



NEWSLETTER

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November 2025

Guild Meeting:

Nov. 13th, 6pm
~At Ascend Services
2818 Meadow Lane, MTWC

Upcoming:

Cross Stitch Workshop
~Jan. 31 - info: page 4

Mystery Quilt - Page 5

From the President's Desk - Ellen Lewellen

Why are you a member of this quilt guild? Maybe when you first visited it was because you were curious, or maybe you were relatively new to quilting and were hoping for some pointers. Ok, those are valid reasons, but many of the guild members are expert quilters and still keep coming back. I would like to believe that one huge reason is the friendships made. I also hope you have fun when you come to meetings or guild sponsored events. Let's face it...you do the majority of your quilting at home by yourself, and you don't really need anyone else. But if you're like me, you look forward to the times you can see what others have made during Show & Tell, or looking over your friends' shoulders during free sew and other group events. To me, it's more inspiring to see what my friends have made than what ribbon a stranger earned on an impossibly intricate quilt I will never attempt at a quilt show or photoshopped pictures in a magazine or online. And I have always been incredibly impressed at how kind and encouraging you are to each other.

What is one of the major opportunities of the guild which you can't do by yourself? The chance to enter quilts and be involved in our biannual quilt show! We are already at the time we need to pick a theme so that a volunteer committee can begin on the raffle quilt. And even more important is selecting a person or pair of strong women to be the overall Chair(s). Committee chairs do much of the work, but someone needs to start now to lay the groundwork and coordinate everyone else. Past show chairs are available for consultation and most of the information is written down. Could that next Show Chair be you? Think about it and also bring your ideas for a theme to the next meeting. See you November 13th!

~ October Guild Meeting Minutes ~

- **Welcome**

- Pledge

- **Guest Speaker:** Laura Novak

- Grow it Forward, located at 1501 Marshall St. Manitowoc
 - “Providing Dignified Access to Good Food in Manitowoc County: One Seed, One Meal, One Neighbor at a Time!”
- Grow it Forward utilizes several programs to fulfill their mission, including Harmony Cafe & Juicery (921 S. 8th St. Manitowoc), food pantry and garden, community meals, and more.
- Thank you to everyone who brought items to donate to their Backpack Program.
 - The Backpack Program provides weekend meals to schools for children with food insecurity. They aim to provide 2 breakfasts, 2 suppers and snacks. They currently provide 400 bags a week.
- For more info on how to help, check out their webpage: grow-it-forward.org



- **Business Meeting**

- **Budget**

- Budget was presented and discussed. Thank you Treasurer Mary Ellen!
- **Motion proposed:** With the purpose of not charging guild members for Charity Sew Days, motion to change the Charity Projects Budget from \$600 to \$300 and use the \$300 to pay for Charity Sew Days.
 - 1st: Cindy Dillman 2nd: Bonnie LoehMotion accepted
- Motion to accept 2026 Budget
 - 1st: Ann Zeman 2nd: Bonnie Loeh
- Motion to accept Secretary Report as presented in the Oct. Newsletter
 - 1st: Gretchen Scheidt 2nd: Julie Klumpp
- Motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report
 - 1st: Bonnie Loeh 2nd: Cindy Dillman
- Upcoming Programs
 - November: Ladies from The Sewing Basket will share about batting. The various materials used, qualities of the various types, pros and cons, etc.
 - December: Christmas Party
 - January: Nan G will share about sewing needles and threads.
 - February: Quilting Legacies from Fond Du Lac
- Spring Camp Quilt dates: April 24-26. Mark your calendars.

~ October Guild Meeting Minutes Continued ~

○ **2027 Quilt Show: April 3 & 4**

- Yup, it's time to do some preliminary planning for the 2027 Quilt Show. Please be prepared to discuss the following at the Nov. Meeting:

- Quilt Show Chairs
 - Presiding officers responsible for leadership over various Show Sub Committees who in turn are responsible for the organization of the event.

