

On Point!

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***** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *****

We had a wonderful meeting in November, but did you feel like a sardine? The Board has been discussing both the size of the Guild and the possibility of a new meeting place.

Guild membership has hovered at about 250 for the last few years. Current membership is 272 and we will continue to grow throughout the year. The consensus of the Board is that we do not want to limit new memberships; we would rather find a more comfortable place in which to meet.

The December meeting (which is usually less well-attended) will still be in the Somers Intermediate School. However, we hope to move to larger quarters for the January meeting. Be sure to read the next newsletter so you know where the meeting will be!

A special thank you to Phyllis Solar and Elizabeth Rosenberg for doing a great job with the raffle and Show & Tell. Standing on tables was not part of the original job description.

Hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving and some time for yourself and your quilting.

NANCY MIRMAN

CHRISTMAS GRAB BAG EXCHANGE

If you would like to participate in a Christmas gift exchange (\$5 limit), place your package on the table in the front of the room.

***** A BUNCH OF WINNERS *****

Thank you to Claire Oehler for passing along this list of NSQG members who were 1993 ribbon winners at the recent Rockland Quilt Festival. Congratulations to all the winners.

JANET BRODIE: 2nd place, pieced wall hangings; 3rd place, machine quilted wall hangings; 1st place and honorable mention, machine quilted small quilts.

BARBARA J. BROSHOUS: 1st place, applique bed quilts; 3rd place, mixed media bed quilts; BEST OF SHOW AND VIEWERS' CHOICE.

ALICE GARRARD: 1st place and honorable mention, machine quilted wall hangings; 1st place, theme quilts (stars).

DEBI TONG GRAY: 2nd place, mixed media wall hangings.

ANGELA KAMEN: 3rd place, applique wall hangings.

ELEANOR SCARCELLA: honorable mention, pieced wall hangings.

LAURAN TYLER: 1st place and honorable mention, pieced wall hangings; 3rd place, mixed media wall hangings.

ADRIENNE YORINKS: Judge's Choice; honorable mention, mixed media wall hangings.



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******* NSQG CALENDAR *******

- 12-21 QUILT-O-RAMA game and Christmas Grab Bag Exchange. Doors open at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 at SIS, Route 202. Demonstration at 7:15 p.m.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- 1-18 General meeting: will feature a special 2-part Show & Tell. Meeting place to be announced in next newsletter.
- 1-22 Mystery Workshop, with - and without - Judy Hopkins.
- 1-25 Board meeting, 7:15 p.m. at Nancy Mirman's house.
Newsletter deadline.

ON POINT!, NSQG's newsletter, is published monthly, except for a July / August Issue. Subscription and mailing is included in the annual \$25 membership fee.

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******* HOSPITALITY *******

Thanks to all the quilters who brought in the delicious goodies in November. Kay Thorn won the floral arrangement donated by Posies in Heritage Center.

The following folks have added the December meeting to their holiday baking list: Pamela Polono, Mary Hayes, Helen Robillard, Gloria Hartley, Pattie Perry and Sondra Shapiro. We're a little low on volunteer bakers. Please help out by bringing in a dessert. It will be greatly appreciated, and you'll have a chance to win the floral arrangement!

See all of you at the December meeting, and don't forget your mugs.

CHRIS ROCHE



******* EDUCATION *******

Do you have some strips or pieces that you don't really want? Lighten your load and donate them to the Nine-Patch ABC Project for sashing, binding, etc. Note that the new date for a Nine-Patch Saturday is March 19.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW REVERSIBLES with Anita Murphy is now scheduled for Monday, April 18.

Yvonne Porcella's VEST CLASS is now definite for Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17.

PAT BAKER

***** PROGRAMS *****

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS! It's time to put down your needles and get out all those quilting books, magazines and video tapes and study, study, study. We will be playing QUILT-O-RAMA at our Dec. 21st general meeting, and the more quilting trivia you know, the more likely you are to win the game. QUILT-O-RAMA began in 1991 when a few quilting friends were heading for the Quilt Festival in Houston. To pass the time, they tried to imagine a game for quilters. After letting the idea simmer for a few months, 2 of the quilters, Marilyn Henrion and Paula Nadelstern, started to do some serious work on a game that would appeal to quilters of all levels. They came up with QUILT-O-RAMA, which has the elements of both Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit.

The questions are grouped into 4 categories: Building Blocks, Common Threads, Rising Stars and Wild Goose Chase. All 4 categories emphasize fun and yet there are lots of interesting facts as well. The game ends when the first player or team reaches Quilt Heaven, but the winner is, of course, the one with the most fabric!

