

Northern Star Quilters' Guild

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NEWS 'N SUCH

JANUARY 1989

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!



Our January meeting will be held on JANUARY 17th at the Somers Intermediate School, Somers, New York. The doors will be open at 7:00 with the BUSINESS MEETING starting at 7:45. See Edith's message following this on information concerning the meeting!

Programs

Although our December program was not as advertised, we all must agree that it was a most informative and 'idea-stretching' one. Thank you Gloria for giving us a new outlook when we are purchasing quilting patterns. Pat Barker's wonderful creative poem entertained us all!!! It's very evident that we are a multi-talented group!! Our raffle was ENORMOUS, thanks to several of our members. Pat Baker, Gloria Hartley, Penny Black of Cross-patch, and Ginny Watson of Baskets, Boxes and Things, who all added to the prizes. Thanks also to Karen Eckmeier and Terry DiMinno for running the raffle table. While we were enjoying all those 'goodies', they were gathering the raffle blocks and selling raffle tickets.



Our January meeting is going to be the hands-on program that was scheduled for December. You should bring:

- SCISSORS - fabric and thread ones
- SEWING SUPPLIES - needles, both sewing and embroidery, thimble, threads (navy, pale blue and off-white)
- PENCIL - silver or a No.2
- PEN - fine line black permanent marker
- SAND PAPER - fine grit (220) or your ol' faithful SAND PAPER BOARD

The fabric raffle for January is pastel and/or bright solid colored 100% cottons. NO white, off-white, black or darks, please. Remember, you get one raffle ticket for each quarter yard or fat quarter that you bring. The winners will have a selection to use in the February Hands-On Program!

Edith Pryor

We would like to all extend our best wishes and a perfect recovery to PAT BARTIMOCCIA, owner of The Fabric Shoppe in Baldwin Place and a very supportive member of our group. Pat had a 'completely successful' surgery on her back on January 4th. She will be in the hospital for about 2 weeks, then home. You can send your wishes to her at: P.O. Box 500, Mahopac, NY 10541. Best of health, Pat!



President's Corner

Happy New Year! It doesn't seem possible that the mad rush of the holidays are over already. A whole year of preparation and in one day---it's over! This is not the case with OUR Quilt Show. It does take an entire year to prepare but it lasts for TWO WHOLE DAYS! (A reminder to all members to sign up to work at the show. Each person is required to work at least two hours over the two days). It looks as though we are looking forward to our "BEST" yet!

Quilt Registration Day is shaping up. Thanks to those who have already given me their name to be there on March 18th to see that all goes well. I'll have a sign-up sheet available at the January meeting for additional names. We will need about 75 altogether. We will also hold a "Registration Day Training Seminar" some time the week before. More information will be available on this later.

There are several other things going on that need members to get involved. One is the Nominating Committee and the other is the Guild Fun/Workshop Day. If you would like to be part of either of these two activities or if you are interested in working on next year's Board, please let me know.

See you at the January meeting. In the meantime.....keep yourselves in stitches!

Penny Black

Welcome New Members

Our membership now totals 237! We would like to introduce to you two new members. May you both enjoy yourselves, have a great time learning new skills and making new friends!

WELCOME: Peggy McKinney, 21 Powder Horn Road, Peekskill, NY 10566

Nancy Murphy, 73 Penfield Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Special Events

Only three months left until the QUILTERS' PARADISE TRIP!! I hope you all are saving up!

The itinerary is as follows:

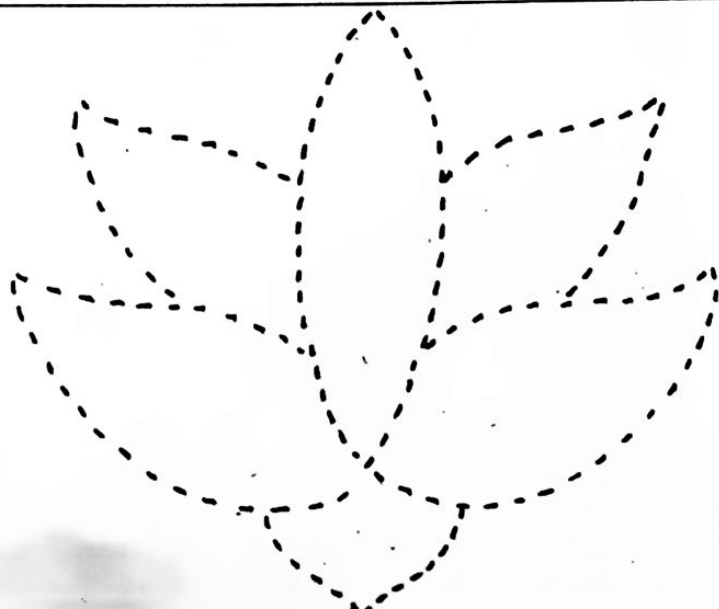
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| 4/7/89 | 6:30 - Depart Bedford Hills |
| | 12:30 - Arrive Lancaster |
| | 1-4 - Leisure time at Merchant Mall |
| | 5:30 - Dinner |
| | 7:00 - Lecture - "Fancy Dutch Quilts" by Patricia Herr |
| 4/8/89 | 8:30 - Breakfast |
| | 10-12 - Leisure time at Merchant Mall |
| | 12-4 - Shopping at Inter-course, PA |
| | 4:45 - Dinner |
| | 6:00 - Depart Lancaster |
| | 11:30 - Arrive Bedford Hills |

