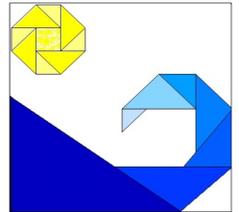


Quilters by the Sea

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Newsletter



December 2025



By Dr. Deb Belcher

Here we are in December 2025. We've had great Programs, Workshops, Newsletters, Meeting drinks & snacks, and Website. Community Relations reports over 400+ pieces, including 300+ quilts for donation. We have many dedicated board members and volunteers to thank for keeping QBS functioning and enjoyable.

To all Members, you are the backbone of the guild; your memberships and participation are necessary and deeply appreciated.

In December, we have our Holiday dinner. It will be a potluck, and per a vote at the November meeting, members are bringing desserts as well. The membership made it clear that cake wasn't desired.

If you wish to decorate your table, feel free to. We've had some amazingly decorated Holiday tables in the past; they are fun to see. The tables will be covered with white fabric tablecloths, and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best/most creatively decorated tables.

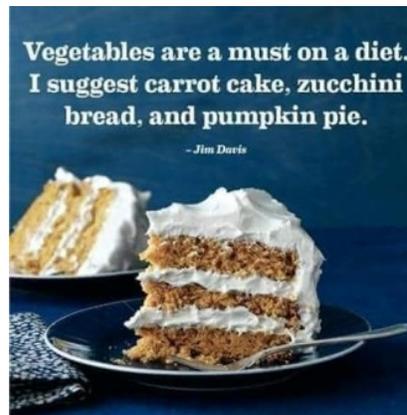
Several of the Charities we give to will be present to accept the 4th quarter quilts and a financial contribution we give to them at this time. They also present information about their charity and what it does.

Doors open at 6 pm for socializing and eating around 7 pm. Come and enjoy the evening with quilting friends.

In addition, have a wonderful New Year and see you in 2026!

Special points of Interest:

- **Holiday Potluck**
- **Opportunity Quilt Committee**
- **Membership Renewals start January 1. Online or by the form on page 13.**





By Alan Calgaro

We would like to thank all of the members who have volunteered to fill the vacant positions! We are truly a group of individuals that come together over common interests.

Steve Shuman from the Sewing Center of Orange County was our guest speaker on Thursday. Steve started his presentation with a reminder of the importance of quilt guilds to the community. He suggested that we strive to reach more people from different backgrounds and interests who could benefit from the services and knowledge that we provide.

The next portion of Steve’s presentation, titled “Sewing Without Bad Words” (handout starts on page 21), provided a plethora of tips, processes, and suggestions that should help all of us have better outcomes if we seem to be having “issues” with our machines. Most sewing problems can be fixed with rethreading, cleaning the bobbin area, and changing the needle. When all else fails, call the Sewing Center of Orange County to see if they can assist over the phone before taking your machine in for service. Steve provided a handout that reviewed the highlights of his talk.

We will not have a speaker at the December guild meeting, but we will have representatives from our charities who will be accepting donation items and will tell us about their organizations.



I'm looking for someone to help me repair an old quilt of mine. Is there anyone in your group who would be willing and available to help me? Please tell me if you know of a shop that does this. (I haven't had much luck in my search.)

I can send more details (pictures below). I'm looking to get a quote and see what's needed from me in terms of materials.

Thanks, Emily - elchae@gmail.com





By Kate Weber & Teri Meggers

December 13 – Open Sew. No fee!

Bring your own project or bring a book!

Finish up your holiday presents and projects, or just hide out from the shopping crowds.

Teri and I want to thank everyone who came to the workshops this year. In addition to being there, you helped to set up and put away tools and equipment, and made coffee, too! Special thanks to those who were substitute hostesses as the need arose. The support was outstanding. Thank you.

2026 Calendar

During the guild meeting, add your name to the interest sheets for workshops you'd like to attend. When the workshop date approaches, you can register and pay either online or at a guild meeting.

Online registration for 2026 workshops will be open on January 2, 2026.

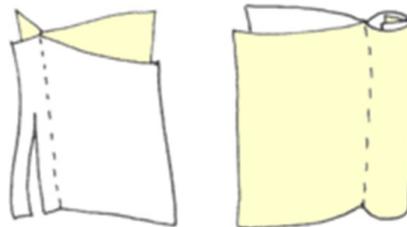
January 10 - Bargello. \$35.

Learn from Jeff Wagner how to create amazing Bargello patterns. View the sample at the Workshop table.



February 14 – Member-to-Member

Get tips and “how-tos” from fellow guild members during this Open Sew workshop. Specific topics that will be covered are French seams, “burrito” pillowcases, ways to bind quilts, quilt-as-you-go, and other skills that you request.



Sign up soon and sign up often!

Remember! Signing up on the interest sheet does NOT mean that you are registered for the workshop!

You are not registered until you pay.

Register online or at a guild meeting.

Workshop fees can only be accepted before January if paying by cash or post-dated check. Online registration is not available until Jan 2.

**HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP:
IF YOUR BIRTH YEAR STARTS WITH 19, YOU SHOULD NO LONGER WRAP GIFTS ON THE FLOOR.**





By Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Community Relations has much to be thankful for in the Guild's ability to support our neighbors. The Committee wants to acknowledge all the great work and positive actions taken by those making tops, storybook quilts, and the final quilting and binding of 549 quilts and 202 pillowcases. A total of 751 items are ready to be donated to our 6 charities. The charities that are unable to come personally to our holiday party have expressed how much all the donated items make a huge difference to those they help. Nothing touches the heart as much as something made by loving hands. Thank you all for your support during 2025.

