

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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President's Message

Hello again everyone!

With this month's letter I wanted to ask for your help. We really need someone to coordinate the sale of the tickets for our donation quilt this year. This person would get the tickets printed and distributed as needed to individual members of our guild to be sold to friends and family, as well as set up times and places for the display and sale of more tickets at local stores and events around town. The sale of these tickets raises funds for us to be able to have speakers for our guild next year, and as you probably know these speakers are getting more and more expensive. I would really appreciate your help and I know the board, as well as the general membership does, because we will all benefit from your hard work. The time required to do this is really not that much! Everyone is helpful when asked to sit with the quilt at a local fair or some other event, all you have to do is ask. So, I am asking for someone or two someone's to help me with this part of our local quilt guild.

Another subject I wanted to ask you all about is Clusters. I know many of us have been in the same cluster for many years, but I think that in the last few years we have added many newer quilters who would like to be asked to join a cluster and/or feel more included in our quilting community. Is there someone or several who are willing to start a new cluster off so as to include our newer members? Our quilting community is so wonderful and supportive, what can we do to include those members that don't have a supportive smaller cluster to belong to? Or can we start some sort of mentorship program? I would love to hear ideas or hear that you would like to start a new cluster or are willing to include new members in your ongoing cluster. I know that many newer quilters would like to benefit from the knowledge and friendship that "older" quilters have to offer. So, if there is someone you haven't met yet at our next meeting, make the effort to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

Let's keep sewing!

nicole

APRIL GUILD MEETING

April 25, 7 pm United Church on Canyon Road

Fat quarter bingo plus a special show and tell of quilts by Nicole Dunn is the program. Each bingo card 'costs' 1 Fat Quarter (22" x 18") to play. You can play one or two cards per game so round up some fat quarters to bring with you for an evening of fun.

COMMUNITY SERVICE from Lynn Pruvost

**APRIL 22, 2006, Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.,
United Church. Community Service Work day**

We will be meeting in the small church next to the building where we usually meet. We will not be working in Graves Hall but the building next door.

Please come and help make new quilts or work on another quilt you have started for Community Service. You do not have to stay all day. You will need your sewing machine and basic sewing items; thread, fabric, and batting will be available to use. Questions: call Lynn at 672-1448. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can set up an appropriate number of tables. Thank you for your assistance!

DIY ROUND ROBIN QUILT CHALLENGE

This Round Robin is all about challenging you. You make the design decisions. By now you have your center and one attached border.

This round will be a border of free form applique. Here are some options. 4 continuous applique borders, applique borders with pieced corner stones (square in a square might be an interesting choice) or applique around two opposite corners only. We suggest making these borders 4 ½ inches wide but that is only a suggestion. The actual width will depend on the size of your center and width of your previous border.

How Much Thread do I Need for This Project?

We often ask how much thread it takes to quilt a quilt. It depends on the size of the quilt and the type of quilting to be done. Bob from Superior Threads says that everyone's quilting technique is different so the following yardage numbers are only averages. Of course it is possible to use much more or much less thread. These numbers are for the top thread only. Double them if you use the same thread for the bobbin. The three sets of numbers following the quilt size represent Light Quilting/Medium Quilting/Heavy Quilting.

Crib size: 200 yds./400 yds./600 yds.

Twin size: 400 yds./800 yds./1,200 yds.

Queen size: 600 yds./1,100 yds./1,600 yds.

King size: 700 yds./1,300 yds./2,000 yds.

QUILT SHOW 2006 from Jean Havrilla

2006 QUILT SHOW is September 30th – October 1st at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The name of the show is "Quilts of Enchantment".

Request for chairperson for the following committees:

Community Service

Staffing

Receiving

Setup Facilities

Door Prizes

Signs/Publicity - Claire Swinhoe

Refreshments - Myrna Landt

Vendors – Brenda Eduskuty

Security – The Old Batts Cluster – Carolyn Bush

Ballots, Prizes and Labelling – Barbara Forslund & Kay Eccleston

Please mark your calendars and volunteer for the chair positions which are open as listed above. I have a list of members who are willing to help by just asking with a friendly phone call. "Thank you" to those who have already volunteered.

See you at the meeting.

Jean 662-0647



Workshop with Irma Gail Hatcher.

Regional Doings

May 4-7 Denver National Quilt Festival

at the merchandise mart Denver, Colorado

A juried and judged quilt show, fascinating workshops and lectures, plus the large Merchants Mall. More information at <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=35>

Now - May 13, 2006 Harwood Museum of Art

Taos, NM *Stitched Marks*, an exhibition featuring the work of Mical Aloni, Terrie Mangat and Carol Shinn working with a variety of fiber arts techniques. Admission \$7.

July 16-22, 2006 Quilt Camp in the Pines, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ.

Workshops with John Flynn, Cara Gulati, Harriet Hargrave, Lyn Mann, Barbara Olson, Gina Perkes, Sharon Schamber, Joan Shay, Elly Sienkiewicz, and Laura Wasilowski. You can also learn the latest Electric Quilt program with Linda Matteotti.

For more information, check the website www.quiltcamp.com or send \$2 for a printed schedule to QCIP, 854 Brewer Road, Sedona, AZ 86336-6231.

National Doings

Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative

Quilter Ami Simms is organizing the Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative.. The Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative is a program to raise awareness and fund research for Alzheimer's disease. It has two parts: a traveling art quilt exhibit interpreting Alzheimer's in fiber art that will tour the US for three years, and an on-going sale of small art quilts. All proceeds will go to Alzheimer's research. The deadline for submitting a quilt for the traveling exhibit is June 5. The prospectus is at www.AlzQuilts.org.