Your cost includes EVERYTHING - that is except lunch and SHOPPING!

Cost per person is \$129 double occupancy. Your balance is due by February 1st. If anyone else is interested in going, there are 3 seats available.

There will be a sign-up sheet for a bus trip to the Great American Quilt Festival II on April 27th and April 29th at the January meeting.

Kathleen Lange



Financial Report

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| <u>BALANCE FORWARD</u> | \$22,509.07 |
| <u>Cash Disbursed</u> | |
| Quilt Show | 100.00 |
| Special Events | 103.01 |
| Program | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 253.01 |
| <u>Cash Received</u> | |
| Raffle | \$ 86.00 |
| Membership | 110.00 |
| Resource & Education | 25.00 |
| Special Events | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 271.00 |
| BALANCE | \$22,527.06 |

Barbara Lerch

Resource & Education

Just a reminder of our up-coming classes.

- JANUARY 29th - Amish Doll - \$30
- MARCH 10th - Leprachaun Doll - \$30
- MARCH 21st - Log Cabin - \$25
- MARCH 22nd - Log Cabin - \$25
- APRIL 1st - Prints Charming - \$25
- MAY 8th & 9th - "60-Degree Triangles"- \$30
- MAY 24th - Kaleidoscope - \$25

*So far, all classes except the Amish Doll, will be held at the Lake Lincoln-dale Clubhouse.

You may refer back to the December news-letter for detailed information on these classes. If you are a new member, you may call Jean Albrecht at 234-9510 for your questions. Remember that your check reserves your spot in these classes. Please write your checks out to NSQG, Ltd. and send them to Jean at; P.O. Box 235, Bedford, NY 10506.



Jean Albrecht

Show News

Neither rain, nor snow, nor holidays have kept your Quilt Show Committee from all the preparations for our show - MAY 6th and 7th!

Nancy Mirman has had the brochures printed and they look wonderful! Simone Montegut will be supervising THE MAILING at 7:00 during the January meeting. So PLEASE come early to help to put the address labels on the brochures and get them ready to go in the mail. Thanks so much to Brenda Strauss for running off all 3,500 address labels for us.

Another round of applause for Gloria Hartley. Gloria designed our Show Pin based on our Raffle Quilt, and it is just lovely. Thank you, Gloria!

After you all submit blocks for the Block Contest, Jan Lotz will be needing help assembling the winners into a top. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Jan.

Hopefully, we will have the raffle tickets ready for you to pick up at the January meeting. Each member is expected to buy or sell a minimum of two books. Please help to support our recipient, FRIENDS OF KAREN, and pick up your tickets.

Thank you Marie Rohrman and Mary Padgorski for volunteering to put up the road signs for the Show Week-end.

The next Show Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30. I hope to see lots of members at our meeting at 7:00 helping with the brochures!

Jane Fulton



Dear NSQG Members:

There has been much uneasiness among the guild members recently which causes the Board of Directors much concern. Many felt that there was a need for a revision of the present By-Laws.

The By-Law Revision Committee was formed for this purpose. We have reviewed the By-Laws and believe that presenting an explanation with each proposed change will help members better understand what the changes are for and what the Committee, as a service group of the Guild as a whole, envisions as the aim of the Guild.

Article II: PURPOSE
Current By-Laws:

Section 1. The purpose of this guild shall be to promote interest in and encourage participation in the craft of quilting; to stimulate and coordinate the efforts and talents of individuals interested in quilting, including the establishment and furtherance of instructional activities relating to quilting and the sponsorship of an annual show open to the public for the purpose of demonstrating quilting techniques and craftsmanship.

