openings on the Board and co-chairs are encouraged. Yes – things have changed since this pandemic and so are we. I was asked to stay on for a third year a couple of months ago because of Zoom and the challenges this pandemic is presenting. It would be a privilege to serve a third year as your President – with support of our Board and Guild members.

Change IS growth. Change IS inevitable. Please share your ideas and help make things happen – even if you are not Zooming, I know many of you are sewing, and doing other projects. Please

send QBS a picture of those projects – those flowers that are now blooming or vegetables ripening – what brilliant colors we have around us. Some of you bought new machines and gadgets too!

Hope to see you zooming in August! We have speakers scheduled this fall!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE SAFE,

Yours in quilting and washing hands 20 + times a day,

Lori L. Ramsey



Yardage Chart

1/8 YD	4 1/2 IN	.125
1/4 YD	9 IN	.25
1/3 YD	12 IN	.33
3/8 YD	13 1/2 IN	.375
1/2 YD	18 IN	.50
5/8 YD	22 1/2 IN	.625
2/3 YD	24 IN	.66
3/4 YD	27 IN	.75
7/8 YD	31 1/2 IN	.875
1 YD	36 IN	1.0

Quilt in a Day[®]



Randy Miller

We now have two hundred three completed quilts for 2020, this is 58 per cent of our goal of 350.

We are still accepting UFO's for community relations, please include the pattern if it is needed to finish the quilt.

Since I have been on "lock down" I have been cutting kits, lots of kits. We now not only have plenty of kits; but we also have quilts that need quilting, quilts that need binding.

We now have our new shipment of labels, so if anyone needs some, please get in touch with me.

I am attaching a pattern called Wheels and some handy hints on binding.

Two new patterns and a lesson on binding have been included in this newsletter which you may use for Community Relations Quilts. See the last pages.

Sewing quilts from the QBS kits

- Before you start sewing a kit, take a minute to quickly read through the directions. If there is anything you don't understand, call Randy Miller or Jo Melis before you start cutting/sewing. Once you've cut something incorrectly, it's very hard to recover as the kits do not contain a large amount of extra fabric to correct mistakes.
- Be sure to trim off the selvages before sewing! Selvage material shrinks at a different rate than the "real" part of the fabric and should NOT be used.
- Please do NOT piece the borders on the diagonal! The kits do not allow any extra fabric to do this.
- Read how the borders are supposed to be sewn on. Sometimes you will need to sew all the border pieces together before sewing them to the quilt or you will run out of border fabric. These directions will be at the bottom of the pattern.
- If the pattern says sew the border to top and bottom, then sew on sides, do that. Usually the patterns are constructed so that a single strip can be used for the top (and one for the bottom) IF those borders are done first. If there are 3 strips left (for a kid's quilt), sew them together before sewing them to the sides. If there are 4 border strips left, sew 2 together for one side and 2 together for the other side.

· Do NOT add extra rows or borders to make the quilt bigger. The fabric for the binding and backing has been carefully calculated for the size given. If you start adding “extras”, the backing and binding that was selected specifically to match that quilt can’t be used. Not only can’t the proper backing be used, a new make-shift backing that may not look as nice will have to be found. Sometimes the original backing can’t even be reused unless it is cut into little strips.

· Binding strips CAN (and should) be sewn together diagonally. This reduces bulk, so it is the preferred method. The pattern requirements for binding take into consideration the extra fabric needed for diagonally piecing. However, you can sew the binding with straight seams if you are uncomfortable with the preferred method. Come to one of the Community Relations sew days and someone there will be happy to show you how to sew binding strips properly!

Sewing quilts with your own fabric/pattern

Baby/kids

· Good sizes for baby/kid’s quilts are 40” x 52-56”. If you keep the width to 40”, you don’t have to piece the backing!

· If you are making a kid’s quilt, please try to select kid-friendly prints and bright, happy colors.

· Kid’s quilts will be washed a lot, so save the extra-fancy techniques for when you make your own quilt. You will appreciate it a lot more than they will.

Did you know...?

QBS members may attend Acaia guild meetings without paying a visitor’s fee! As sister guilds, members may attend either and both settings w/o extra fees.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sandra Carreon	4
Judy Baca	14
Joyce Allen	21
Carol Beliso	21
Alice Finkelstein	25

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Sonia Das

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS & SHOUTOUTS

Sonia Das

Acknowledging life events of the following guild members

Sunshine

Lyndell Darby and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2020. Congratulations and best wishes for achieving this wonderful milestone!

