



Stitches Quilt Guild Newsletter

A HARDIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HOMEMAKER CLUB

FEBRUARY 2012

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, Feb 29th, 2011

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Hardin County Extension
Office — Auditorium

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Points to Ponder from Patty



Wow - where did January go? I don't know about the rest of you but I blinked and it was gone. I have so many things on my "To Do" list and since I'm not working right now I knew I would get them all marked off! But the list keeps getting longer and nothing has been crossed off. What is up with that!!

I want to again thank Christina for the awesome job she did on the Mystery Workshop. Everyone had a great time and she was wonderful at explaining and assisting all of us. She did her best to keep us on track! BIG THANKS to Christina.

Want to remind everyone that attended the Christmas Party that you received info on a challenge for the Quilt Show and a piece of fabric to utilize in that challenge. Get thinking and planning so that we have several to display in Sep. If you were not at the party and still want to participate please let one of the board members know and we will get you the info and a piece of fabric.

Our group is growing like crazy and I love it. There is a multitude of talent in the group and all levels of quilting experience. I want to encourage EVERYONE to bring show and tell to share. Those who have been quilting for some time know how important bringing and sharing those items are. Please do not feel like your quilt is not up to other's standards - in our group there is no set standard! We love to see what everyone is working on. So I am encouraging everyone to bring those projects in and show them.

Also want to encourage everyone to sign up for and attend the workshops we are offering this year. It doesn't matter how much experience you have - as long as you can turn on your machine - our instructors can help you make it. I think anyone, to include a beginner, can attend and successfully complete any of the projects we are doing - so come on out and be a part of a wonderful group. We also have awesome food at the workshops!

Looking forward to our Feb meeting and seeing everyone there. Have a great month. I hope the current winter weather continues.

Get busy on getting rid of all of those scraps and reducing your stash.

Patty

'I am a material girl. Wanna see my fabric collection?' Author unknown

Come Paint & Quilt Grape Wreath Wall Hanging with Debbie McQueary on March 9-10, 2012

We had a great response and there are only a few more spaces available. Cost of workshop is \$5.00. No experience is required – you'll be amazed what you can do! No need to purchase paints or brushes – these will be available to you! Don't miss a wonderful experience or opportunity if you haven't attended one of Debbie's classes.

Please call Christina at (502) 315-6942 or email me at:
ChristinaKY2378@yahoo.com to reserve your space.



GUILD ROSTER

If you did not get a copy of the roster at Jan meeting we will have a few available at the Feb meeting. Please let Donetta know if there are any changes that need to be made. Any changes/additions/corrections will be listed in the newsletter. You are being asked to please make those changes to your copy. Donetta keeps a current roster on file so if you need one she can email it to you. We will look at the number of changes and may possibly print a new one available at the June potluck.

QUILT SHOW MEETING

We will be having our first quilt show meeting on February 27, 5:30pm at Panera Bread. We are hoping to see lots of new faces this year. Gloria Ashton will be the chairperson for the show and is looking forward to another great year. We can only do it with your help. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you are not sure you want to be on the committee. Please let Gloria know if you plan to attend so that we have a big enough table.

AQS Paducah Quilt Show Bus Trip with Happy Heart Wednesday, April 25th or Saturday, April 28th. Happy Heart will leave Louisville at 7am, stop in Shepherdsville and pickup in Elizabethtown at the Hampton Inn off I65/Hwy62. Cost is \$49 which includes bus trip, entrance fee and AQS Paducah quilt bag/pin. Reserve your space on the bus with Yvonne at (502) 363-1171 or email Happyheartquiltshop@insightbb.com for more information.

Kaleidoscope with Kelly Pruitt Quilt Class on 24-26 February 2012 - If you missed last year's opportunity to make a Kaleidoscope quilt with Kelly than no worries – IT'S NOT TOO LATE – come and join us Friday night at the Extension Office (Auditorium) from 5-9pm and Saturday from 8am – 4pm? and Sunday from 8am to 4pm? Please e-mail Christina at: ChristinaKY2378@yahoo.com or call (502) 315-6942 to reserve your space. Cost is \$7.00 for Pizza on Friday night and Potato Bar on Saturday. Don't forget to bring your strata's, basic sewing supplies, rotary cutter, mat and 12"x24" ruler. You will also need to bring a flannel backed tablecloth to use as a design wall and your extra fabrics, you may use them later in the wall hanging.