- Theme Ideas

○ Social Time and Snacks

○ Booklet Update

- Due to complications at printing, Membership Booklet is not available
 - *update since guild meeting. Booklets will be available at the November meeting. Cost TBD. Likely \$2.*

○ Impressionist Art Quilt Workshop

- The Columbus Quilt Guild had shared information on their Show, Craft Sale, and Impressionist Art Quilt Workshop (see the Oct. Newsletter). Karel H. reached out to Barbara about doing her Impressionist Art Quilt Workshop for the guild.
- Polling resulted in a large portion of the guild indicating interest.
- Details to follow. Looking at a Saturday in April 2026.

○ Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- At a recent Board Member meeting, we discussed clarifying the tasks of the various committees.
- A form was handed out to current and past committee leaders to gather information which will be compiled and made available to the guild.

○ Charity Committee

- Charity projects from the guild have been delivered:
 - Placemats to the Senior Center
 - Blankets and stuffed animals to The Crossing
- Salvation Army is in need of: blankets, pillow cases, hats, scarves, gloves.
- *Naomi is working to make a page on our guild website especially for area Charity Programs. This will be a way to share needs from the various programs, and details on giving.

- Motion to adjourn: Tina Waack 2nd: Lucy Zeldenrust



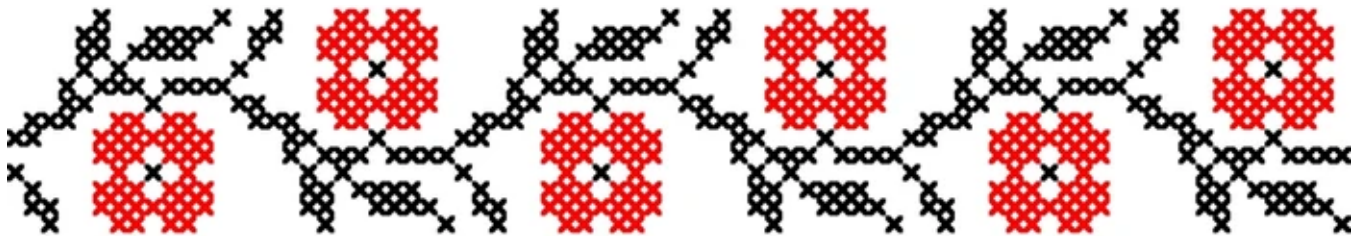
Counted Cross Stitch Workshop

If you were at the October meeting, you most likely noticed all the counted cross stitch brought by Tina Waak for the sharing table. Were you disappointed you did not know how to cross stitch? Mary Ellen Beebe has been doing cross stitch for many years and will spend a Saturday in January helping you to learn the skill. She will share tips and tricks she has learned over the years as well. Small kits will be provided for you to choose from. All you will need is a small (4-6") embroidery hoop and embroidery scissors. A few may be available for you to borrow. So join us if you are interested! If you already know how to cross stitch and are working on something, you are welcome to join us.

Date: Saturday, January 31, 9:00-3:00. Ascend Services

Cost: \$10 (room fee)

Bring: ~Lunch And Beverage
 ~Embroidery Hoop
 ~Scissors



??? 2024-2025 Mystery Quilt ???

~ Pattern on page 5 ~ quantity: make 1 block ~

Join the Mystery Quilt anytime. Past newsletters, starting with Sept. 2024, contain all the blocks that have previously been revealed.

December will be the final block with the setting and sashing blocks to come in January. Hope everyone is enjoying this quilt.