Shadows

Lori Ramsey, QBS President, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She will have to undergo colon surgery and chemotherapy soon. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Sonia Das is handling Sunshine & Shadows for Quilters by the Sea this year. If she has omitted anyone or anything, corrections and updates will be made in future newsletters. Please contact her with news about guild members at soniadas@yahoo.com.



Love to shop and help the guild at the same time?

We are registered with Amazon Smile. What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Go to our homepage quiltersbythesea.com and click on the AmazonSmile box. Once you have logged onto to Amazon and chosen **Quilters By The Sea** as your charity they will donate .5% of eligible purchases to our guild at no extra cost to you! Bookmark the page though as it will not donate if you just go to Amazon.com, you need to go through Smile.Amazon.com. **If you have the app on your phone or other device, you can add smile to the app and any purchase that is eligible, will automatically be credited to your order.**

Special Events

Sally Clark & Linda Mosen

The Red Hen Sale usually in September is cancelled for 2020. BUT! We are still collecting Red Hen Items. If you have donations for the Red Hen Sale in 2021, You may drop your donations off at one of our homes. OR We will come to your home and pick up your Red Hen donations.

Call, text, or email:

Sallyaclark2013@gmail.com

lmosen@verizon.net



Workshops are on hold until further notice



Sandy Carreon

Hi Quilters,

I hope you enjoyed our meeting in July with Trudy Cleveland and the tips she provided for using your smartphone camera to take better pictures of your quilts. Please take some pictures send them in for our next show and tell in August. Our August meeting, yes, you heard right, we are meeting on August 13, same time (we open the zoom room at 6:30 and will start the formal meeting at 7PM) and same channel-Zoom. Those members who attended our July meeting decided that we would like to still meet in August. We won't have a speaker, so we are calling it "Let's Get Together," Just Because...", and maybe there will be some fun surprises. It will be a zoom meeting (I don't think we will be meeting in person for some time) and a link will be provided in a special blast before the meeting. Now for those who haven't done any zoom meetings, it is very easy to do and it is so good to see people's faces and see them in their natural habitat. So while you can join without being on video, we highly encourage it as we love to see your beautiful faces and see your smiles and expressions (which we can't see behind your masks). Zoom is a safe way to see and communicate with others. You can zoom with a smartphone, with a tablet, a laptop, a Chromebook or a computer. Don't be embarrassed if it is difficult to figure out. AARP has resources on their website as well as the zoom website itself. Plus your children and grandchildren can probably help you get started. It doesn't cost you a thing and besides a few technical issues once in a while, it works great. We'd love to see all our members attend meetings. If you need help please reach out to a board member and we can get you the help you need to attend. If you have attended and know some members that didn't please reach out to them and encourage them. We miss our members and unfortunately don't see meeting in person in the foreseeable future. I have been touch with the speakers for the rest of the year (**Bev Remillard in October and Lenie Bosman in November**) and they are willing to do their lectures and workshops virtually. I am working on programs for September and December that you will enjoy.

Sandy Carreon

sandycarreonquilting@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE GUILD LIBRARY

Pam Plakos & Lyndell Darby

We think that all this stay at home business has given all of us time to look through all the magazines, books, and patterns. We will take any and all of those items you want to give to another "home". So hold onto those items and bring them to us whenever we can all get back together.

Stay safe and keep quilting...

Pam and Lyndell

PS...We are still looking for a name to replace "librarians".

We will also keep selling from the Guild Basket when meetings resume.

MEMBERSHIP

Brandi Kelly-Contreras and Katherine Gaines
Membership Chairs

Membership cards are for guild discounts. If you did not receive yours yet it could be that we have not received your dues or you weren't at the last in person meeting. If you have not received your membership card and need it before the next time we are able to meet please email Katherine Gaines and we will mail it to you.

Checks made payable to: Quilters by the Sea for \$35.00 please include to application with your correspondence.

Rosters are out now. If you are not on the roster or you notice that there is an error please let your membership team know and we will correct it.

Stay safe and please limit your social gatherings. Use our social networking tools out there and stay informed.