See you Dec. 21, and remember the doors will open at 7 p.m., there'll be a 7:15 demonstration, and the general meeting will begin at 7:30. We will be starting the FUN portion of the program around 8:30.



NANCY MURPHY

Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam will be the recipients of the raffle proceeds this year. Congratulations! Let's all get busy and finish that gorgeous quilt so we can sell thousands of raffle tickets.

NSQG POLICY ON MEMBERSHIP LIST

"Membership lists are provided only for the convenience of members conducting NSQG business, and personal social interchange. They may not be used for sales or solicitation purposes or given to any organization for their use or reference."



***** MEMBERSHIP *****

One hundred seventy two people signed in at the November meeting. This included 7 guests: Trudie Brodie, Eileen Casell, Zolla Cubillos, Jean Farrell, Elizabeth Gidos, Barbara Hicks and Ulla Olsen. We also had 4 new members: Catherine Calidonna, Adrienne Davies, Evelyn Drake and Helen Hamilton. Since the meeting I have also received new memberships for Kathy Marchiony and Winnifred Van Blerkom. This brings our current membership to 272 people.

Membership lists (through 11/16/93) were available at the November meeting. If you did not receive a list you can pick one up at this month's meeting. And since I make no claim to be an accurate keyboard typist please let me know if there is an error in your entry or on your newsletter label so I can make corrections.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one who needs visual help when it comes to remembering names. Therefore, if you need a name badge, please let me know. I will gladly make one for you.

Anyone who would like to help me at the membership table before the next meeting, please call me at 279-5613. It's a great way to meet other members you may not already know. I want to thank Simone Montegut for her very helpful assistance at the last meeting.

MILDRED CLINTON

**NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
Nov-93**

BALANCE FORWARD 9/30/93 \$36,638.61

GENERAL ACCOUNT \$25,811.64

INTEREST INCOME 37.80
MEMBERSHIP 1,015.00
PROGRAMS 196.00
RESOURCE&EDUCATION 300.00
PINS 12.70
TOTAL INCOME 1,561.50

PROGRAMS 399.91
NEWSLETTER 200.00
RESOURCE&EDUCATION 306.24
HOSPITALITY 7.67
BOUTIQUE 110.75
CHALLENGE 68.23
INSURANCE 599.00
BANK CHARGES 12.00
TOTAL EXPENSE 1,703.80

NET INCOME/EXPENSE (\$142.30)
BALANCE \$25,669.34

QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT \$10,826.97

INCOME

VENDORS 1,445.25
TOTAL INCOME 1,445.25

LECTURERS 17.95
BLOCK CONTEST 84.72
FRAMES 128.68
RAFFLE QUILT 7.65
HOSPITALITY 41.63
BANK CHARGE 4.84
VENDORS 29.20
TOTAL EXPENSE 314.67

NET INCOME/EXPENSE \$1,130.58
BALANCE \$11,957.55

BALANCE 10/31/93 \$37,626.89

CHALLENGE QUILT FEVER

Hope you are working hard on your Challenge Quilts. Remember, they are due on or before Feb. 7. Please check your September newsletter for information or call Adrienne Yorinks, 669-9450.



***** **NINE-PATCH COLORS** *****

The colors for December are Red-Burgundy. Please see previous newsletters for the dimensions.

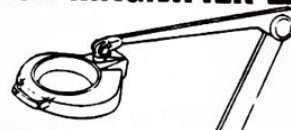
We have more than 450 nine-patches for our first nine-patch Saturday. This is going to be a great project for Sat., March 19. Mark you calendar now. If you are short of time next month, connector blocks of 6.5" pre-washed neutral colors would be appreciated. When you are cleaning out your fabric stash and feeling guilty about what you have accumulated, 1.5 yards of fabric for a backing would also be appreciated.



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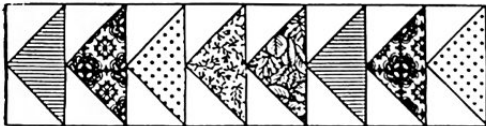
**** NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME ****

New Year's Resolution time is just around the corner. Can you believe it? I have, in writing, the resolutions of 19 dedicated quilters determined to put procrastination aside and complete 24 projects by Jan. 1, 1994. Six have been completed and reported to me so far. I think a lot of us are still doing some procrastinating.