Ami is also sponsoring "Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts." These are very small mini-quilts (maximum size: 9" x 12") named for the urgent need for research dollars and for the USPS priority mailers used to send the donation quilts to the buyers. You may want to make up these small quilts to help the research effort. Ami says 'Many thanks for helping me spread the word'.

QUILT NATIONAL '07, fifteenth international juried competition for new innovative quilts, on display May 26 - September 3, 2007 at the Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center in Athens, Ohio (USA).

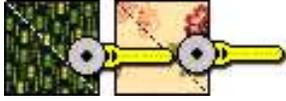
Jurors are internationally recognized artist quiltmakers Tim Harding (Stillwater, MN) and Paula Nadelstern (Bronx, NY); and Robin Treen, Exhibits Director, San Jose (CA) Museum of Quilts and Textiles.

The work must: (a) possess the most basic structural characteristics of a quilt, (b) be an original design of the entrant, (c) have been **completed after September, 2004** and (d) measure no more than 108" or 270 cm. in either direction. Jurors will grant nearly \$4,000 in prizes. **Entry deadline September 19, 2006.** Work selected for the exhibition will tour throughout the United States through 2009, and will be published in a full-color catalog produced by Lark Books (Asheville, NC).

For entry form, send self-addressed business-size envelope with 2-ounce postage to QN '07 Entry Form, Dairy Barn Arts Center, P.O. Box 747, Athens, OH 45701-0747, USA. Entry form is also available on the Internet at www.quiltnational.com.

APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH DEPRESSION BLOCK

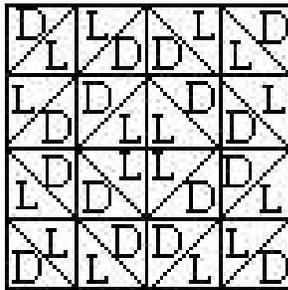
Cut sixteen 3-7/8" dark fabric squares.
Cut sixteen 3-7/8" light fabric squares.
Cut each square in half once on the diagonal.....
save half of these for another block, or another project.



Sew each dark half square triangle to a light half square triangle, right sides together, and using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seams to the darker side. Trim to measure 3-1/2" if needed. Make sixteen units like this of all random fabrics...



Now lay out the squares with Dark (D) and Light (L) arranged as shown ...



Piece the block by sewing four horizontal rows. Join the rows, and it's done!



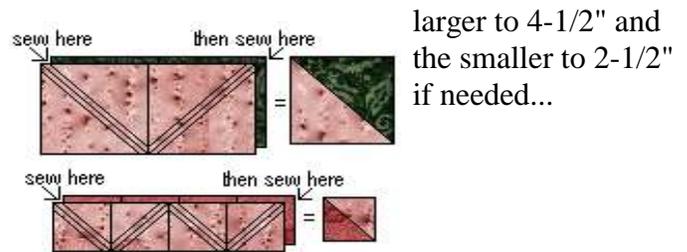
Makes a 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.

MAY BLOCK OF THE MONTH ROSEBUD

Color 1 that is bud color: one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip
Color 2 that is green plant color needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip
Color 3 that is background color needs: one 2-1/2" x 26" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip AND one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip

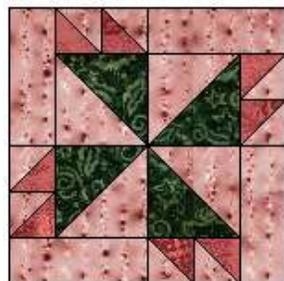
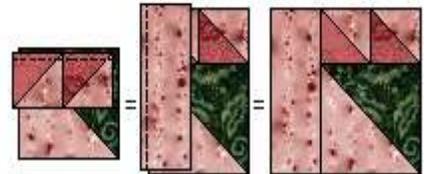
First cut the Color 3 2-1/2" x 26" strip into four 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles...

Next speed piece the large (color 2 & 3) and small (color 1 & 2) half square triangles. Stack the sets of two like sized strips right sides together, On the Large strips, mark the 4-7/8" square line. On the smaller strips, mark the 2-7/8" square lines. On the backs of the top strips, lightly mark the diagonals in the directions shown. Now sew a scant 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square line (s). Cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the square line (s) as well. This will give you four large half squares and eight small half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabrics. Trim the



larger to 4-1/2" and the smaller to 2-1/2" if needed...

Sew together four pairs of two small half squares, referring to the block diagram for placement and direction of these. Sew each pair of small half squares to a large half square. Make four of these.



Join the four half square units to make the block!

Makes a 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.



Wanted: Homes for Janie, Jackie & Misty!

Three black female kittens, 7 mos. old, need you! These kittens are shy until they get to know you, then they're loving, affectionate, gentle and sweet. They're spayed, microchipped, and have had all their shots. They would love to be adopted with one of their sisters, or into homes where there's another friendly cat. For more info, contact Rosemary or Andrew at 983-4649, or akoehler@lanl.gov.

2006 Roadrunner Quilt Shop

Join Us! July 22-29

THIS YEAR'S SHOP HOP IS MORE EXCITING THAN EVER!

Our theme is Christmas in July. Each shop has a free all-pieced Christmas pattern for each participant. Receive a free 12" Christmas block kit with your stamped passport and \$15.00 purchase. All kits are Christmas red, green and white fabrics!! Each shop's unique top is a must see. Kits will be available for your favorite settings, too! Pick up a brochure with complete Shop Hop Rules, store locations, etc., at any of the listed participating shops.

Pandy's Quilt Store, White Rock

Quilts Olé, Corrales

Quilt Bugs, Rio Rancho

Rags & Old Iron, Angel Fire

Santa Fe Quilting, Santa Fe

Southwest Decoratives, Albuquerque

Taos Adobe Quilting, Taos

The Quilt Works, Albuquerque

Grand Prize: \$800.00 in gift certificates from our participating shops!