February Make-it/Take-it Color Wheel

We will be making personalized color wheels, please go through your stash and cut scraps (1"x1") of fabric in the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet). If you don't have one or more of the colors don't worry and don't go shopping just yet, that is part of the process. Also, when you choose the colors go by your gut instinct. Please also bring a glue stick.

We will also briefly discuss making a journal. Look through magazines or quilt patterns to find a color combination you would like to work with, keep an open mind and look at many different sources for ex., Better Homes and Gardens or gardening magazines, we are just looking for pleasing color (colors that please you) combinations. Bring the picture/s you want to work with. I'm looking forward to this make and take workshop, I have learned a lot about myself and my stash in the research process. Tia

Holly Hock Quilt Shop Hosting Bus Trip to the International Quilt Show in Cincinnati, OH on April 13th, 2012. Bus will leave Hollyhock Quilt Shop at 1124 hwy 62NW, Corydon, IN at 7:30am. Take advantage and enjoy the experience with other Quilters. Cost of \$45.00 (non refundable) includes bus trip, entrance fee to quilt show, bag and pen. No waiting time once we arrive – we go straight in once we get our bags. Call to reserve your space with Donna or Ashley at (812) 738-1312 or email: info@hollyhockquiltshop.com.

Treasurer's Report

JAN 2012

Balance Brought Forward.....\$802.68
INCOME
 Name Tag Fines..... 1.75
 DVD Sales.....20.00
 Membership Dues.....66.00
 Quilt Show.....4000.00
 Workshops.....292.00
 Retreat Deposits.....200.00
Total Income.....4579.75

EXPENSES

Supplies.....292.16
 HCH Dues.....60.00
 Workshop.....250.00
 Refund.....20.00
Total Expenditures.....622.16

 Ending Balance..... \$4760.27

Submitted by: Brenda Carroll
 Treasurer

NAME TAGS

Remember to wear those quilted name tags to not only help new members and old remember your name but for a chance to win a FQ. There is also a 25 cent fine for not wearing them.

RETREAT

2012 Stitcher's Retreat at Nazareth is November 8-11 .

Sign up deposit is due by 29 February to reserve your space if you haven't paid yet. Limited space available so contact Christina Cooper at (502) 315-6942 or email me at ChristinaKY2378@yahoo.com if you have any question.

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Meeting Projects & Upcoming Activities

FEBRUARY Meeting

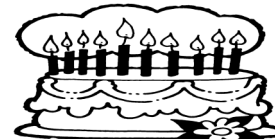
- ♥ 'Color Your Stash'
- ♥ Make-it/Take-it Color Wheel

MARCH Meeting

- ♥ Lecture—'Insuring Your Quilts'

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ Kaleidoscope with Kelly and Ricky—Feb 24-26
- ♥ Paint with Debbie
 March 10-11
- ♥ Quilters Day Out
 March 17th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 & Many More Quilts To Go!

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:

Ruth Deppen – Feb 3rd
 Mary Lois Hill – Feb 5th
 Jessie Hood – Feb 6th
 Brenda Arnett – Feb 17th
 Janice Conder – Feb 17th
 Linda Griffiths – Feb 18th
 Virginia Coomes – Feb 20th
 Fran Hodges – Feb 24th
 Betty Percifield – Feb 28th
 Brenda Carroll – Feb 29th
 Kathy Goodman – Mar 3rd
 Kristin Minnick – Mar 3rd
 Ruth Hayden – Mar 6th
 Kathy Cravens – Mar 17th
 Marilyn Smith – Mar 27th



REFRESHMENT LIST

If you can't attend the meeting that you've signed up for, please find a substitute.

FEBRUARY

Dottie Monday, Ilse Comenzind
 Jean Mindock, Kelly Pruitt
 Suzanne Shircliff, Barb Dawson

MARCH

Dawne Johnson, Rachel Kretz
 Ginger Sharp, Brenda Carroll
 Ava Allen, Veronica Culberson

There will be a signup sheet at the Feb meeting for those wanting to drive or ride to the quilters day out events. We will meet in the parking lot at the Bingo Hall on 31W in Radcliff at 9am. Riders will pay their drivers \$5.00 to help cover gas.