Give me a note when you finish a project so I can put your name on the reward list. (My memory is too poor for verbal acknowledgement.) Although I am sure the Jan. 1st deadline will be met, rewards will not be given until the Jan. 18th meeting. Please bring your finished projects for Show & Tell at that time if you can.

Work, work, work, and keep me informed.

JOYCE SULLIVAN
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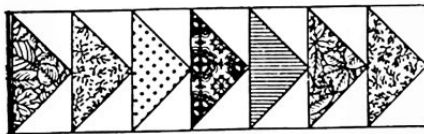


******* HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE *******

I want to thank all of you who helped at the Holiday Boutique. All those working hands made the Boutique the great success it was.

Happy Holiday to all.

LORRAINE GANSINGER



******* TWO-PART SHOW & TELL *******

January will feature a special 2-part Show & Tell. Part I will feature the finished New Year's Resolution projects. Part II will highlight your failures. Now, don't get insulted. We're going to put a positive spin on your - okay, OUR - mistakes, errors, boo-boo's, flops and those "itjustdidn'twork" ideas. We promise to show you only restrained smiles. Outright laughter will be banned. And just maybe we'll all learn something in the process.

******* TRAVELING QUILTERS *******

We had a wonderful day at A Quilters Gathering and came home with our heads full of ideas for new quilts, our tote bags packed with fabric, etc., and our purses empty. It was a great day to be with friends.

Mark your calendars and save your pennies for our trip to Lancaster on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, 1994. The cost is \$125, which includes the round-trip motor coach with Charlie, a stop at Sauders Fabrics in Ephrates and on to Intercourse and a Menenite quilt show. Dinner will be at Millers, with an overnight at the Dutch Family Inn. After breakfast we'll take in the Quilt Festival. It promises to be a great couple of days, with a surprise or two and lots of fun!

Make plans and join us for a mini-vacation. You deserve it. Call me (628-5380) for more information and to make your reservation.

LINDA VON AHN



******* QUILT SHOW REPORT *******

At the November general meeting the vote was overwhelming for the Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam to be the recipient of our 1994 raffle proceeds. Each member of the Guild has the opportunity to present an applicant for consideration. Let us all start thinking of a local organization that could use our help in 1995. Many thanks to Nancy Murphy and Maria Tamaoka for a great job.

Your response to Kathy Sica's request for hosts for the raffle quilt was terrific, and we thank all who called. The quilt is being hosted through December. How about starting out the New Year with a few stitches on our quilt? Please give Kathy a call at 245-6775.

BARBARA LERCH

LIBRARY NEWS

"Applique" is the subject of our featured books for the month of December. I have added the following three books to help round out our library's applique section. Many thanks to the guild member who brought this area of need to my attention.

Red and Green: An Applique Tradition, written by Jeana Kimball, is a wonderful and beautifully illustrated text on traditional appliqued quilts. The book begins with a concise and well-researched history of applique as well as a few short biographies of nineteenth-century quiltmakers. It then moves on to patterns and clearly written instructions for creating 24 classic applique blocks, and ends with the "Gallery" - a photographic collection of many nineteenth-century appliqued quilts. This is by far the most complete and well-written book I have seen on the subject.

Applique Borders: An Added Grace, also written by Jeana Kimball, is the next step after constructing your applique blocks, above. This is a concise guide to choosing and designing appliqued borders to enhance your quilts, and contains full size patterns (with corners) for sixteen original appliqued borders. Another inspirational book from this very talented quiltmaker.

Design a Baltimore Album Quilt! by Elly Sienkiewicz, is a "Teach-Yourself" course in sets and borders. This design workbook includes eighteen lesson plans with cut-and-paste scaled pictures of blocks, sashings, medallion centers, and borders. Have a ball playing with these little paper quilts as you learn which sets and borders you like best - even more fun than paper dolls!

The following books were introduced at our November Meeting. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the members and publishers who generously donated these books to our library:

Quilts and Quilting from Threads: Two copies of this wonderful collection of Threads Magazine articles on quilting were donated by Taunton Press.

Great American Quilts 1994, the latest book in the "Great American Quilt" series, was given to us by Oxmoor House.

Seasons of the Heart and Home by Jan Patek was donated by the American Quilters Society.

Many Thanks also to NSQG members Sally Kingston, who donated Quilts Beautiful by Grace Simpson, and Carol Burgan, who donated Twelve Golden Threads: Lessons for Successful Living From Grama's Quilt by Aliske Webb.