The Community Relations Committee will meet from 10 am to 12 pm on the 4th Saturday of January to develop its plan for the year. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you Jo Melis for sharing your wonderful patterns. This month's free pattern is on the next page.

The Charities QBS Supports

Here is a list of the Charities we support. If you want to find out more about them, simply click on their name.

[Caring Connections](#) [works with Bellflower schools]

[For the Child](#)

[Long Beach Police Department - Victims Unit](#)

[New Life Beginnings](#)

[Millers children](#)

[Women's Shelter of Long Beach](#)

Sew So Saturday by Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Come and enjoy sewing, knitting, or any hand or machine work you want to do. No obligations to work on any guild project. Shop from the wall of free fabric with smaller and larger pieces. Drop by with a charity donation, fill out a ticket, and say howdy.

Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm:

December 6

December 20

You can find Carollynn's address in the roster. Carpool if possible. Let's keep her neighbors friendly.

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds by Kate Weber

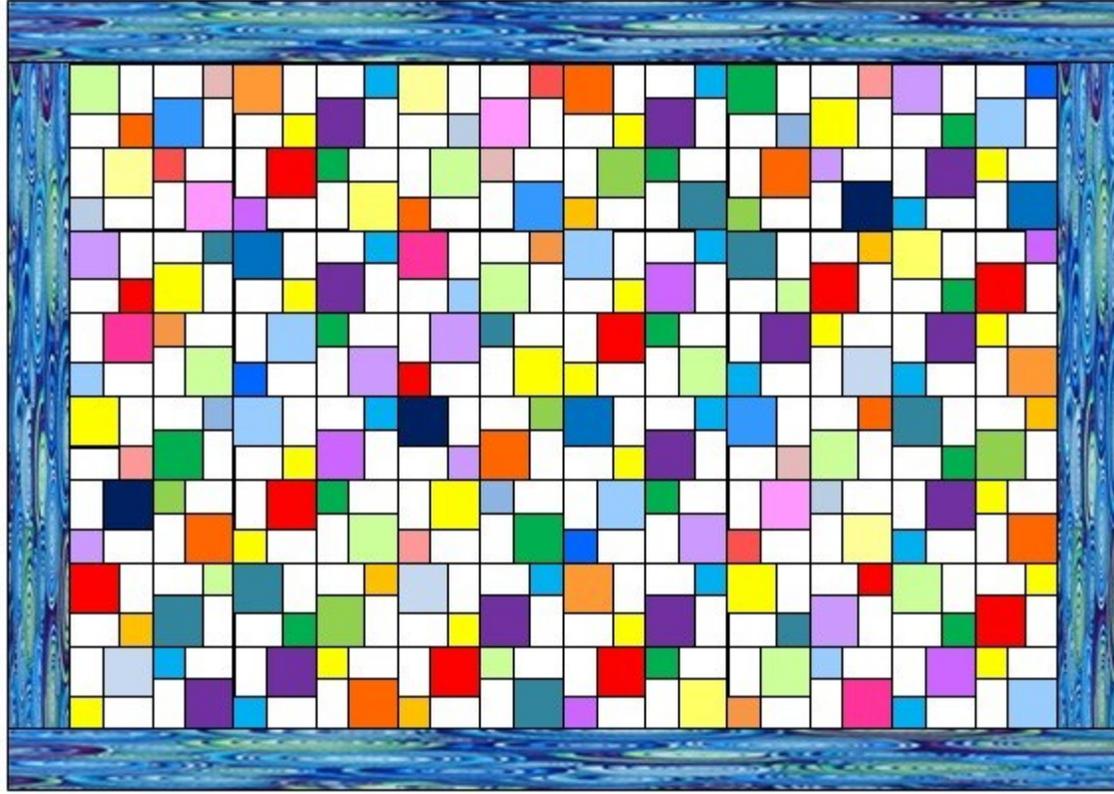
Please welcome Tish Granillo as your new liaison with the Council.



We make great things happen when we work hand in hand.



Crystal Cave (48" x 68")



Yardage

Various colors 9 strips @ 3 1/2" x WOF
 Various colors 6 strips @ 2 1/2" x WOF
 Background 1 1/3 (44")
 Border 7/8 yd (27")
 Binding 1/2 yd (15")
 Backing 3 yds

Cut

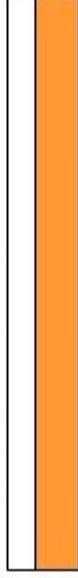
Background: 9 @ 2-1/2" x WOF
 6 @ 3-1/2" x WOF

Border 6 @ 4 1/2" x WOF
 Binding 6 @ 2 1/2" x WOF

Sew

Note - Press all seams towards the color strip.

Sew each 2-1/2" background strip to a 3 1/2" color strip.
 Crosscut at 3 1/2". (Unit 1)



(11 per strip, need 96)

Sew each 3-1/2" background strip to a 2-1/2" color strip.
 Crosscut at 2 1/2". (Unit 2)

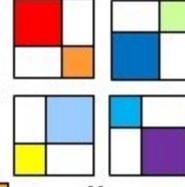


(16 per strip, need 96)



Sew each unit 1 to a unit 2. (96 blocks)

Arrange in rows as shown at left.



Each set of 4 blocks should be oriented like this:

Add top and bottom borders, then side borders. Quilt and bind.

Show and Tell By Dorothy Foral and Brad Dumm

Show & Tell for December will be sharing any items made to be given as gifts or decorations. All items are to be taken home. We will not be collecting any charity quilts at this time. Please read more in Alan's VP notice in our Newsletter for November. Our Theme for Jan. 2026 will be announced in our December Blast.