Quilter's Day Out (KY) is Saturday, March 17th, 2012 From 10AM – 3PM at Triple Crown Pavilion/Ramada Plaza Hotel, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville. Admission is \$5.00 plus a donation for St Matthews Area Ministries. Visit guild booths, demos, door prize drawings and hear a panel discussion on, "Collecting, Conserving & Curating Quilts." Free Parking. Free Coffee. Lunch available. See the website at: quiltersday-out.com or call Marilou at (502) 291-5731 or Linda at (502) 266-7629.

Quilter's Day Out (IN) is Saturday, March 24th, 2012 From 10AM – 4:30PM AT Tri-County Shrine Center, 701 Potters Lane, Clarksville, IN (I-65 to Exit 5, turn Right on Veterans Pkwy continue road by Target – turn Right on Broadway (Rd changes name) , continue past Golf Course and Tri-County Shrine Center is on your Right). Cost is \$5.00 Donation at the door. Quilt Displays, demo's, concessions, vendors, prizes, machine/hand sit-n-sew; Scissor sharpening available & 50 Donna Sharp Tote Bags will be given away! For information call Carol Fridley (812) 945-9507.

2012 New Year 's UFO Resolution

If you have not turned in your form bring it to Feb meeting. We will have some blank forms available at the meeting in case you have misplaced yours. Hope to see large number of UFOs completed at the Nov meeting. Remember we give away some awesome prizes!

DONATIONS

The Stitchers have always been a group that has supported area organizations and/or projects that assist the many who are in need in our community. Throughout the year we will take donations for various organizations. If you know of an organization please let a board member know. We are going to begin the year with assisting the needs at Warm Blessings. Warm Blessings is a nonprofit organization that is run by volunteers. It is a soup kitchen that feeds the indigent people in this area. They serve dinner Mon thru Fri to the homeless and poor. Below is a list of items they have requested. We will be collecting these items at the Feb and Mar meeting. If you can and would like to participate please bring the items to either of those meetings. If you have any questions on this please let Patty know.

ITEMS FOR WARM BLESSINGS

Paper Plates - simple style but durable

Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer - BIG containers No Rinse Floor Cleaner - gallon jugs at Sam's

Aluminum Foil - large 500 ft at Sam's Parchment paper to line cooking pans (approximately 10" X 12" or 14" X 20") Toilet Bowl Cleaner Gallon Plastic Zip Lock Bags Two Gallon Zip Lock Bags Gallon size tea bags Dish Detergent (Ajax or Dawn is best) Napkins (to wrap silverware in) Spices - our cooking team loves to spice things up!

Individual salt and pepper packets, Old towels or washcloths

FACEBOOK GROUP

There is now a group called Stitchers Quilt Guild on Facebook. Kelly Pruitt loads pictures of the meetings, workshops, retreats, quilt shows, etc. Anyone else should be able to add pictures they would like everyone to see also. Please keep it to quilt related pictures. If you finished a new quilt and would like to post it for everyone to see this would be a great spot.

You have to have a facebook account and request to be friends with Stitchers Quilt Guild.

AREA QUILT SHOPS

KENTUCKY

A Quilters Fabric Garden
107 W. Cedar Street
Franklin, KY 42134
270-598-7767

Barn Cat Quilting Shoppe
2897 Matthews Mill Road
Glasgow, KY 42141
270-646-5468

Corner Quilt Shop
153 Patchen Drive
Lexington, KY 40517
859-268-7467

Q First In Quilting
4383 Old Harrodsburg Rd #130
Lexington, KY 40513
859-554-5800

Sew Much More
120 W. Main Street
Clarkson, KY 42726
270-242-3349

Uniquely Yours Quilt Shop
2973 Rineyville Road
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-766-1456

Among Friends Quilt Shop
9537 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
502-261-7377

