

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

Spring is finally here, at least according to the calendar, and thoughts of new quilt projects, bus trips and retreat are on my mind. Lighter spring colored fabrics, patriotic red, white and blue, nautical prints, and lively brights are calling to me. I'm already making my list of notions to buy at the Rosemont quilt show, and hope there is some new gadget that I can't live without! For those that have never been to this show, retreat or on the guild bus trip, I highly recommend all!

These events are a great way to get to know your fellow members, be inspired, and find supplies without having to shop the internet.

I would like to thank all the guild members that helped with the quilt show, it is a lot of long hours and lots of work, but so rewarding. Trailer loading and unloading Monday, Wednesday, (one hour) and Sunday have never gone so well. New blood is always welcome on the show committee and raffle quilt committee. Many hands make light the work.

Thank you all!

Joline

Leo Tolstoy said "Spring is the time of plans and projects".

Now that the 2018 quilt show is behind us what are your plans and projects? Plenty of us enjoy being in the garden and getting the yard ready for the season. Often I take this time of year to step away from the quilting projects and get outside to find new inspiration. I just wish Mother Nature would do her part and warm this place up! At least the boys of summer (Brew Crew) are back in town a small sign that warmer weather is near. Before we realize it, we'll be in the midst of summer and wondering where has the year gone?

Take time to relax, enjoy family and friends and don't stress out about the little stuff ~ if you've ever had a bumpy quilt we've all used the saying "it will quilt out" and if you're seams aren't perfect put an applique heart or black bird on it and call it Folk Art!

Amy Stolowski

Newsletter Deadline: April 20th, 2018 - Send to LuAnne Pankowski - lpankowski@wi.rr.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH –Due APRIL Meeting

Crazy Quilters Block of the Month – for April 2018

For this block exchange use:

Light Background - Off White, Cream, Ivory, Eggshell, etc.:

Note: Background may be scrappy in your block.

(6) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, subcut once diagonally and

(4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Dark:

Note: Do NOT use Green as any of your colors.

(4) *different* $7\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, subcut twice diagonally

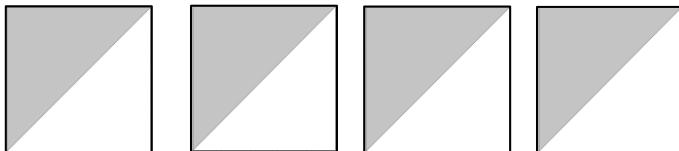
(you will have three triangles leftover from each square)

(4) *different* $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, subcut once diagonally

(you will have one triangle leftover from each square)

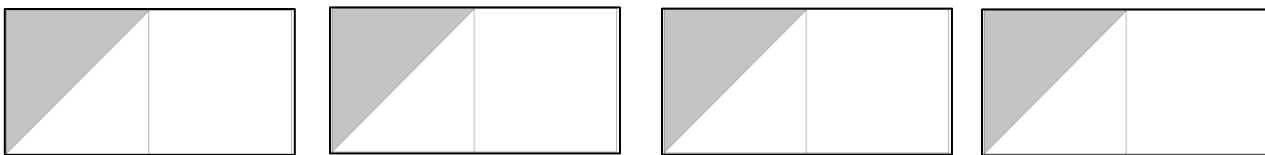
1. Sew a Dark and Background $3\frac{7}{8}$ " triangle together on the diagonal edges.

Make four different squares.



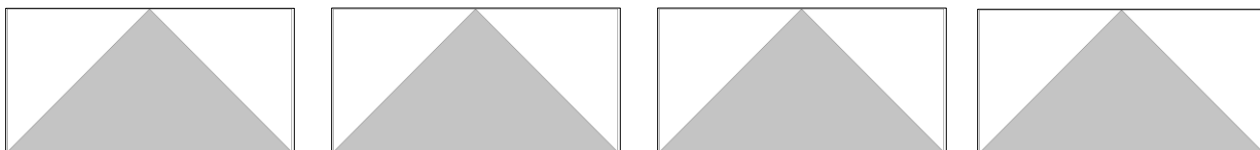
2. Sew a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " Background square to the Step 1 unit.

Make 4.