Thanks to all the participants!
Without your beautiful quilts there would be no Show & Tell.



Jo Melis
"Crystal Cave"

Slightly larger Crystal Cave (3 1/2" and 4 1/2" strips instead of 2 1/2" and 3 1/2") for donation.



Teri Meggers
"Dog Faces"

Teri won these adorable doggie blocks from Alan's Block of the Month for October. Annette Morales did the long arm stitching. Teri blended 10" square theme prints and added 5" blocks. This will become the favorite pet quilt for one of our charity



Signe Kaleel
"Autumn Theme"

Her quilt is a collaboration of the deep, rich colors of fall and Signe has a wonderful eye for design, as shown in this layout. Her quilting was done by Madeline Serna.



Edyth Henrickson
"Christmas Cats"

Edyth's favorite pet, of course, is cats. She proudly displayed this one with wonderful borders and playful kittens. Annette Morales stitched this one together for her.



Jo Melis

“Squares and Fancy Squares”

Jo saw this design in a magazine and decided she had to have it in "Batiks".

She says it's not exactly a Celtic design, but it has that flavor. Jo is keeping this one for herself. Joyce Allen did her long arm stitching. Jo has the amazing talent of looking at a design and figuring out how to create it's pattern. Look for her other designs and patterns in most of our monthly newsletters.



Nancy Toussaint

“New Zealand Sheep”

A tea towel that Nancy bought upon her travels to faraway New Zealand, was her inspiration for this cheery quilt. Nancy took a Patch Retreat to learn how to create her "Crumb Cake" pattern. Annette Morales' magical stitching made this a wonderful souvenir. Nancy also shared with us the information that New Zealand is an island where there are "More Sheep than People".



Dorothy Foral

“Glittering Wonky Stars”

Using a layer cake she won from our guild for the stars, Dorothy created patterns for 3 different star sizes. The fillers were scraps from the Disney Princesses quilts she made for her great nieces. The layout was the biggest challenge because of the different sizes of blocks and no set pattern. Joyce Allen quilted it with her amazing grey shiny thread.



Signe Kaleel

“Quilts of Valor”

This is another totally amazing quilt design destined for our Service Men and Women in our Armed Forces. Signe also reminded us that there are many female officers, so the quilts we donate to them can have a female feel. Quilted by Madeline Serna.

**SHOW
AND
TELL**

Continued



Brad Dumm

“Halloween 2025”

Here are two quilts Brad created using the same pattern by Nancy Zieman from her "The Blog-Sew Big Quilt Blocks". By changing the color ways, he has created two different looks. Madeline Serna quilted both of them using the pantograph "Pumpkin Vine" by Anne Bright.



Continued



Jo Melis

“Layer Cake Plaid”

Jo is donating this quilt and you can find the pattern in last months issue.



Disneyland !!!!!



December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6 Sew So Saturday
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Workshop
14	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20 Sew So Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Board Meeting	31			

Schedule of Events

- **Board Meetings** are at Carollynn's home or via Zoom starting at 6:30.
- **General Meeting** is at Arbor Road Church¹ in the Fellowship Hall Basement at 7pm - doors open at 6:15pm. The program this month is our **Party with Community Partners**.
- **Workshop** is at Arbor Road Church¹, Room A-110 from 9am to 3pm. This month is **Open Sew (maybe)**.
- **Sew So Saturdays** are at Carollynn's home in "The Garage" and are subject to change. **9am to whenever**.

Upcoming Events

January

- 03 Sew So Saturday
- 08 General Meeting
- 10 Workshop
- 17 Sew So Saturday

February

- 03 Board Meeting
- 07 Sew So Saturday
- 12 General Meeting
- 14 Workshop
- 21 Sew So Saturday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Linda Fowler	Dec 02
Janet Dietzman	Dec 09
Melody Doukenick	Dec 16
Carolynn Machado-Guarino	Dec 24

Carolynn's personal information is in the guild roster.

¹Arbor Road Church, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808



Opportunity Quilt 2026-27 by Kate Weber

We have an Opportunity Quilt Committee! Hooray! Several members have signed up to work on constructing a fabulous quilt during the next six months. Its initial debut will be at the May 2026 Anniversary party. This quilt will celebrate the semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We'll be working with reds, whites, and blues!



Other members have volunteered to sell tickets and show our quilt at other guilds. This is a great way to see how other guilds operate and hear their presenters. We'll be asking for volunteers to partner with a "seasoned veteran" as our guild visit schedule fills in. Sometimes we even get to be part of a guild's quilt show!



In the meantime... Interim Opportunity Quilt January-May 2026

Linda Fowler has donated a Double Wedding Ring flimsy and backing that will be finished for an Interim Opportunity Quilt. This quilt will be presented to the guild in January, and the drawing will be held at the May guild meeting.

Tell/text Kate to join. We're going to have tons of fun!

Open Sew

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

The doors of the Burns Community Center in Lakewood are open to all quilters and needle workers monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 9 am-3:15 pm, starting January 21st. All are welcome! Work on specific projects, or bring your own. Cutting mats, rotary cutters, irons, and boards are available. You bring a sewing machine and tools (pins, scissors, pattern, etc.) and a project.

Please mark your calendars.

Burns is located at 5510 Clark Avenue, Lakewood. It is close to restaurants and drive-thru food, or bring your own lunch. This is a community center activity. Everyone is welcome to come and sew.

Ask Teri Meggers, Linda Fowler, Carol Beliso, or Kate Weber for more info.

January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026

May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026

September 16, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
(last date for 2026)



Free Project



If you see a FREE PROJECT on the internet, and you think the guild members might enjoy it, please send the link to quiltersbythesea@gmail.com. Thank you.