Busy Lady Quilt Shop
144 N. Bardstown Road
Mt. Washington, KY 40047
502-538-8800

Happy Heart Quilt Shop
7913 3rd Street Road
Louisville, KY 40214
502-363-1171

Quilters Square
140 Moore Drive
Lexington, KY 40503
859-278-5010

The Smocking Shop Inc.
3829 Staebler Avenue
Louisville, KY 40201
502-893-3503

Whittles Bargain House
3858 Chalybeate Road
Smiths Grove, KY 42171
270-597-2987

AREA QUILT SHOPS

KENTUCKY con't

Austin's Sewing Center
5640 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291
502-239-2222

Pinwheel Quilting Fabric
452 E. Main Stree
Glendale, KY 40245
502-457-0007

The Quilt Room
706 Kings Way
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-769-6378

INDIANA

Craft Town
21 Public Square
Salem, IN 47167
812-883-6860

Hollyhock Quilt Shop
1124 Highway 62 NW
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-1312

Quilting Bee Quilt Shop
4904 Old Georgetown Road
Georgetown, IN 47122
812-542-1236

TENNESSEE

Quilters Attic
126 N. Main Street
Goodlettsville, TN 37072
615-859-5603

****Please call shops before
visiting for hours of operation
and directions.****

Supply List & Information for Crazy Quilt Workshop (April 6th and 7th 2012)

Bring a lot of scraps, so you can swap with others! This will be an old-fashioned crazy quilt top, so just bring all your leftovers! There should be no need to buy any fabric for this one..... unless you really, really want to! If you feel you are short on variety, on color, or even on the volume of scraps you have, please let someone know. Like the best pot luck dinners, I'm SURE others will be ready and able to share!

Overview – Basically, we will be making a crazy-quilt top from an assortment of foundation-pieced blocks. (Picture the beautiful old silk and velvet-style crazy quilts). There will be no structured pattern for these quilt blocks, so each one will be unique. We will use a “sew-flip-press-cut, sew-flip-press-cut” routine, which makes it important that you each have your own iron, pressing surface, and small cutting mat nearby, if possible. (You can probably share an iron with your tablemate without problem.) In class, we will concentrate on making the individual blocks, which can then be sewn together, set together with strips, or otherwise utilized as you see fit. Your top can be sized for a baby quilt or for a larger quilt, depending on how many blocks you want to finish. If you decide to set the blocks together with strips, you might want to choose that fabric first, so you can incorporate some of its color into the scraps of blocks you're making. Or not!

The foundation blocks can be any size you want them, as long as they are all the same size! Square blocks in the 6” to 12” size range would probably be easiest for a first project. (Really large foundation blocks are sometimes slightly more difficult for beginners to cover using this method.) Rectangular foundation blocks could also be used and then sewn together like offset bricks. That would also be a very easy shape to use when starting out. Either way, you can utilize some very small fabric scraps when covering foundation blocks of those sizes.

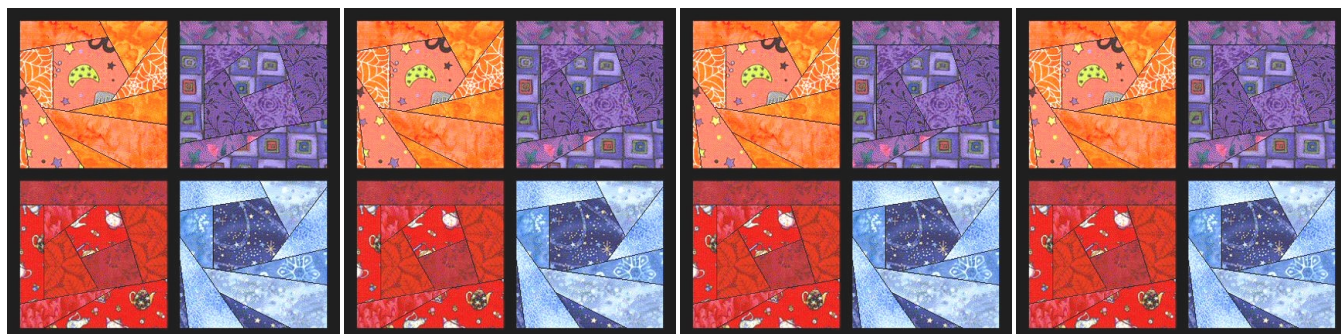
I recommend that you start planning by deciding what size template squares you have and possibly taking advantage of them. For example, if I have both a 6” and a 6 ½” square cutting template, I could use the larger square to cut the foundation blocks and then later use the smaller one to square up the finished blocks. (I like easy!) The finished block size would then end up at about 5” each after being sewn together. So, if I want to do a baby quilt top, I might make it 8 blocks wide by 10 blocks high. The finished quilt top would come out to be about 40” by 50”. Of course, I could always add borders or more blocks to increase the size, if needed.