Quilters By The Sea

Application/Information update

Year 2020

New Member:

Renewal:

Information Update:

For all renewing members. Please fill in this form completely so our member roster can be accurate and up to date. Thank you, Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____

E-Mail: _____

Birthday: _____ (month & day only)

QBS QUILT SHOW

Kate Weber, 2021 Quilt Show Chair

2021 Non-Traditional Quilt Show Update

Thank you to all who attended the Saturday Zoom meeting about our non-traditional quilt show (whatever that turns out to be). There was a great suggestion to use a parking lot that has solar panel structures so we can be outside but quilts won't be subjected to direct sunlight and (maybe) less susceptible to bird poop! Over the next few weeks I'll be driving around and checking out possible parking lot venues. Please let me know if your business or school might be available at no/low cost; at this point we don't know what income we'll have, if any. Anything to keep the costs minimal would be a great help. Let Kate know your ideas.

Quilt Show Zoom meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9-10am followed by a sew-along. Link will be posted in the Blast the Tuesday before.



Many thanks to our hard working members who volunteer their time and talent to make our guild great; especially those who contributed to masks and Community Relations this year.



Calling All Quilts
SCCQG 2021 Road to California Quilt Conference Special Exhibit
“Sharing Our Quilts”

During this stay-at-home time are you busy quilting? Are you working on a quilt that has been begging to be completed? Have you finished a quilt for a now--postponed future guild quilt show? Or a new fresh quilt has emerged that you would like to share with fellow quilters? **Solution** = Enter these quilts in our 2021 SCCQG Road to California special exhibit!!! The “Sharing Our Quilts” exhibit is designed to be a showcase for recent (2019-2020) quilts that you have, or you are producing. There is no specific theme or topic, or size limitation. The plan is to share treasured styles of quilting or patterns you relish. This exhibit is all about Southern California quilts created by members of SCCQG Member guilds. Let us fill the long north wall of the Ontario venue. There is still plenty of time to enter as the deadline is November 1, 2020. The Call for Quilts and Entry Form are posted on the SCCQG website.

32nd ANNUAL HOFFMAN CHALLENGE

2020 – 2021

New rule this year – must use at least 3 of the 6 Challenge Fabrics

Categories are Quilts (any shape, 72 to 160-inch perimeters, 4 inch sleeve), Clothing, Accessory (includes shoes, hats and jewelry), and Best Use of Aurifil Thread.

Entry due April 1st, 2021

For Details click on link <http://hoffmancaliforniafabrics.net/challenge/>

HUMOR TIME

Cowboy's Canine

A cowboy was walking down the street with his new pet dachshund.

The passerby asked him why a cowboy would own that kind of dog.

The cowboy answered, "Well, somebody told me to get a long little doggie."

Zoom unofficial meeting on August 13, 2020.

To find the code for the Zoom meetings check your emails when it is close to meeting day.

August retreat was cancelled due to Covid 19.

Opportunity Quilt

Cathe Hagerman-Beizer

Quilters by the Sea of Long Beach present their Opportunity Quilt 2020 - "Water Garden" - (64" x 88"). Design is from the pattern "Shimmering Triangles" by Jenny Bowker; instructions are available on her website: (www.JennyBowker.com). The quilt was machine pieced by Cathe Hagerman-Beizer, and machine quilted by Debra Cardinale. The drawing for the winner will be held December 10, 2020. Tickets are \$1/each or 6/\$5.00 Tickets and postcards are available at the Opportunity Quilt table or by contacting Cathe by phone or email; you will find her email address in the Roster.

Tickets and envelopes have been mailed to those members who were unable to pick up their tickets in February or March. Please seriously consider selling or buying the tickets. It is a major fundraiser for the guild and will probably be the only one we have this year. Also at the end of the newsletter are mailing labels and letters you can use to send to friends. You can get more tickets. Cathe will be glad to send you more tickets.





If you submit your quilt photo, it will be published in July. Also, if you would like to share a quilt you have finished recently, or a work in progress please send the photos to nhjordan@msn.com with show and tell in the subject line and your project will be published in the July newsletter. Try to get them in by the 20th. Thank you to all who contributed, keep them coming for next month also. And now, contributions from our busy members.