Small Holiday Ornaments - great for a small tree or package decorations.

https://weallsew.com/how-to-sew-tiny-holiday-cookies/?j=1270648&jb=8001&l=330_HTML&mid=10964997&sfmc_sub=32390074&sfmc_subscriberkey=5A1DF413-69FD-E711-80F1-3863BB34B7D0&u=34279793



Free Motion Quilting Motif



Gnome

<https://weallsew.com/how-to-free-motion-quilt-a-gnome-motif/>



Free Project 2



Reindeer Feltie

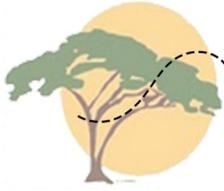
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Remember To . . .

- ☺ Pack your Show & Tell items.
- ☺ Bring a friend.
- ☺ Bring change for the raffle.
- ☺ Bring your projects from previous workshops.
- ☺ Bring goodies if it is your turn.
- ☺ Bring your own coffee cup.
- ☺ Wear your name badge.
- ☺ Come early and sign-in.
- ☺ Silence your cell phones.
- ☺ Make a new friend and introduce yourself to one of our many new members and guests.
- ☺ HAVE FUN - AND LOTS OF IT!!
- ☺ Clean up your area as you leave.
- ☺ Drive safe.



Here's what's happening at our sister guild -



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County



Programs

<https://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/meetings>

Workshops

<https://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/workshops>

Membership by Charlotte Lee & Melody Doukenick

As we close out this year, thank you to our members for wearing your name badges and greeting new faces. Remember, drawings for wearing your name badges will continue into the New Year!!!

The Membership Registration form is on the next page.

Special Events by Dawn Couch

Get ready for our December celebration!

Bring your favorite dish to share for our potluck dinner at 7 PM. Once everyone has been through the line, presentations from our community relations partners will begin. They will be highlighting their purpose and receiving their final quilt donations for 2025.

Feel free to arrive at 6:30 to mingle before the festivities begin! Hope to see you there.

Hospitality by Joyce Allen

Please bring snacks for our next general meeting if your name begins with the letters as indicated below. Extra goodies are always welcome.

December HOLIDAY PARTY

Thank you for your contributions of snacks.

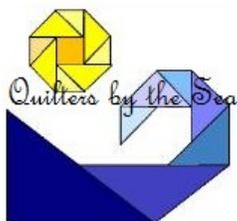
I will make the coffee and punch and provide napkins and plates to serve your snacks.

Sunshine and Shadows by Carollynn Machado-Guarino

Please let me know if you, or someone you know, is having a "Sunshine or Shadow".

Carollynn's contact info is in the roster.





Quilters By the Sea
Membership Registration
January 1, 20__ to December 31, 20__

For new members, please fill in the information below. If you are renewing your membership, please fill in your name and note any information that has changed.

Membership Type: (please check one)
 New Renewal Charter Junior

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** CA; Other: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Home; Cell; Work
2nd Phone: _____ Home; Cell; Work
Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ (No year please)
Email: _____
Other Information: _____

DUES / FEES

\$40.00 Yearly \$20.00 after July 1st

Make checks payable to "Quilters By the Sea"
Dues are due no later than the February General Meeting
Submit to Membership or Mail to: P.O. Box 92814, Long Beach, CA 90809

For Administrative Use
Received: _____
Entered: _____
Check #: _____
Receipt #: _____

Classified Ads



For Sale

Brother PR600II
6-Needle Embroidery machine

- Ability to embroider baseball caps, tote bags, sleeves, pant legs and more
- 4 Standard frames – 1.6”x2.4” up to 8”x12”
- Cap driver, jig and 2 frames
- Magnetic hoop set – 6 sizes
- Original Tool kit and accessories
- Pre-wound bobbins and 6 metal bobbins
- Heavy-duty metal stand with casters
- 24.4 M stitches

Contact - Alan Phone number in roster

\$3900.-

Available: Straight stitch Janome 1600P; sews 1600 stitches a minute at top speed, but was used on a quilt frame, so it does not have feed dogs and can only be used for free motion quilting. I've purchased a Juki for my frame, so please let me know if anyone is interested in adopting my Janome. It's heavy and you would have to pick it up!

Jo Melis - phone number is in the roster.

Intraguild BOM by Alan Calgaro

Wow! Thank you to everyone who stitched out the Pumpkin block! We had 27 blocks turned in and were able to do 3 raffles. Congratulations to Brad Dumm, Nancy Toussaint, and Signe Kaleel, who each received 9 blocks.

The pattern for November is a cute turkey quilt block. Starting with a photo I saw online, I created a version of the pattern, which starts on the next page. There are a few variances, but the block will still come out almost the same. We will raffle the blocks in December, but will not have a new Block of the Month until 2026.



Block of the Month



New to quilting??? Check out these sites.

Glossary of quilting terms - www.nationalquilterscircle.com/post/glossary-of-quilting-terms/
or here - www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/complete-list-common-quilting-terms

Here is a link to a Missouri Star YouTube video called [Quilting 101: Parts of the Quilt](#)

QBS Email Information

Some of us receive emails from the QBS account that says it is from “Quilters By the Sea” and others say it is from “Suzie Quilter from QBS”. Both of these are valid, so if you see “Suzie Quilter from QBS” please don’t junk it. It is from Quilters By the Sea.



Do you have something you want to sell? Ads are free to members.