~Chris B

Put a Spin On It

10" x 10" Finished

by Amanda Niederhauser

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CONFETTI COTTON SOLIDS BY RILEY BLAKE DESIGNS

C120-RILEYFUCHSIA
(Fabric 1)
C120-RILEYWHITE
(Fabric 2)
C120-EMERALDCITY
(Fabric 3)
C120-LEMONZEST
(Fabric 4)

EXPRESSIONS HAND-DYES BY RILEY BLAKE DESIGNS

BTHH524 Magenta
(Fabric 1)
BTCB210 Snow White
(Fabric 2)
BTHH154 Leprechaun
(Fabric 3)
BTHH139 Yellow
(Fabric 4)

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Fabric 1:

- A – (1) 3" x 14" strip

Fabric 2:

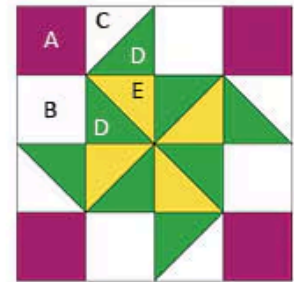
- B – (1) 3" x 14" strip
- C – (2) 3 ½" squares

Fabric 3:

- D – (4) 3 ½" squares

Fabric 4:

- E – (2) 3 ½" squares



ADDITIONAL TOOLS NEEDED: 3 ½" CUTE CUTS RULER
BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES SEAMS SEW EASY™ - SEAM GUIDE
3 ½" TRIM-IT RULER RILEY BLAKE DESIGNS QUILTY TOOLS™ ¼" PLUS RULER
5 ½" TRIM-IT RULER RILEY BLAKE NOTIONS QUILTER'S CLAPPER
10 ½" TRIM-IT RULER SUE DALEY DESIGNS ROTATING CUTTING MAT

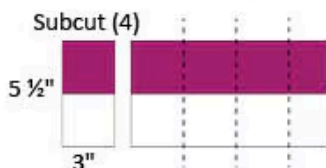
SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

HST = HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLE

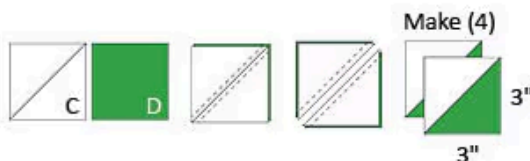
- Sew strips A and B together lengthwise to make a strip set. Press in direction of arrows. The strip set should measure 5 ½" x 14" unfinished.



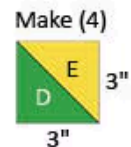
- Subcut (4) 3" x 5 ½" units from the strip set.



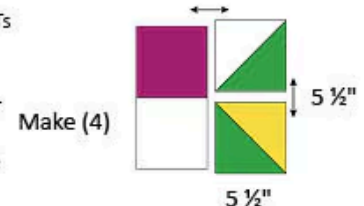
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (2) C – squares and (2) E – squares.
- Place (2) C – squares with (2) D – squares, right sides together. Sew a ¼" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal lines. Cut along the drawn diagonal line, making (4) C/D HST units. Trim HST units to measure 3" x 3" unfinished.



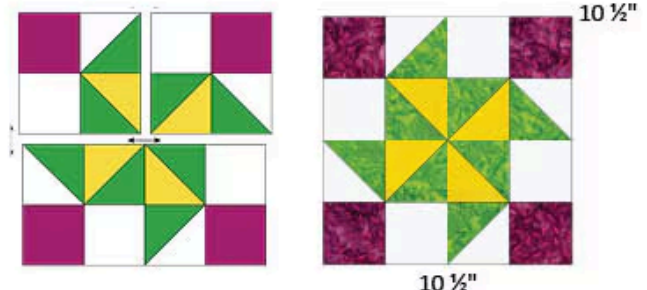
- Repeat HST unit assembly to make (4) D/E HST units.



- Arrange (1) strip set unit, (1) C/D HST unit, and (1) D/E HST unit as shown. Sew HSTs together and press. Then add strip set unit to left edge to form a block corner unit and press. The block corner unit should measure 5 ½" square unfinished.



- Repeat Step 6 to make (4) block corner units total.
- Arrange (4) block corner units as shown. Sew the units together in pairs and press. Then sew the pairs together and press to complete Block 15. Block 15 should measure 10 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished.



*Due to the hand-crafted nature of batiks, fabric may vary from images.



Watch and sew along on our YouTube channel.
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