



NEWSLETTER

Next meeting Oct 1

Our October topic will be Games, Brainstorming, Action & Prizes! We will have some round table break out groups focusing on a rebrand and relaunch of our guild. There are two key areas we'll cover: 1) membership and 2) maker world & community connection. Under membership, we're going to be asking you for ideas to recruit and attract new members and specifically, what you can do to bring a new member or two in our guild.

With community connection, we're hoping to learn about your skills & ideas for enhancing our connection to the North Bay arts community & quilter/maker gang. We'll cover publicity & promotion with classic channels, as well as new social media venues.

We hope to see you at the meeting. Your membership in the guild is valued and we are looking forward to your help (ideas & actions!) to sustain the guild.

DON'T FORGET:

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



President's Message

There is a Chinese curse which says "May you live in interesting times." We are indeed living in interesting times for the Guild! We are on the precipice; change is coming – we can be changed or direct the change. Either way let's do it together as a team!

You've received the bad news of the budget but it doesn't mean we can't creatively go forward – after all we are all creators and makers – imagination is our forte!

This month's meeting is a chance to sit with folks you may not know and have fun playing games for prizes!! Also, bring all your best ideas for growing and sustaining this group. We will enjoy games and comraderie and we'll set aside a defined amount of time to brainstorm on our team's path forward.

We have a great Board but this is a group exercise about our future. Join us to help us achieve our best outcome!

I want to conclude with a poem from Wendell Berry:

The Real Work

It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.

The impeded stream is the one that sings.

by Wendell Berry, from *Collected Poems*, 1987

Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2024

Call Meeting to Order –The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Victoria P.

Jo H shared a poem.

Minutes of the August 6, 2024 General Meeting – There was a motion and second to accept the minutes of the August meeting as circulated in the September newsletter. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Installation of Officers for 2024-25: – Victoria P installed the new Petaluma Quilt Guild Officers for the 2024-25 year:

President – Melissa H

First Vice President for Membership – Kathy S

Second Vice President for Programs – Margo C

Secretary – Shari K (absent due to surgery)

Treasurer – Marilyn F

President's news – Melissa talked about the exciting year ahead and that the October meeting will be a planning session. Everyone is encouraged to come to give input for the year. Debby L presented Victoria with a quilt top and label for being our president last year.

Membership – There were 30 members present and 4 guests.

Treasurer's Report – Marilyn F stated that the proposed budget for the 2024-25 budget year was sent to the members by e-mail. Marilyn reviewed the proposed budget and responded to questions. Jane M made a motion to approve the budget and Deb L seconded. The budget was passed unanimously.

Ways and Means – Debby L presented dates for craft sales: The craft sale at St John's church will be September 28, with set up on September 27. The craft sale at the United Methodist Church is November 16 with set up on the 15th. Special items are needed for these sales including bowl cozies; made only with all cotton, even thread, to be used in the microwave. Christmas and Halloween items are also needed. Anything else like bags, appliqued tea towels, and gift items are needed. Check with Debby to see if she needs help. Lots of worker bees lightens the load!

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini was won by Teresa L, a guest.

Congratulations to Teresa!

Fat Quarters – The fat quarter for October will be polka dots.

Program – Our speaker was Jane Haworth, who spoke on memory quilts of all kinds using tee shirts, hankies, and photos, etc. to show love, hope and remembrance. She had a slide show as well as a trunk show also speaking on collage quilts.

Congratulations to the winners of the Membership Prizes!

Name Tag Winner – Marina W

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Deal for Shari K., PQG Secretary



Upcoming Craft Fairs

We have arranged for booths at two craft fairs this fall.

St John's Episcopal church on Sept 28th 9 am to 2 pm. Setup is the Friday night before from 2 – 7 pm.

The second 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.

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

Quilts for COTS

No news this month as Ellie is on a well deserved vacation!

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



Oct Birthdays

Nancy L - Oct 7

Amie C- Oct 21

Margee B - Oct 28

Melissa H - Oct 29

Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting will be held on Oct 21st at the meeting room at The Cottages, (576 N McDowell, Petaluma).

All members are welcome to attend.



Military News

Hello Quilters, I'm happy to report that I recently donated 19 quilts and pillowcases to Nation's Finest here in Sonoma County. I previously delivered 26 in April giving us a total so far this year 45 quilts and pillowcases. They were very appreciative to receive a new batch. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of you who have helped create these beautiful quilts to unhoused Veterans. I can't stress enough that I could not do this without all your donations and help. I continue to have top kits to be checked out. If each of the members did one kit a year the work would be minimal to keep up with my goal of about 50 to 60 quilts and pillow cases a year. I have many helpers who do far above that amount and I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I know the recipients also thank you with deep gratitude. So as the weather turns cooler, indoor activities will be our choice. Consider making a top for those in need of a quilted hug.

Thank you again, Jayne and Nancy

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" x 4-7/8" squares

White for background (4) 4-7/8" x 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" x 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.

Please enjoy the photos of the Military Quilts that were donated. Let's keep it going!







Ways & Means

Hello Worker Bees! Thank you so much for bringing in the items that I got last month. Please keep it up. We have November 16 sales set up. Hopefully, more will come, but I do need two people to work from 2 to 4:30. This would require you to take the items to Storage.