Turkey Time Block Tutorial

Supplies

1 – Fat quarter of background fabric
Assorted scraps for turkey

Cutting

Background

- 1) 2 – 5¼” x 3½”
- 2) 5 – 3½” squares
- 3) 2 – 3½” x 2”
- 4) 1 – 6” x 1¾”
- 5) 1 – 4½” x 1¼”
- 6) 2 – 1¼” squares
- 7) 1 – 2” square
- 8) 1 – 1½” square

Body

- 9) 8 – 3½” squares

Neck/Head

- 10) 1 – 6½” x 1½”
- 11) 1 – 2¾” x 2

Wattle

- 12) 1 – 2½” x 1¼”

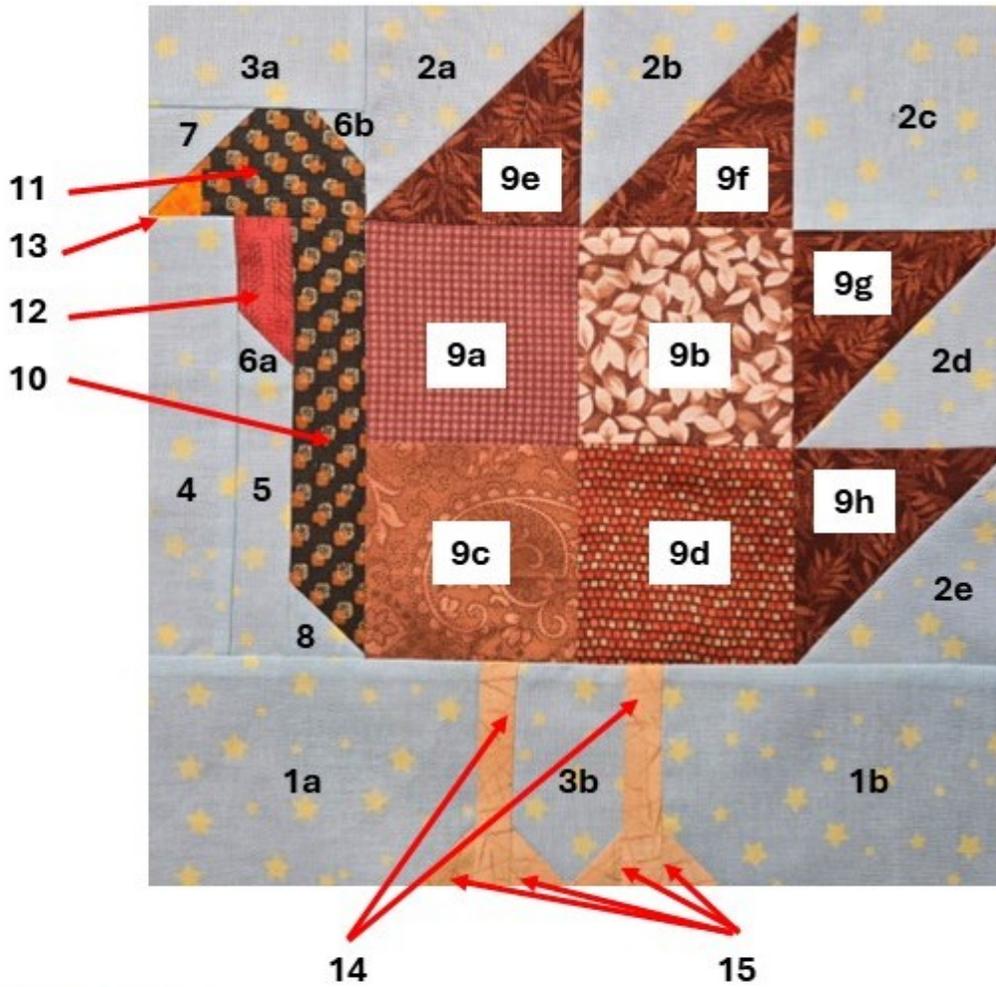
Beak

- 13) 1 – 2” x 1¼”

Legs/Feet

- 14) 2 – 3½” x 1”
- 15) 4 – 1¼” squares

****See numbered pattern on next page**



Draw a line corner to corner diagonally on 4 - #2 background squares
 Match up right sides together with 4 - #9 squares (e, f, g, h).
 Sew on diagonal line.



Trim off corner 1/4" away from stitching line.
 Press away from background



Stitch 4 - #9 blocks (a, b, c, d) into a 4-patch.



Stitch 9e and 9f together and then stitch 2c, 9g and 9h together.



Stitch 9e/9f to top of 4-patch, then stitch 2c/9g/9h to the side of the 6-patch body/feathers.



Lay out the pieces for the head, neck, wattle and beak with the background pieces.

(background - 3a, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7)

(head/neck/beak/wattle - 10, 11, 12, 13)

Draw diagonal lines corner to corner on #6a, #6b and #7 squares.



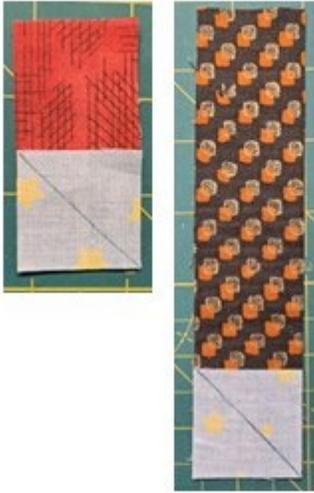
Stitch the beak (13) to the left side of the head (11), and 6b to the upper left of the head. Trim upper corner, and press both pieces toward the head.



Stitch 7 to the upper left side of head/beak along stitching line. Trim away and press toward background.



Stitch background 3a to the top of the head. Press toward background.



Stitch background (6a) to the bottom left of wattle (12) and background (8) to the bottom left of the neck (10). Press both toward background.