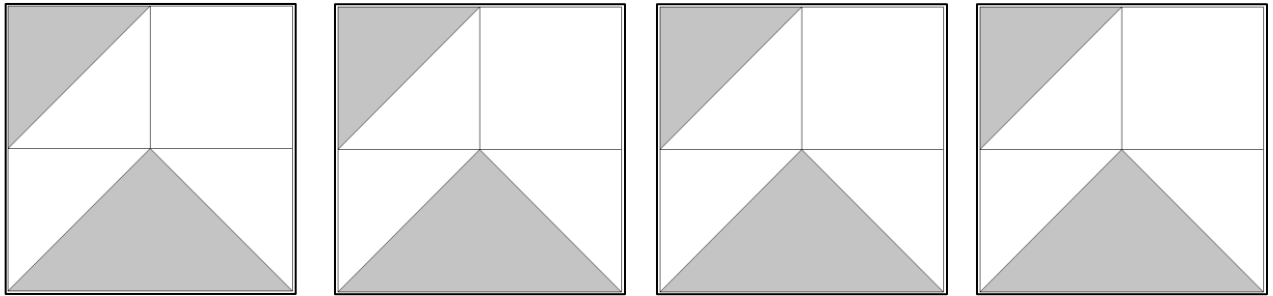
3. Sew a Background $3\frac{7}{8}$ " triangle to each diagonal edge of a $7\frac{1}{4}$ " Dark triangle.

Make four different Flying Geese units.

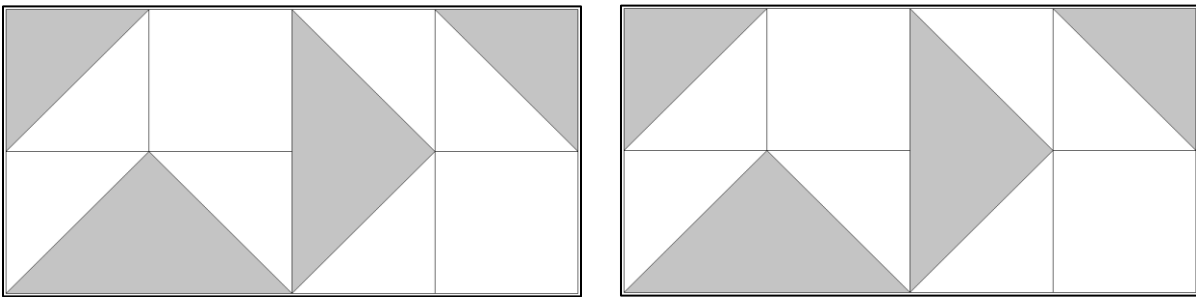


4. Sew a Step 3 unit to a Step 2 unit.

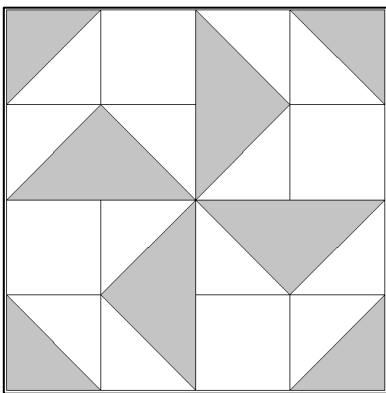
Make four.



5. Sew (2) Step 4 units together.
Make two.



6. Sew the (2) Step 5 units together.



Your square should measure 12½" x 12½".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/GUILD MEETING DATES

2018 Programs

January 10 – School House.

Jo Jacobi	FMQ with Rulers and Templates
Gail Lamp	AccuQuilt Cutter
Julia McKagan	Pineapple Ruler
Grace Marko	Mitered Borders
Amy Stolowski	Piping/Flange binding
Nancy Horwath	Designing your Quilt Studio

February 14 – Caroline Knox, T-Shirt Quilts

March 14 – Deanne Eisenman, Snuggles Quilts, Wool

March 15 – Wool Workshop, Delightful Seasons Wool Applique

April 11 – Beth Rosene & Carol Keller of Quilter's Garden

"A Visit from Aunt Sewzie"

May 9 – Marilyn Foreman - Kaleidoscope of Quilts - Rotate & Create!

June 13 – TBA

July 11 – Summer Pot Luck

August 8– Patricia Simons, Quilter's Rule

September 12 – Amy Walsh, Color/Quilting

October 10 - Linda Halpin Lecture

October 11 – Linda Halpin Workshop

November 14 – TBA

December 12 – Christmas Party Potluck

UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAZY QUILTERS BUS TRIP TO ROSEMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

April 14, 2018, ~8:30am-7:30pm

The guild is once again sponsoring a trip to the Chicago Quilt Festival held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. The trip will be Saturday, April 14, 2018. Details are being finalized but we will leave at approximately 8:30 am and return at approximately 7:30 pm.

KALONA QUILT SHOW & SALE 2018

April 26-28, 2018

Thurs. April 26 "Evening Only" 5 - 8 pm

Fri. April 27 9 am - 7 pm

Sat. April 28 9 am - 5 pm

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2018 CRAZY QUILTERS RETREATS

Crazy Quilter's Retreats are held twice a year:

Spring date is: **May 18th - 21st, 2018**

Fall date is: **September 14th - 17th, 2018.**

The retreats are held at the Pilgrim Center on Green Lake, right outside of Ripon, Wisconsin. All meals are included in the price for retreat. January's newsletter will have the cost. If you have questions or want to sign up please contact Kathy Fabisiak

MCQ GUILD SUMMER TRIP

June 1-3, 2018

Rowley's Bay Resort: Telephone # 1-800-999-2466

www.rowleysbayresort.com

Contact Karen Keys or Diane Mehring with questions

CRAZY QUILTERS STITCH 'N PITCH NIGHT

See Amy STOLOWSKI for your ticket for the Brewers vs Cubs STITCH & PITCH game

Date: Monday June 11th, 2018

Cost: \$42 which includes the Tailgate (food and water), game ticket and commemorative Bobble head.