Tools to Bring-- Sewing Machine with medium (11 or 14, etc.) needles and your other basic supplies for machine sewing, a small cutting mat and rotary cutter, a pair of good scissors for hand cutting and trimming, iron and small pressing board, and rotary templates (squares, rectangles, etc.) of the size you want your blocks to be, or of a size to be used in squaring up your blocks. As for thread color, any neutral color should work..... or you can use up the remainders of assorted old spools and bobbins, if you have them. In addition to fabric scraps, this can also be a good project for using up thread leftovers!

Fabric (yardage)-- Foundation blocks generally need to be cut from light neutral cotton fabric. Muslin or anything of similar strength would work well. The foundation fabric will not be seen, so it does not all have to match and there is no need for it to coordinate with anything else. You will need enough yardage to cut all your foundation blocks approximately 1/2" to 1" larger than your desired finished block size. (Note: On these types of quilts, you generally do not pre-shrink the fabric used for the foundation unless ALL your fabric scraps have also been preshrunk.)

Fabric (assorted scraps)-- Most all sizes of scraps will work. With this method, you can use even very small fabric pieces. For a first project, most scraps should probably be at least the size of a business card or larger. Short fabric strips of assorted widths (1 1/2" to ??) work well, too. Fabrics can be any assortment of colors, prints, and solids. As usual, it is probably better to use all 100% cotton fabrics than to mix with poly/cotton blends. However, you may use blends if you wish, while keeping in mind that the shrink rates could be different for some of the fabrics. Either way is acceptable. Having said that, actually almost any kind of commonly available fabric is workable in this type of quilt top. It helps to have scraps quick-pressed and placed in several short stacks before you start, but you can take time to do that in class on Friday night if not done beforehand.

Embellishments-- If desired, assorted short pieces of scrap trim can also be utilized in these blocks. Most common trims (lace, ribbon, ricrac, hem tape, etc.) are suitable. Your very small trim pieces will work well in this project. Trim pieces can be as short as just a couple of inches. Nothing gets wasted!!



Kaleidoscope with Kelly and Ricky

February 24—5pm to 9pm?
25—8am to 4pm?
26—8am to 4pm?

Cost of the workshop is \$7.00 and will go towards a meal on Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

Fabric—15 to 20, 1/4 to 1/2 yard pieces (bring leftovers to class)

I would suggest just pulling from your stash and don't worry about the amount of each fabric as long as you can get two of the same width strips cut by the length (approx 42 to 44 inches long)

We'll select a background fabric and borders on Saturday or Sunday. You really don't want to decide ahead of time because you have no idea what your quilt will look like.

You can use as many different fabrics as you like or go with a color scheme. You can also use the same fabric in more than one set of strata's.

Supplies—Basic sewing supplies

Flannel backed tablecloth for design wall

Rotary cutter, mat and 12 to 24 inch ruler

Attached is a picture of what a strata looks like.

You will need to make your strata's ahead of time in order to complete your top.

You will need to make 5 matching pairs of strata's, 10 total.

Cut a variety of strips into widths of 1" to 3" by the length of the fabric (44 inches)

You need to sew the strips into strata's that are approximately 10 inches wide by 44" long. Don't forget to make a matching strata.

Press one strata in one direction and the matching strata the other direction.

Again make 5 matching pairs of strata's, 10 in total. See picture for reference.

Any questions call Kelly Pruitt at 766-9732 or email at Kelly.1.pruitt.civ@mail.mil



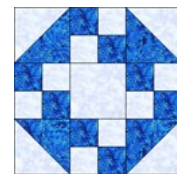
Above is a sample of what the strata's should look like. Right is Janice Conder working on her Kaleidoscope last year.



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