Lay the bottom of the wattle piece (6a/12) right sides together with background (5). Stitch together and press toward background.



Lay out background (4) with the wattle (6a/12) and neck (8/10). Stitch together and press both away from center piece.

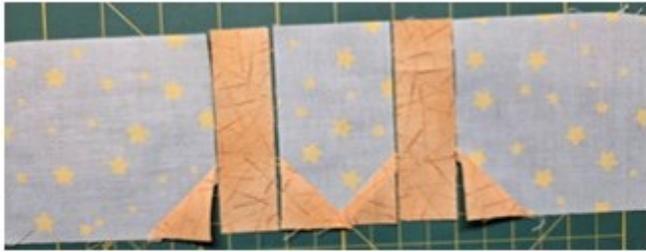


Stitch the head piece to the neck piece.

Now for some legs!



Lay out background pieces (1a, 1b, and 3b) together with legs/feet (14, 15). Draw diagonal lines on the feet and stitch on diagonal lines as shown. Trim corners and press toward feet.

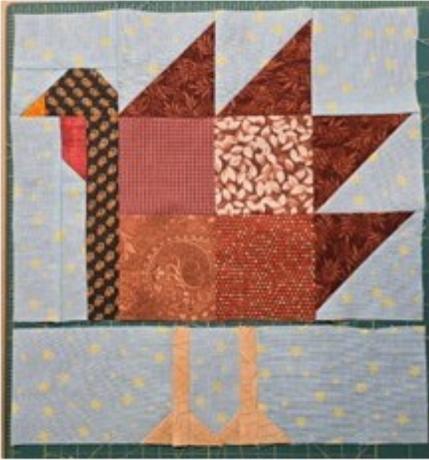


Stitch the legs between the background pieces.

Let's build a turkey!



Stitch the head/neck section to the body section. Press toward body.



Stitch the body section to the leg section. Press toward leg section.

**It's a turkey!
Happy Thanksgiving!**



What's Happening

Events happening in the area.



Events around the Council

Saturday, Dec 6

Seashore QG - Boutique, Craft Faire & Bake Sale 10am-3pm, Sat.,
2720 Stanbridge, Long Beach 90815

Pine Needles QG - Wrightwood Holiday Home Tours 11am - 4pm

Four homes decorated for the holidays with quilts, ending at the "Cookie House" for refreshments. \$20 advance, \$25 day of purchase.

Contact: www.pngg.org/contact to request ticket purchase info or write to Pine Needles Quilt Guild, PO Box 25000, Wrightwood, 92397

No special guild events are currently scheduled for January or February 2026.



Many of our guild members have allergies so **please do not wear perfume/cologne** to the meetings. Your cooperation in making our gatherings a pleasure for all is much appreciated.

SEWING WITH NO BAD WORDS!

OR FLYING SEWING MACHINES

1. PROPERLY THREAD YOUR MACHINE!

**2. CHANGE YOUR NEEDLE AFTER
EVERY 8 HOURS OF SEWING!**

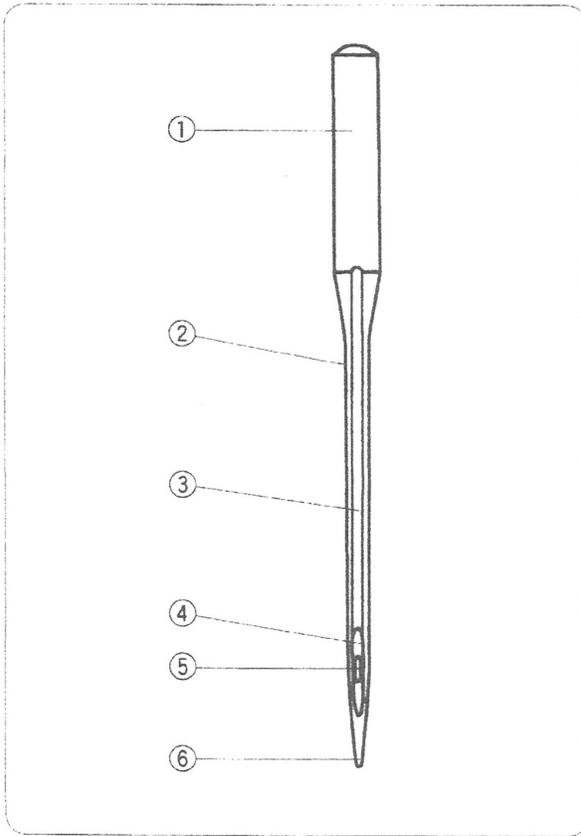
3. USE THE CORRECT NEEDLE!

**4. CLEAN YOUR MACHINE EVERY TIME
YOU CHANGE YOUR NEEDLE!**

**5. HAVE YOUR MACHINE
PROFESSIONALLY SERVICED ONCE A
YEAR!**

6. USE A QUALITY THREAD!

7. KNOW YOUR MACHINE!



Needle Definitions

The illustration identifies the main parts of a sewing machine needle.

- ① Body
- ② Shaft
- ③ Long groove (round side of needle)
- ④ Short groove (flat side of needle)
- ⑤ Eye
- ⑥ Point

Universal – an all-purpose needle that handles most woven and knit fabrics.

Ball point – the point spreads the fibers, preventing tears and is especially suited for loose knits and interlock knits. Not recommended for embroidery.

Stretch – specially designed to prevent skipped stitches in synthetic suedes and elasticized knits (swimwear).

Denim – the sharp point effectively pierces densely woven fabrics such as denim and canvas.

Topstitching – the extra sharp point penetrates layers of fabrics; extra large eye and large groove accommodate heavyweight topstitching thread.

