

NEWSLETTER

Next meeting Nov 5

Karen Bolan is a local quilter in Santa Rosa, California. She comes to quilting from a science and engineering background. Her designs reflect traditional piecing done with an out-of-the-box approach that includes her love of geometry, experimentation, interconnection, depth, and texture. Karen's work has received many accolades and has been shown at PIQF, QuiltCon, international shows and local art venues including Petaluma Arts Center, Santa Rosa Public Art and the De Young Open. Her talk will be about collaboration: think opportunity quilts, round robins and sewing circles! She'll dish the tea on the joys and challenges of collaboration. Her presention will include a gallery of over 25 stunning collaborative quilts while learning tips for successfully designing, managing, and participating in collaborative quilting projects. Get ready for a discussion of different kinds of collaborative quilt projects, dealing with difficult situations, and a fun surprise.

DON'T FORGET:

- Guild Dues
- Craft Items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter Frenzy
- \$ for Monthly Mini



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President's Message

Hello Beautiful Makers,

It's really fall! Time for soup and for Quilts!

Let's celebrate the fall together at our meeting on Tuesday, November 5 (coincidentally, election day – you can drop your ballot out front and then come to the meeting). I am so disappointed we couldn't gather in October and really set a course to keep the Guild going. This isn't a threat, it is a fact, without a plan we will just fizzle out. It is crucial that we recruit new members and have a greater degree of participation within the Guild. My attempt at a survey was met with a giant shrug – 14 responses out of 64 members. That's a 22% response rate and it speaks volumes.

If we wish to continue the guild several things have to occur that we as quilters/creators can make happen, firstly we need to share our quilts at meetings. Show and tell is a wonderful part of each meeting – participate. We learn more about each other as we see each person's work. We need volunteers – these craft fairs Debbie has been finding are a wonderful way for us to make some money and two hours on a weekend is not an insurmountable amount of time to donate, especially for the events in Petaluma. Finally, many members would prefer not to drive at night – volunteer to start a carpool, you could become better acquainted with some wonderful humans. Enough of the soapbox – we have to perk up our moribund Guild and make it appealing!

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Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes



The October meeting was canceled due to excessive heat

Quilts for COTS

We continue to share your beautiful quilts and pillowcases with the clients at the homeless shelter. Some of the clients have earned a placement in a "Tiny House," and your quilts are on their beds. Here is an update by the numbers since our last meeting:

6312 - total quilts donated

15 - donations in September

5 -donations as of Oct. 15

We are in need of gender neutral/masculine quilt tops (48 x 78, borders not required). A majority of the clients are male. New fabric packets and pillowcase kits will be available at the Nov. meeting.

We will spend some time at our Oct. meeting working on items for the Nov. craft fair. That will be our last meeting of the year. THANK YOU for supporting this project. It really does " take a village" to accomplish the extraordinary. Happy Thanksgiving! Ellie







Upcoming Craft Fairs

We have two more craft fairs coming up this fall.

The next fair is at **United Methodist Church on Nov 16 10 - 4pm**.

Setup is the night before.

Please sew more bowl cozies, potholders or gift bags. Since this is before Thanksgiving, you could make or Christmas themed items. Sports themes are also popular.

We also will have a booth on Nov 24 10 am to 3 pm in Sebastopol's Holy Ghost Hall (see flyer above)

PLEASE VOLUNTEER for setup or sitting at the booth on the day of the craft fairs! We can only continue with more member participation!!!!

Thanks, Debby, Ways & Means Chairperson

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Membership

We are still accepting
Membership Dues this month.
The dues are \$40. Please bring a check for \$40 made out to a
Petaluma Quilt Guild. If you bring cash please place it in an envelope with your name on it.
We hope to see all of you there.
Sue and Jan



Monthly Mini

Thanks to all the members who have donated to our Monthly Mini fundraiser. Your efforts are greatly appreciated to help us continue raising fees for our guild.

Please sign our monthly calendar if you are interested in a particular month. Your donation does not have to be a quilt. You are a talented and creative group whose efforts and creations are loved and appreciated by all. Thank you, Sherri Graham



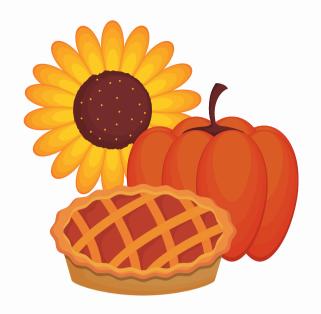


Nov Birthdays

Barbara C - Nov 2 Jo H- Nov 14 Sharon J - Nov 23 Kirsten S - Nov 30 Gayle S - Nov 30 Petaluma Quilt Guild November 2024

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was canceled in October.