Backyard Sewing Day







Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month to Nancy Jordan at nhjordan@msn.com. Please put Newsletter and current month in the subject line and please include your name in the email so I can give proper credit to your article. Thank you



Many guild members have allergies. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, or scented lotions to the meetings and work-shops. Your cooperation is appreciated and makes our gatherings pleasant for all. What you consider lightly scented is sometimes a serious problem to someone who has sensitive allergies!



PLACES TO GO



Open Sew

These are not QBS events; this is For Your Information only.

Things are changing, check with the Centers

Monday nights at Cerritos Senior Center (12340 South Street)

Wednesday Mornings at El Dorado Senior Center (2800 Studebaker, Long Beach)

9:30am – 12:30pm.

On the next two pages are mailing labels and sample letters if you choose to sell tickets to friends near and far. Contact Cathe for further information.

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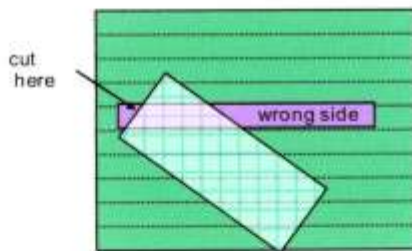
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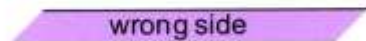
Perfect Fit Binding Technique

Follow these steps exactly for easy, attractive binding with no bumpy seam joinings to be hand sewn.

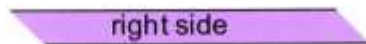
1. Lay your 2 1/2" binding strips **right-side down** on your cutting mat.
2. Use the 45 degree mark on your rotary ruler to trim the left end of your strips. Make sure you cut the angle as shown below:



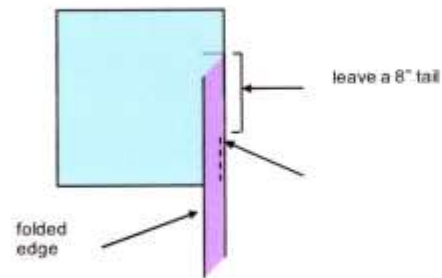
3. Trim the other end of the binding strips at the same angle. The strips should look like this:



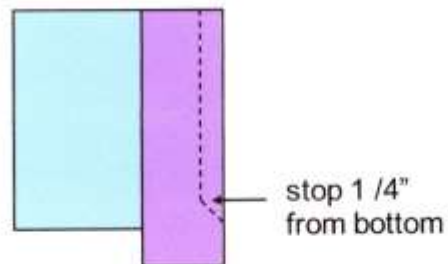
4. Sew all the strips together, so that you have one long strip.
5. Fold the binding in half lengthwise and press. (If you roll up the binding around your fist after it is ironed, it will be easier to work with.) Now it will look like this:



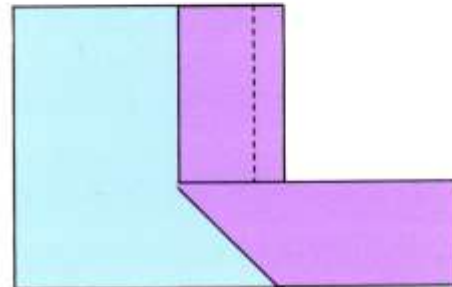
6. Leaving a 8" tail and using a 1/4" seam, start sewing your binding to the right side of your quilt. Stop when you are 1/4" away from the first corner.



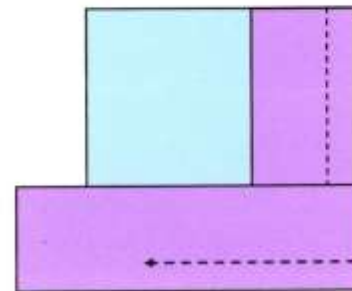
7. Sew off the quilt diagonally.