Metallic – the large grooved shaft helps prevent delicate metallic threads from shredding. Another plus, a larger than average eye makes for easier threading.

Self-Threading – the needle eye has a slit opening on the side to allow the thread to be easily inserted.

Leather – the cutting point creates small holes in leather and suede. Holes remain after stitching is removed.

Quilt – the tapered point easily penetrates through multiple layers and crossed seams.

Wing/Hemstitch – wide flat edges (wings) extend outwards near the eye; they separate fibers and create holes for beautiful heirloom stitches.

Twin/Double – 2 needles are joined on a crossbar and share a single shaft. Sews two parallel rows of stitching. Available in universal and ballpoint.

The Correct Needles For Quilters

1. Piecing Needles

Schmetz Microtex Sharp size 80/12 or
comparable brand sharp needle size 75/11 or
80/12

2. Quilting needles

Schmetz Quilting Needles size 90/14 or
comparable brand size 90/14

3. Decorative thread Quilting

Schmetz Topstitch Needles size 90/14 or 100/16
Or comparable brand size 90/14 or 100/16

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR MACHINE IS ACTING UP

1. STOP, TAKE A BREATH, MACHINES DON'T FIX THEMSELVES!
2. RETHREAD THE MACHINE, TOP AND BOTTOM!
3. RETHREAD THE MACHINE, TOP AND BOTTOM AGAIN!
4. REPLACE THE NEEDLE AND RETHREAD THE MACHINE, TOP AND BOTTOM!
 5. TRY A DIFFERENT THREAD!
6. RETHREAD THE MACHINE WITH A LIGHT COLOR IN THE BOBBIN AND A DARK COLOR ON TOP, TO SEE WHICH ONE IS THE PROBLEM!
7. CLEAN THE MACHINE, REPLACE THE NEEDLE AGAIN, RETHREAD THE MACHINE TOP AND BOTTOM AGAIN!
8. WALK AWAY FROM THE MACHINE, POUR YOUR FAVORITE ADULT BEVERAGE, TRY AGAIN TOMORROW!
9. TAKE THE MACHINE IN FOR A SPA DAY AND REPEAT STEP #8

HELPFUL TIPS

1. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NEEDLE FOR THE TREAD YOU'RE USING!
2. ALWAYS TEST YOUR MACHINE ON A SCRAP OF FABRIC, IT SAVES LOTS OF UNSEWING TIME!
3. ALWAYS RETHREAD YOUR MACHINE AFTER TRANSPORTING IT!
4. NEVER ASSUME YOUR FRIEND KNOWS HOW TO USE YOUR MACHINE!
5. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SEWING MACHINE THAT NEVER NEEDS SERVICE!
 6. YES, PRAYING WILL HELP!
7. NO THAT FABRIC WON'T BE THERE WHEN YOU GO BACK!
8. DEVELOP "MOM" VISION FOR YOUR SEWING MACHINE!
9. THERE ARE NO QUILT POLICE!

A&E Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Causes	Solutions
Upper thread breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorrect threading ▪ Knots or twists in thread ▪ Tension too tight ▪ Damaged/old needle ▪ Needle too small 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-thread machine correctly ▪ Replace thread ▪ Reset bobbin and top thread tension ▪ Replace needle ▪ Use correct needle for thread and application
Bobbin thread breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bobbin case not correctly threaded ▪ Bobbin case incorrectly inserted ▪ Bobbin does not turn smoothly in bobbin case ▪ Lint in bobbin case ▪ Bobbin tension too tight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove bobbin and re-thread with bobbin turning clockwise ▪ Remove and re-insert bobbin case ▪ Check bobbin case and bobbin are in "round"; replace if necessary ▪ Clean bobbin case and surrounding machine area ▪ Check and reset bobbin tension
Skipped stitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thread tension too tight ▪ Needle damaged ▪ Needle wrong size ▪ Sewing machine out of adjustment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reset top and bobbin tension ▪ Replace needle ▪ Use correct needle size ▪ Have sewing machine adjusted for timing, hook to needle clearance and needle bar height
Frayed stitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Needle too small ▪ Tension too tight ▪ Damaged thread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase needle size ▪ Reset tension ▪ Replace thread
Thread loops on bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thread not in top tension ▪ Machine incorrectly threaded ▪ Top tension too loose ▪ Burr on hook mechanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rethread machine with presser foot "up" ▪ Rethread machine incorporating take up lever ▪ Reset top tension ▪ Remove burr
Irregular Stitches or Malformed Stitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wrong needle size ▪ Incorrect threading ▪ Upper tension too loose ▪ Operator pulling fabric ▪ Bobbin wound unevenly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure correct needle for fabric and thread ▪ Un-thread machine and carefully rethread ▪ Reset lower and upper thread tension ▪ Check presser foot pressure ▪ Rewind bobbin
Fabric puckers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive stitch length ▪ Needle point is blunt ▪ Excessive thread tension ▪ Fabric is too soft ▪ Thread displacement – too much thread in a small area ▪ Fabric not feeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decrease stitch length ▪ Change needle often ▪ Check bobbin and upper tension ▪ Use stabilizer ▪ Decrease field density, scale embroidery designs, increase stitch length ▪ Check presser foot, needle plate and feed dogs