Military News

Hello quilters, Happy fall to you all. I know we have not even had Thanksgiving but I'm doing Christmas planning already. I had a dozen quilts all ready to bring to our October meeting in need of binding. I was hoping to Deliver the quilts to Nation's Finest in early December for distribution. What I'm asking is could any of you bind a quilt or two for me that you can return ASAP. I can deliver and pick up if needed. I also would like at least 3 more to add to them and my total donated for the year would be 60 quilts. (So far 45 have been delivered.) Thank you all for your help and support. Jayne and Nancy

** In honor of Veteran's Day, please make a Friendship
Star Block and bring it in!

Military Block 12 inch Friendship Star

Blue for stars (1) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square (2) 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" squares



Red for corners (2) $4-7/8" \times 4-7/8"$ squares White for background (4) $4-7/8" \times 4-7/8"$ squares

For the 12" x 12" Friendship Star Quilt Block

- 1. Draw a diagonal line, from one corner to the opposite corner, on the reverse side of all light neutral squares.
- 2. Use the quick pieced half-square triangle method to sew a light square to each blue print square of the same size. When complete, each of the four half-square triangle units should measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" for a 12" (finished size) quilt block. Set aside.
- 3. Make four more half square triangle units by pairing the remaining 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" light squares with the multicolored squares (for the block's corner triangles) of the same size.
- 4. Arrange the half square triangle units and the $4-1/2" \times 4-1/2"$ blue print square into three rows. Units made with the blue fabric from the stars, and the multicolor print triangle units are used in block corners. Check to make sure the angles of all patches match the diagram.
- 5. Sew the units in each row together. Press seam allowances in the top and bottom rows towards the outer units. Press seam allowances in the center row towards the solid square Sew rows together, carefully matching patch edges and seam intersections.
- 6. Press. The quilt block should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".

Thank you for making this block for a military veterans quilt.

Ways & Means

Please keep sewing for our craft fairs. The pattern for the bowl cozies can be found on several websites and you can even buy templates if you are making a lot of them.

Potholders also sell well as do tea towels. Another one that was a big hit in the past is the snap bags. The ones that have the metal measuring tape as the opener. You can look up how to make them at How To Sew A Snappy Pouch The Easy Way

beginnersewingprojects.com

Thanks, Debby L





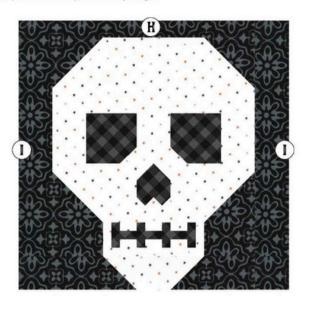
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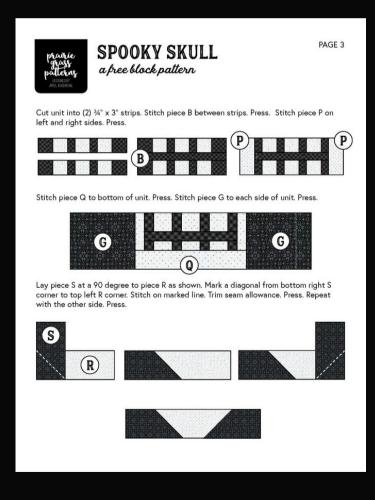
Block of the Month



Stitch units together. Press. Stitch piece H to the top. Press. Stitch pieces I to the left and right sides. Press. Block measures 81/5" square. NOTE: unfinished, the chin of the skull will look more pointy than the block image because of seam allowance. When incorporated into a top, it will look just right!







The pattern is continued on the next page

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SPOOKY SKULL

a free block pattern

Mark a diagonal line on the back of (2) piece L. Align to the top of piece C. Stitch on the marked line. Trim seam allowance. Press. Mark a diagonal line on the back of each piece N. Align to outside bottom corner of pieced unit. Stitch on marked line. Trim seam allowance, press. Repeat with bottom right corners. Stitch units together.







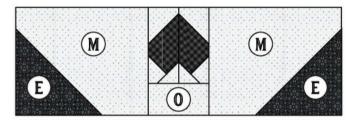




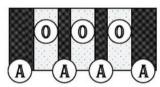


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Stitch piece O to bottom of nose unit. Stitch piece M to each side of unit. Press. Mark a diagonal on (2) piece E. Align to bottom right and bottom left corners of unit. Stitch on marked lines. Trim seam allowance. Press.



Stitch pieces A and L together in an alternating pattern. Press.



This is a free pattern published by April Rosenthal. Download your copy at www.aprilrosenthal.cc



on Guild website



SPOOKY SKULL a free block pattern

From black gingham fabric:

A (4) 34" x 11/2" (1) 3/4 x 3"

(2) 1" x 13/4"

(2) 2" squares

From black background fabric:

E: (4) 2" squares F: (2) 11/2" x 2"

G: (2) 1½" x 2"

H: (1) 1" x 61/2"

(2) 1½" x 8½"

From white twinkle fabric:

J: (1) 21/2" x 61/2"

K: (3) 11/2" x 2"

(4) 1" squares

M: (2) 21/4" x 3"

N: (4) ¾" squares O: (4) 1" x 1½" P: (2) ¾" x 1¼"

Q: (1) 3/4 x 31/2"

R: (1) 11/2" x 31/2"

S: (2) 1½" x 3"

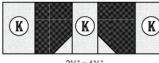
Mark diagonal line on the back of each piece E. Align piece E to top right and top left corners of piece J. Stitch on marked line. Trim seam allowance. Press



Mark a diagonal line on the back of (2) piece L. Align to the bottom right corner of piece D. Stitch on the marked line. Trim seam allowance. Press. Repeat with another piece L and piece D with the bottom left corner. Stitch piece K in between units, and on each side. Press.







21/2" x 61/2"

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