8. Fold the binding to the right on the sewn diagonal line.

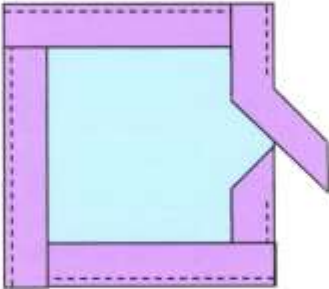


9. Now fold it back on itself and continue sewing down the second side.

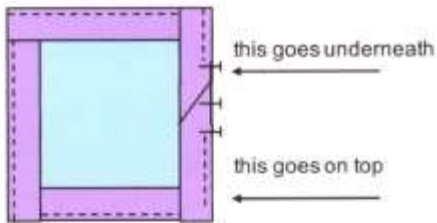


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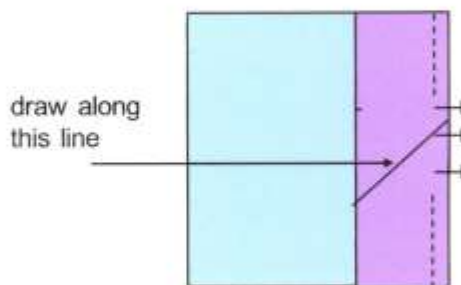
10. Repeat process on all 4 corners.
When you are sewing the final side, stop when you are about 8" away from the starting end of the binding.



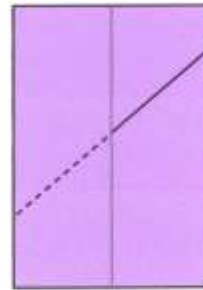
11. Pin down the edge of the binding that you just finished sewing until it is underneath the 8" piece you left loose when you started. Now, with the starting piece **on top**, pin down the starting 6" of binding.



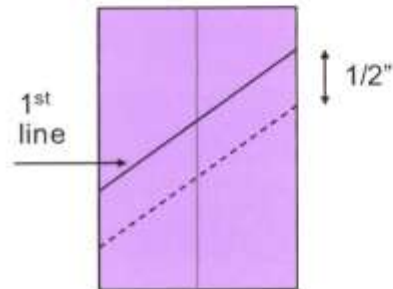
12. Use chalk or a water-soluble marker to draw a line along the diagonal edge.



13. Remove the pins and open out the top piece of the binding. Use a ruler to extend the line all the way across the binding.



14. Use the ruler again to draw another line 1/2" **BELOW** this line. Make sure you are **adding** 1/2" to the length of the binding! This is for the seam allowances.



15. Cut the binding on the second line. Place the binding edges right sides together, pin, and sew using a 1/4" seam allowance.



16. Trim off the points and finger-press the seam open.

17. Refold the binding and finish sewing to the quilt. The binding will fit perfectly.

The patterns submitted here by Randy Miller can be used for Community Relations Quilts.

Easy Wagon Wheels (58 x 74)

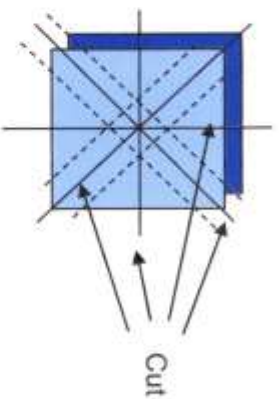
Cut

Do not move the pieces until all the following cuts have been made:

Cut on both diagonal lines

Cut halfway across

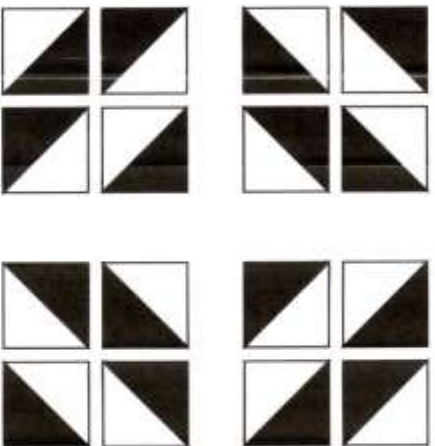
Cut halfway from top to bottom



Repeat with rest of squares and press open. Each set of 10" squares will yield eight 1/2 square triangles. Un-finished size of each 1/2 square triangle is approximately 4-1/2".