Section 2. The Guild is a not-for-profit corporation.

Proposed Changes:

Section 1. The purpose of this guild shall be to promote interest in and encourage participation in the art of quilting and to stimulate and coordinate the efforts and talents of individuals interested in quilting.

Section 2. The Guild shall strive to achieve its purposes:

- a. By establishing educational standards for quilting as guidance for members and by encouraging adherence to these standards.
- b. By providing educational activities to help members achieve the above.
- c. By establishing lines of communication among members for the stimulation of thought, exchange of ideas, mutual assistance, and enhancement of individual strengths.
- d. By sponsoring an annual quilt show open to the public for the purpose of demonstrating quilting techniques and craftsmanship.

Section 3. The Guild is a not-for-profit corporation.

Brief Explanation: It is the feeling of the Ad Hoc Committee that the efforts of the present Board of Directors to raise the quilting skills of the general membership have been misunderstood, and that the proposed Article II makes the intent of the Board clear; to help members, not judge, restrict, or intimidate.

Article IV: ANNUAL DUES
Current By-Laws:

Section 2. Persons joining at or after the February general meeting shall pay 50% of the annual dues.

Continuation of Article IV: ANNUAL DUES

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall determine annual dues 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal year to meet the operating expenses of the Guild.

Section 4. Written notification of a change in dues will be given to general membership within 30 days prior to the September general meeting.

Proposed Changes:

Section 2. New members joining at or after the February general meeting shall pay 50% of the annual dues.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall determine dues to meet the operating expenses of the Guild.

Brief Explanation: The change in Section 2 makes it clear that members who are renewing their membership are expected to pay full dues, even if they delay their renewal. The change in Section 3 gives the Board flexibility needed to meet any possible fiscal emergency, and to adjust to sudden changes in the size of the membership, should they occur. While there is no change proposed in Section 4, it is presented because it is a built-in control which prevents any abuse of this Board responsibility.

Article III: COMMITTEES

Current By-Laws:

Section 1. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the majority of the elected officers and their tenure shall terminate with the installation of the new President. These chairpersons shall be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors no longer than four (4) consecutive years.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the majority of the elected officers and their tenure shall terminate with the installation of the new President.

These chairpersons shall serve on the Board of Directors no more than four (4) consecutive years. An individual may continue to serve as a chairperson for more than these four consecutive years, but may not be a Board member for a minimum of one year succeeding these four years.

Brief Explanation: This proposal would enable a person who has been serving on the Board for four consecutive years, either as an elected officer or as a Chairperson, to continue to serve as a Chairperson. In this way, we don't throw away our best talent after four years.

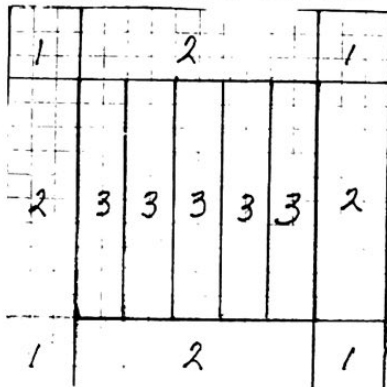
These proposed changes are respectfully submitted for your consideration. They have been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors and are now being presented to membership for discussion at the February 14th meeting and the vote of acceptance at the March 21st meeting.

The By-Laws Revision Committee: Joan Crawford, Chairperson, Penny Black, Liz Doyle, Linda Raffaele, Kathy Sica, Doris Young, Pat Baker

Because many of you have asked about battings and their uses, our FEBRUARY program is going to be a hands-on study of various battings. After finishing this project you should know which batting suits you and your quilting style the best. You also will be able to compare, side-by-side, the bearding quality of each of the batts. This will be a 'blind' study. You will not know the identity of the batts until you return a short, simple questionnaire at the March meeting.

In order to give you time to sew and mark the Miniature Amish Bars Quilt Top that you should bring to the February 14 meeting, directions for its construction are included in this Newsletter. If you wish to read about a project of this type, one is described in an article in the March 1986 Quilters' Newsletter Magazine.