I have just received another donation of four new books from That Patchwork Place! These books will be available to borrow at the December meeting:

Watercolor Quilts by Pat Magaret and Donna Slusser is the new quilt book of the year! As the authors say, "If you've ever dreamed of being an Impressionist artist like Monet or of capturing nature's beauty, light and luminosity in your quilts, then this is the book for you!" 2" squares are used to create impressionistic watercolor masterpieces as rich in color as the paintings of late 19th-century artists, no matter what your skill level.

Biblical Blocks and Samplings from the Sea, both by Rosemary Makhan, and Country Medallion Sampler by Carol Doak are three new books in the Sampler Series by That Patchwork Place. Each book gives complete directions for making a particular sampler-style quilt.

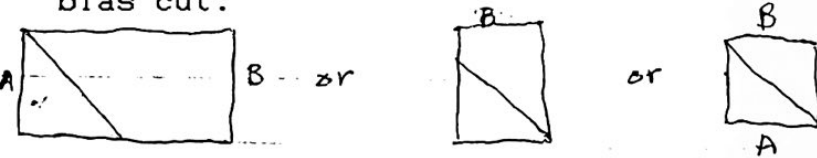
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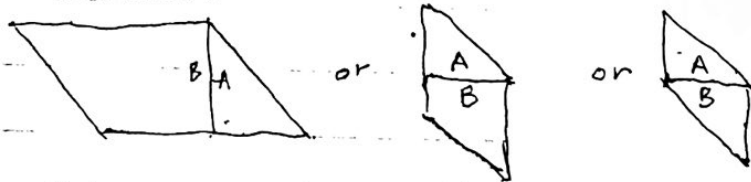
***** ON MAKING CONTINUOUS BIAS *****

The following directions are offered on USING A ROTARY CUTTER TO MAKE CONTINUOUS BIAS. This technique will be demonstrated before the Dec. 21 meeting at 7:15.

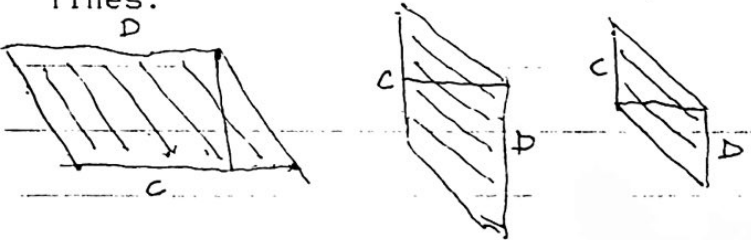
Starting with a rectangle of fabric of any size, cut off all selvages. Beginning at a corner, make a true bias cut.



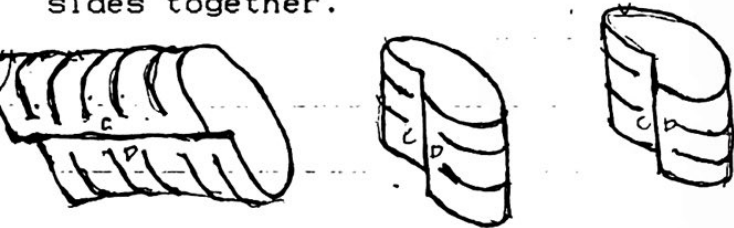
Bring side A to side B and seam together.



Using your rotary cutter and ruler, cut the width bias you need, setting to within 1" of straight lines.



Now, offsetting by the width of your bias, seam (C & D) straight sides together.



With scissors, snip remaining 2" to connect cuts and you have a long bias strip.

PAT BAKER



******* ON THE GO *******

Feb. 18-20: Love Apple Quilters' quilt show and convention, "Something Old, Something New," at the Clarion at Mount Laurel, Route 73, Mount Laurel, N.J. For info: Dianne G. Sommeling, 41 Pine Road, Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026, (609)435-5006.



******* YOUR ATTENTION. PLEASE*******

Here's a message from Missouri quilters Linda Brannock and Jan Patek about Snowbound, Red Wagon and Land's End:

Linda Brannock and Jan Patek had no knowledge of and would not have approved of the sale of imported quilts manufactured from our designs as depicted in Land's End October Coming Home catalog.

The copyright for these designs is owned by the publisher, Red Wagon, and not by the designers. We have no control over, nor do we profit from, the sale of these designs. After signing petitions against the Smithsonian for making copies of American Heritage quilts out of the country, this has been like a stab in the back.

As American quiltmakers we have been deeply upset by this.

Editor's note: If you wish to contact the quilters about this matter write to Linda Brannock, 15016 East 42nd Terrace, Independence, MO 64055, and Jan Patek, RD 4, P.O. Box 101, Cameron, MO 64429.

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