Arrange

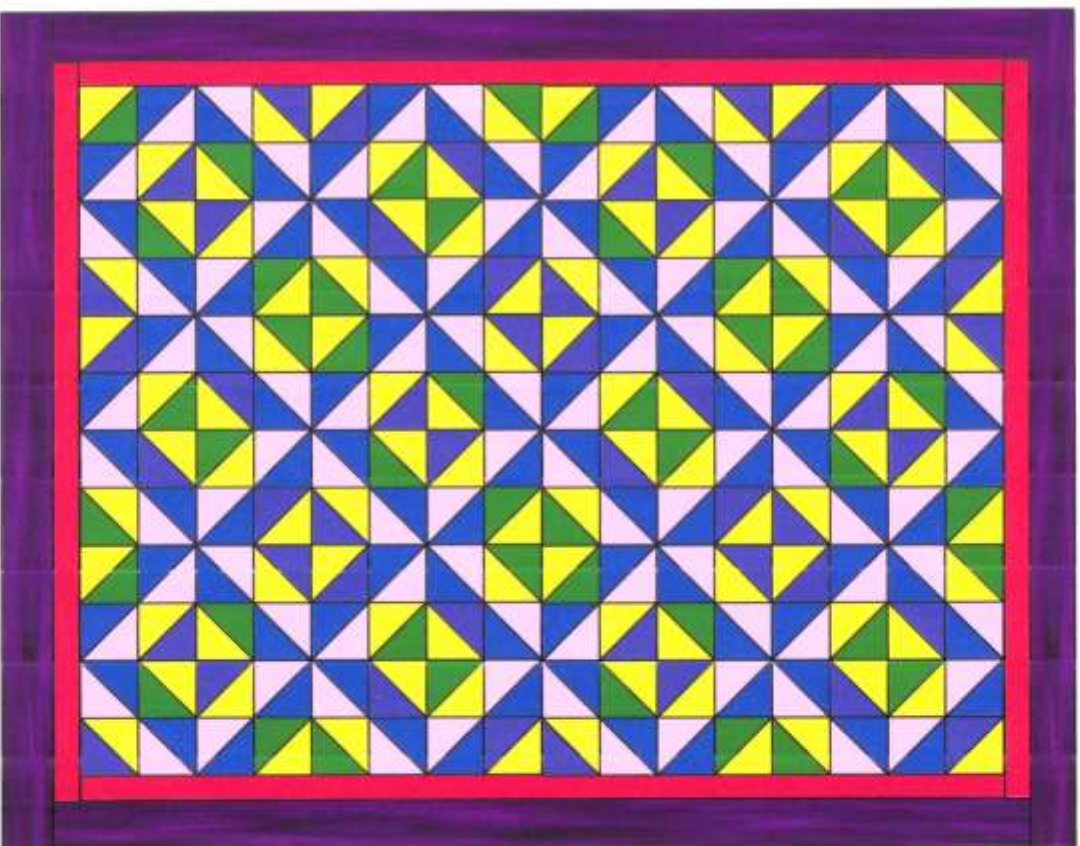
Selecting the triangles at random, arrange them into blocks of 4 with the lights and darks placed as follows:



Sew

Use the picture above to arrange and sew the blocks of four into 12 larger blocks. Arrange the 12 larger blocks as shown on the first page and sew in rows (i.e. 3 blocks across and 4 blocks down). Sew all the inside borders together, then sew to sides, top, and bottom. Repeat for the outside border.

Wagon Wheels (58 x 74)



Yardage:

Dark Prints	24 squares @ 10" x 10"
Light Prints	24 squares @ 10" x 10"
Inside Border	1/3 yd (11")
Outside Border	1 yd (32")
Binding	5/8 yd (18")
Backing	3 3/4 yd

Cut

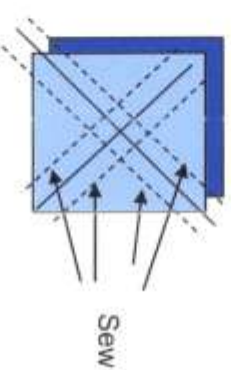
Inside Border	7 strips @ 1-1/2"
Outside Border	7 strips @ 4-1/2"
Binding	7 strips @ 2-1/2"

Prep

On the wrong side of each light square, draw a diagonal line from the top left corner to the bottom right corner. Draw another diagonal line from the bottom left corner to the top right corner.