Using 100% cotton solids:



Cut 4 of piece #1, 5"x5" all in the same color"

Cut 4 of piece #2, 15 1/2"x5" Using a dark color 15 1/2"x5" (the backing color is OK)

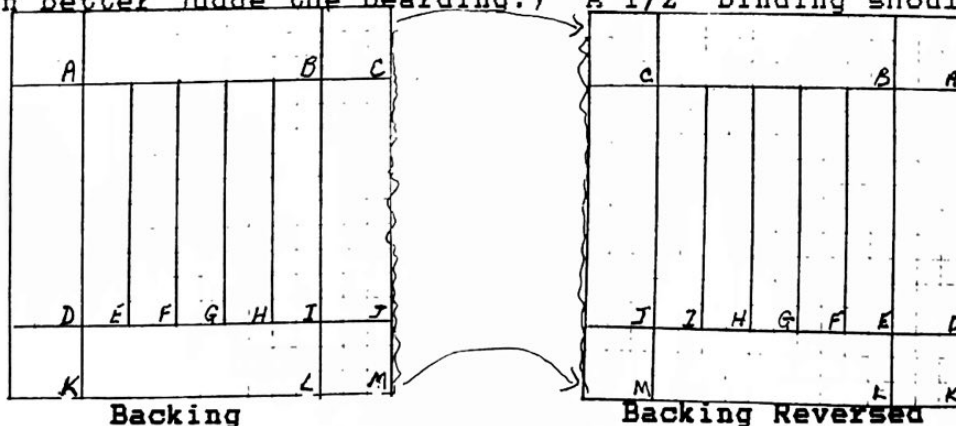
Cut 5 of piece #3, all in different colors, 15 1/2"x3 1/2"

These cut sizes include 1/4" seam allowance

Quilt Top

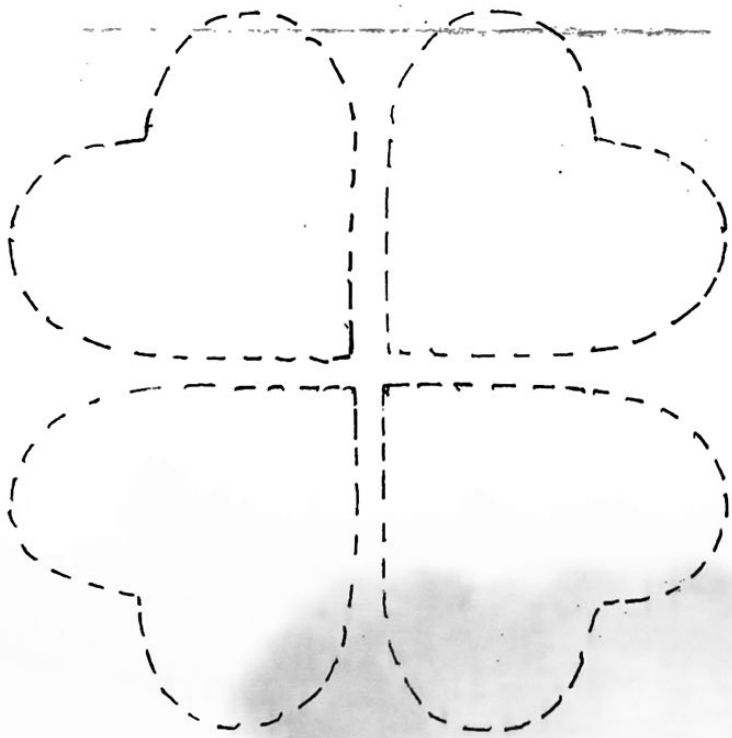
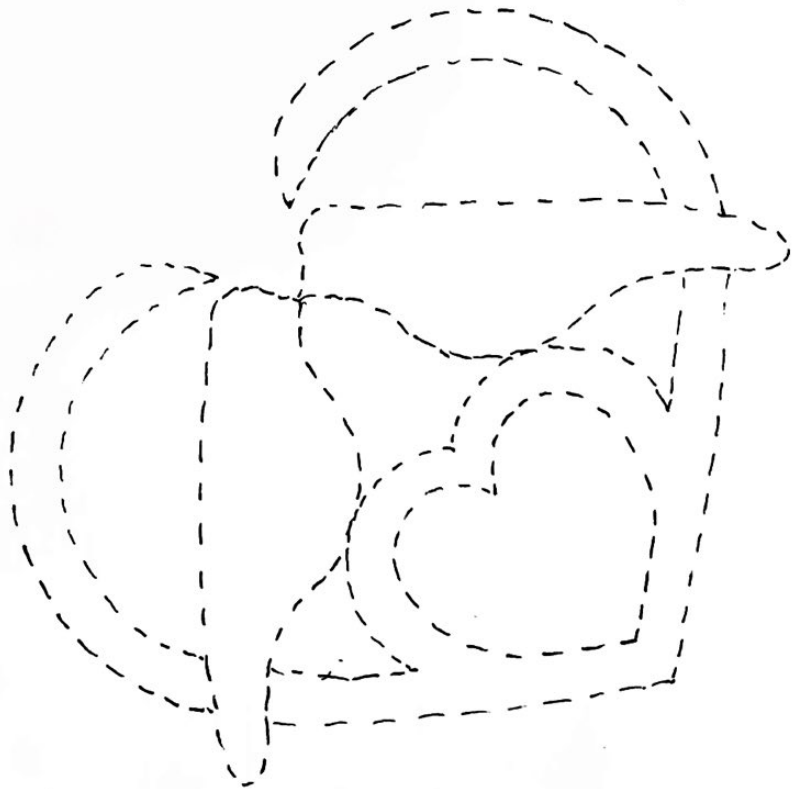
Follow the accompanying diagram and sew your top together. It should measure 24 1/2"x24 1/2". Mark your quilting design on the top with a silver or wash-away pencil. A continuous quilting pattern will cross all batts with one quilting thread. Use your favorite quilting pattern. (If there is space available in the Newsletter, some appropriate patterns will be printed. Otherwise they will appear next month.) P.S. WE FIT IT IN! K.S.