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

Block of the Month

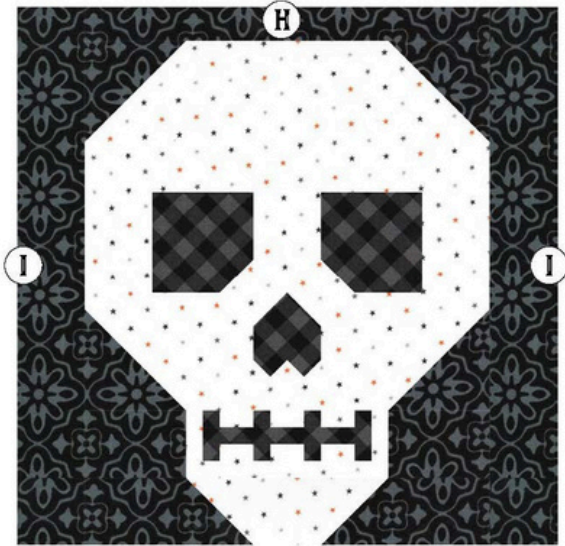


SPOOKY SKULL

a free block pattern

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Stitch units together. Press. Stitch piece H to the top. Press. Stitch pieces I to the left and right sides. Press. Block measures 8½" 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!

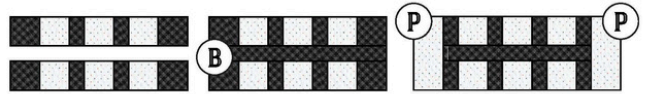


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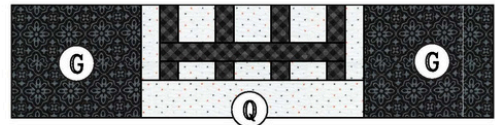
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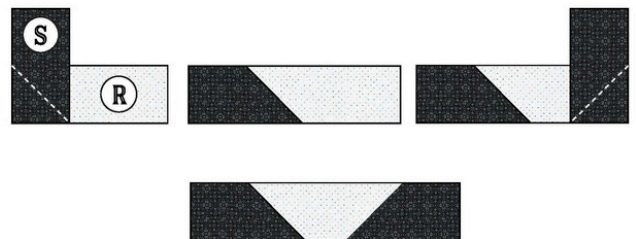
Cut unit into (2) ¾" x 3" strips. Stitch piece B between strips. Press. Stitch piece P on left and right sides. Press.



Stitch piece Q to bottom of unit. Press. Stitch piece G to each side of unit. Press.



Lay piece S at a 90 degree to piece R as shown. Mark a diagonal from bottom right S corner to top left R corner. Stitch on marked line. Trim seam allowance. Press. Repeat with the other side. Press.



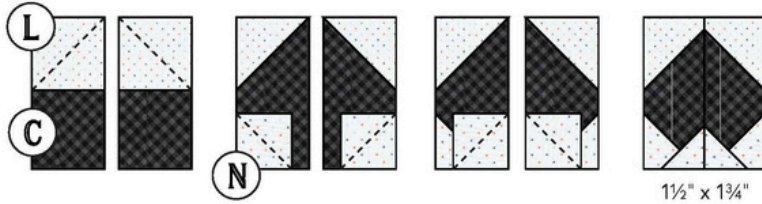
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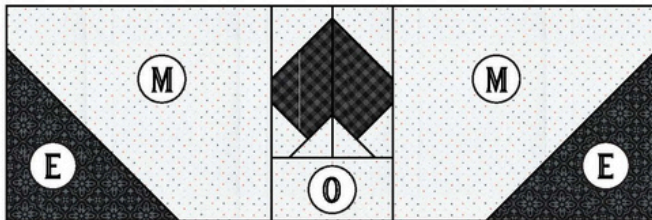
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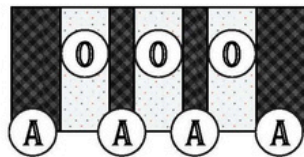
Mark a diagonal line on the back of (2) piece L. Align to the top of piece C. Stitch on the marked line. Trim seam allowance. Press. Mark a diagonal line on the back of each piece N. Align to outside bottom corner of pieced unit. Stitch on marked line. Trim seam allowance, press. Repeat with bottom right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



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.



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a free block pattern

CUT:

From black gingham fabric:

- A (4) 3/4" x 1 1/2"
- B (1) 3/4 x 3"
- C (2) 1" x 1 3/4"
- D (2) 2" squares

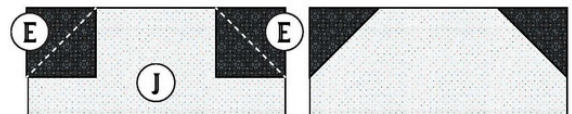
From white twinkle fabric:

- J: (1) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"
- K: (3) 1 1/2" x 2"
- L: (4) 1" squares
- M: (2) 2 1/4" x 3"
- N: (4) 3/4" squares
- O: (4) 1" x 1 1/2"
- P: (2) 3/4" x 1 1/4"
- Q: (1) 3/4 x 3 1/2"
- R: (1) 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"

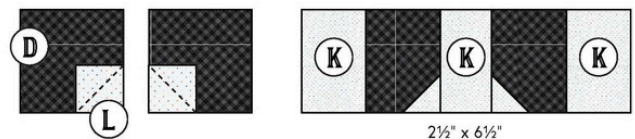
From black background fabric:

- E: (4) 2" squares
- F: (2) 1 1/2" x 2"
- G: (2) 1 1/2" x 2"
- H: (1) 1" x 6 1/2"
- I: (2) 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"
- S: (2) 1 1/2" 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.



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