A&E Needle Guide

- Universal Needle** – General sewing of knit and woven fabrics. Slight ball point. Available sizes 8/60, 9/65, 10/70, 11/75, 12/80, 14/90, 16/100, 18/110 through 19/120.
- Microtex Needle** – Sharp point for straight stitches on delicate and microfiber fabrics. Available sizes 8/60, 9/65, 10/70, 11/75, 12/80, 14/90.
- Denim/Jeans Needle** – For denim or other densely woven fabrics or when a very straight stitch is required on multilayer fabrics. Very sharp point and stiff shaft. Available sizes 10/70, 11/75, 12/80, 14/90, 16/100, 18/110.
- Stretch Needle** – Designed for synthetic suedes or elastic knitwear. Designed with a deep scarf to prevent skipped stitches. Available in sizes 11/75 and 14/90.
- Topstitch Needle** – Extra sharp with an enlarged groove to accommodate large diameter threads and dense fabrics. Available in sizes 12/80, 14/90, and 16/100.
- Quilting Needle** – Special taper to shaft and sharp point to prevent damage to material sewn in layers. Available sizes 11/75, 12/80, 14/90.
- Embroidery Needle** – Designed for rayon and polyester embroidery applications. Available sizes 11/75, 12/80, 14/90.
- Metallic Needle** – Designed with an enlarged polished eye to accommodate specialty threads by preventing shredding. Available sizes 12/80, 14/90.

Singer MR needle conversion

Singer MR needle	conventional needle
MR1	60/8
MR2	65/9 – 70/10
MR2.5	75/11 – 80/12
MR3	85/13 – 90/14
MR3.5	95/15 – 100/16
MR4	105/17 – 110/18
MR5	120/19 – 130/21
MR6	140/22 – 160/23
MR7	180/24 – 200/25



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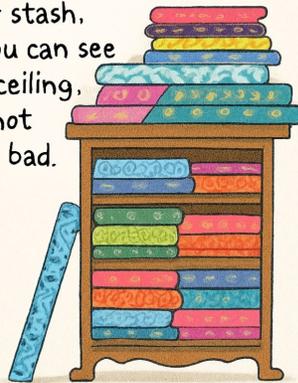
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The best way to tell if you're a fabric addict is to check your stash. If you can see the ceiling, it's not that bad.



WIP (Work In Progress) actually stands for Way Incomplete Projects.



Me: it's not about how many times you fall, it's about how many times you get back up

Keep the Plug in the Jug

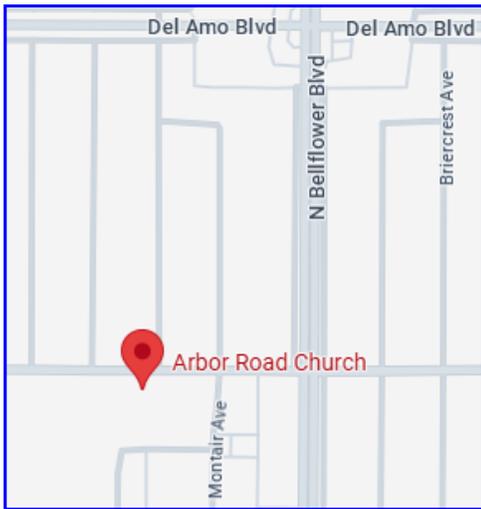
Cop: that's not how field sobriety tests work



I was thinking of all things I needed to do today, and my mind suddenly went blank.

Problems Solved!

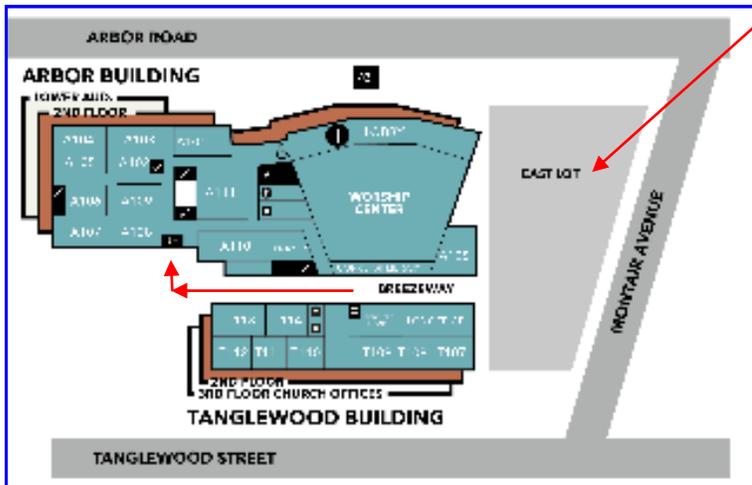
How to get to our meeting location.



The Arbor Road Church at 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach is located south of Del Amo Blvd. and west of Bellflower Blvd.



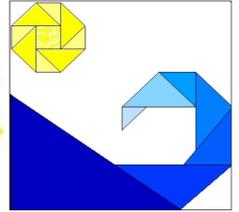
Once you park, here is how you get to the basement where we meet.



Walk through the Breezeway. When you get to the end (there is a chain link fence stopping you from going any further), turn right and then go through the double glass doors. Once inside you can get to the basement in one of two ways:

1. Use the elevator on your left to go down to the B level.
2. Walk straight ahead to the entry of the staircase and walk down.

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the **2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH** unless otherwise stated in the newsletter and/or posted on the [Calendar](#) page of our [website](#).

Doors open at 6:15 pm, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Arbor Road Church, Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, 5336 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

BOARD MEETINGS are held 9 days before the General Meeting at 6:30 pm unless otherwise stated in the newsletter and/or posted on the [Calendar](#) page of our [website](#). The location rotates among board members.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the Wednesday after the General Meeting. Please email articles in MS Word format to: QuiltersByTheSea@gmail.com

As a reminder, we like to keep your information correct and updated in the Membership Roster. If you have any changes to your information as it appears or if you have updates, please email them to quiltersbythesea@gmail.com.

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