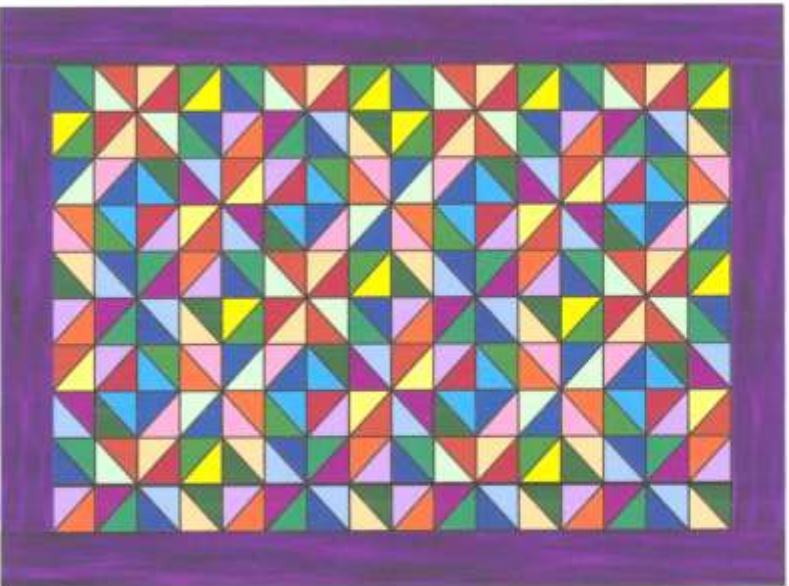
Sew

Place one dark and one light square right sides together. Sew 1/4" away from each side of both diagonal lines.



Easy Wagon Wheels

(48 x 72)



Yardage:

Dark Prints	20 squares @ 10" x 10"
Light Prints	20 squares @ 10" x 10"
Border	1 yd (32")
Binding	1/2 yd (16")
Backing	3 1/4 yd

Cut

Border	7 strips @ 4-1/2"
Binding	7 strips @ 2-1/2"

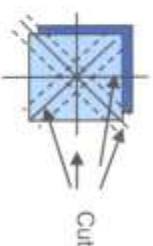
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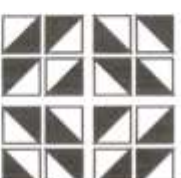
Cut
Do not move the pieces until all the following 4 cuts have been made:

- Cut on both diagonal lines
- Cut halfway across, side-to-side
- Cut halfway from top to bottom



Press to dark. Each set of 10" squares will yield 8 half-square triangles.
Un-finished size of each half-square triangle is approximately 4-1/2".

Arrange
Selecting the triangles at random, arrange them into blocks of 4 with the lights and darks placed as follows:



Sew
Use the picture to arrange and sew the blocks of four into 8 larger blocks. Arrange the 8 larger blocks in a 2 x 4 grid and sew. Take the leftover 32 4 1/2" blocks and add a single column down both long sides of the quilt. Attach borders, quilt, and bind.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITIONS – ELECTED

President:	LORI RAMSEY
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Quilt Show 2021	KATE WEBER

Website **PATTI PASCHALL**

BOARD MEETINGS are held the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 pm.

Arbor Road Church, Room 201

5336 E Arbor Road, Long Beach

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the 2nd Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated in the Newsletter and/or Calendar page of our website.

Doors open at: 6:15 PM

Meeting starts at: 7:00 PM

Arbor Road Church

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

5336 E. Arbor Road

Long Beach, CA 90808

POSITIONS-APPOINTED

IntraGuild	LORI DAVIES
Community Relations	RANDY MILLER
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Parliamentarian	DAWN LINDELIN
Newsletter	NANCY JORDAN
SCCQG	SAMANTHA McCARTHY - LURIE

STANDING POSITIONS

Block of the Month	OPEN
Crumb Box	KRISTY CHILLINGTON
Equipment	LINDA MONSEN
Facility Liaison	SALLY KETTLER
Hospitality	JOYCE ALLEN & MELODY DOUKENICK
Opportunity Quilt	CATHE HAGERMAN-BEIZER
Photography	DEB CARDINALE
President's Quilt	SANDY CARREON
Raffle	CLAIRE JANN
Retreat	LORI DAVIES
Secret Quilter	OPEN
Sew Sew Late	SUE LAMKEY
Show and Tell	OPEN
Social Media	SUNNY CHERRY
Sunshine & Shadows	SONIA DAS
UFO Challenge	KATE WEBER

Membership Roster Updates or Corrections

As a reminder, we like to keep your information correct and updated on the Membership Roster. If you have any changes with your information as it appears on the Roster or if you have updates, please email them to the Membership Chair Brandi Kelly-Contreras or Katherine Gaines at: quiltersbythese@gmail.com. Reminder; visitor/guest fees are \$5.00. Fees may be waived by the President or Vice President of Programs only.