Meeting time for tailgate to be determined closer to event {game starts at 6:30pm}

20 tickets have been pre-purchased in section 207, rows 4, 5 & 6

See Amy STOLOWSKI with any additional questions or to sign up!

MCQ SPRING RETREAT MAY 18-21, 2018

Hi Ladies, here comes another fun year for the Crazy Quilter Retreaters. The new floor should be ready for us in our sewing area.

I am already thinking about what I can take to work on! I am sure that after our quilt show there will be more ideas running in my head.

Shop hopping is my favorite thing to do on the way up to Ripon and beautiful Green Lake.

Our Spring Retreat dates are May 18th - 21st, 2018. Cost is \$232.75 - make checks payable to Crazy Quilter's Guild, Inc.

If you haven't signed up please contact Kathy Fabisiak

QUILT SHOW THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent quilt show. We are still compiling the final numbers but overall the weekend was very successful. I heard many comments from people coming in and leaving about how nice the show was, that they come every year, and that they plan to come next year. The gym was fairly bursting with quilts including an entire aisle of purple quilts -- spectacular. There were also raffles to enter, door prizes to win, boutique items to purchase, appraisals to be done, demos to view, a stellar bed turning, lunch, and, of course, lots of shopping opportunities in our bargain bins and with the numerous vendors.

An extra special THANK YOU to the members of the Quilt Show Committee for their many extra hours of meetings and work to make sure we were ready for the show. The committee is open to any guild member who would like to join. We currently have an opening for someone to take over coordinating the quilt and machine raffles from Tammy Brandt, who will train the new person.

The theme for the 2019 show has been released, Mukwonago-The Place of the Bear. We are working on a definition to go along with the theme, but I imagine there will be quite a few Bear Paw pattern quilts entered. More to come on this.

So, again, thank you to all who volunteered for the show. It takes many hands to get everything done and the result is a quilt show our guest love and funding for our guild activities.

Brooke Furmanek, Quilt Show Chair

ROSEMONT QUILT SHOW – LAST CALL

This is the last call for those interested in riding the motorcoach to the Rosemont Quilt Show on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Cost is \$35.00 for transportation and wristband. Contact Brooke Furmanek via cell to get signed up. Registration closes on March 28.

GROUP SEWING DATES

For more information on the **Group Sewing** dates, please contact Linda Forster or Joline Palatino. For more information on the **Embroidery Sew**, contact Tammy Brandt. For more information on the newly created Woolie Group, please contact Karen Keys. All dates are held at the Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago.

We always need help at charity and endowment sew. Bring basic sewing supplies and a sewing machine. Fri. night and Thur. night bring your own items to work on.

Get to know your fellow guild members, lots of fun and learn new tricks!

Thurs night sew 6:00 pm Apr. 12, May 3, June 14

Friday night sew 6:00 pm Apr. 27, May 25, June 29

Endowment sew 1:30 pm Apr. 6, May 11, June 8 at 11:00 summer time change

Charity sew 11:00 am Apr. 9, May 14, June 18

Wool group 6:30 pm Apr. 24, May 22, June 26

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

I am always looking for new ideas, interesting patterns, and unique fabrics and find that online resources are plentiful when it comes to quilting. If you have one (or more) you'd like to share with the group, please send it to me at lpankowski@wi.rr.com and I'll include it in future newsletters!

<http://www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com> – Our GUILD website. Be sure to mark this one as a favorite!

CHARITY QUILTS

HELP WITH STASH REDUCTION!!!

We will accept fabric donations from our members' stash. The fabric must meet the following criteria:

- MUST be 100% cotton
- MUST be of usable size – no scraps

Kits are made up and can be picked up at any of our meetings, or you can call Betty, Bonnie, Barb, or Linda to arrange for pick up. The kits are 'complete'. They contain precut strips, borders where required, binding, backing and batting. There are a limited number of kits available with previously completed tops that just need borders, or layering and quilting (bindings & batting are included in those kits).

Betty Butenhoff
Bonnie Brien
Barb Shudy

LIBRARY

If someone has a request for something special please let Cheryl Christenson or Carol Pilgrim know what book(s) you would like to see the library purchase. If you have a particular book you'd like to order for yourself this can be done at that time also. An updated list has been provided on our website.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please continue to remember our guild members who are ill or experience a death in the family. If you know anyone, please contact Mary Kroll

Cards were sent to the following:

- Sympathy card - Family of Nadine Krueger
- Get Well card – Carol Thomas
- Sympathy card – Jean Heeringa

If anyone has any Get Well or Sympathy Cards they would like to donate I would love to have them. Please bring them to the Guild Meeting for Sunshine and please continue to let me know of any members that would like a card. Thank you so much for your help spreading a little sunshine to our members in need.

HOSTESS

REMINDER: Please call the hostesses to see if there is a need for ice, soda, paper plates, napkins, plastic forks, spoons, or knives. We would appreciate you being there at 6:00 to help move tables and chairs and set up the room for the speaker. We would like you to stay a little after the meeting to put the room back in order, also. Please check with the presidents to see what room configuration is needed for the night. Thank you.

NAMETAGS: Wear your Nametag for a chance to win a door prize at our monthly meetings. If you wear your nametag, put your name in the bucket for the drawing at the end of the meeting. Members donating needed items are able to put their name in a second time.

SNACKS: Please consider bringing some non-sweet snacks and have the snacks cut in serving sizes and remember to bring serving utensils with them.

2018 Treat Schedule			
APR	Hedstrom – Keys	SEP	Schilz – Stevens
MAY	Kippers – Leow	OCT	Stolowski – Van Thorre
JUNE	Lightfield – Osinski	NOV	Veigh - Yun
JULY	POT LUCK	DEC	POT LUCK
AUG	Otto – Rutkowski		

RECIPE

Almond Bars (Linda Schubert)

Crust:

1 cup butter
2 cups flour
½ cup powdered sugar

Mix crust ingredients together and pat in 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

Filling:

2 eggs
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. almond extract

Mix filling ingredients and pour over crust and bake for 15-20 minutes more.

Frosting:

1½ cups powdered sugar
¼ cup butter
1½ T. milk
1 tsp. almond extract

Mix and frost while bars are still warm. Sprinkle with sliced almonds.

Crazy Quilter Guild Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Amy announced the sad news of the passing of member Nadine Krueger on March 9, 2018. E-mail was sent to all the members with pertinent information.

Speaker: Deanne Eisenman from IA talked about Fabric Scraps and Random Threads. (SnugglesQuilts.com). Deanne will teach a wool workshop tomorrow. See newsletter for details.

A visitor from It's a Stitch Quilt Guild (Jackson, WI) is selling raffle tickets tonight. The Guild's show will be May 5-6. More details on the website.

Rosemont bus trip will soon be here. See Brooke Furmanek if you are interested.

BREAK

General Meeting

No corrections were made to the Newsletter. Next deadline is March 20th.

President's notes:

- Nancy Horwath was welcomed to the Board. She is the new Historian. Voted all in favor.
- Betty Butenhoff presented the preliminary numbers from last weekend's Quilt Show. The Show committee will meet on April 3rd, and then an additional report will be announced at the April meeting.
- LuAnne sent E-mail re: By-laws. Changes to be approved.
- The treasurer position has been filled, thank you Clarice Prokuda. We still need to fill the Raffle Quilt tickets salesperson position. Also, the Raffle Quilt committee is looking for new members for quilt design and planning team.
- Budget requests are due by end of April to Betty Butenhoff so she can prepare the proposed budget for May's meeting. If members do not contact Betty, your budget will stay the same.
- The Endowment committee has two quilts going to Channel 10 Auction Spring Fling and to the Mukwonago School District Perform group. Also, 15 quilts in progress will go to the Tiny Homes in Racine, WI.
- Charity quilt tops are ready for quilting: see Betty Butenhoff if interested.
- New members can pick up the new nametags at the membership table.

Upcoming events:

- Bus trip to Rosemont April 14th. See Brooke Furmanek.
- Spring Retreat on May 18-21, also Fall Retreat September 14-17. See Kathy Fabisiak.
- Summer Road Trip to Door County June 1-3. See Karen Keys and Diane Mehring.
- Stitch and Pitch baseball game June 11th featuring Brewers vs. Cubs. See Amy Stowski.
- See the Newsletter for details on these events.

Block of the Month: 60 blocks were turned in. 15 winners of 4 blocks each: Amy S, Kathy F, Linda B, Mary H, Mary Kay D, Mary R, Lucy K, Mary P, Sue K, Carol Ann B, Dee H, Mary B, Sue G, Karen G, and Karen M. See Newsletter for new block instructions.

Show and tell

Nametag drawing winner: Mary Kroll.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

CQ Mission:

"The Crazy Quilters' guild was formed in November 1985 by eight members and the first quilt show was held in April 1988". The main purposes of our guild are "...to enrich this love of quilting by providing for a means of sharing our quilting experiences with one another" & "to promote to the community quilting as an art form and as an important part of American history."

Officers		Committee Members	
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