The binding should be attached to the top at this time. Then at the meeting it can be basted over to the back, so that all batting will be contained. (Then we can better judge the bearding.) A 1/2" binding should be sufficient.

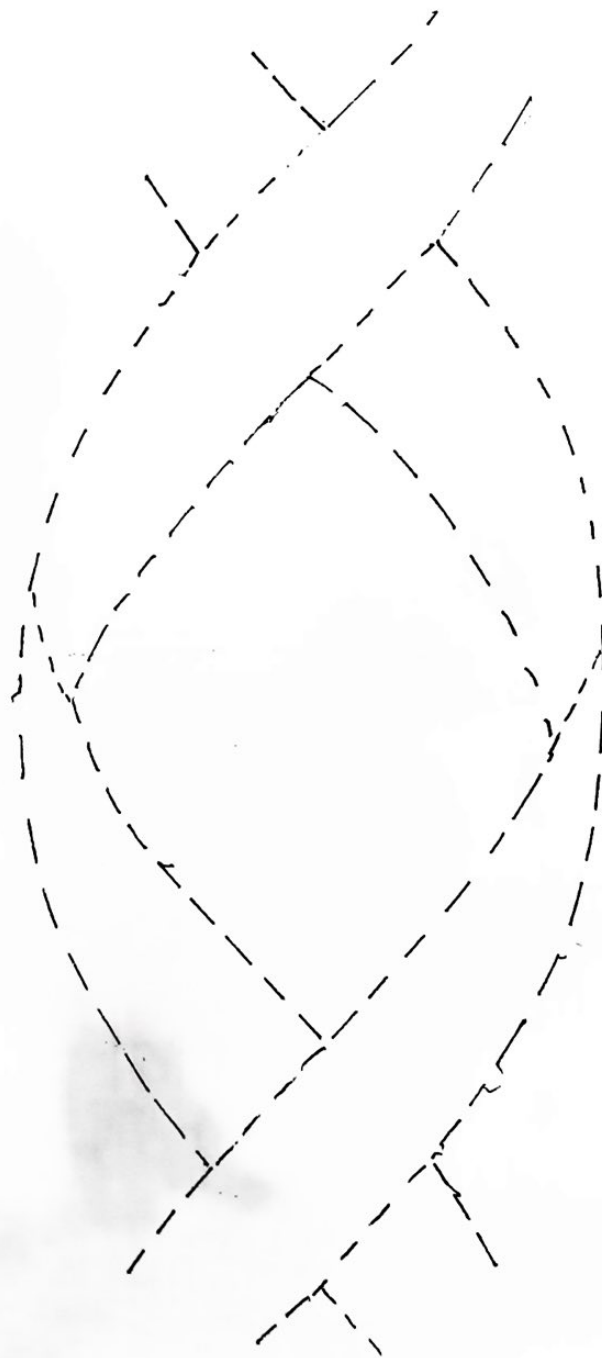


Using black or a dark solid, cut backing 26" square. (Cut it larger if you plan to bring the backing around to the front as a binding.) Mark letters and lines on one side with a silver or wash away pencil. Turn backing over (from right to left) and mark the letters and lines on the reverse side with a permanent marker. Backing will look neater if letters are placed in the lower left-hand corner of the rectangle or square.

A sample will be available at the January meeting.

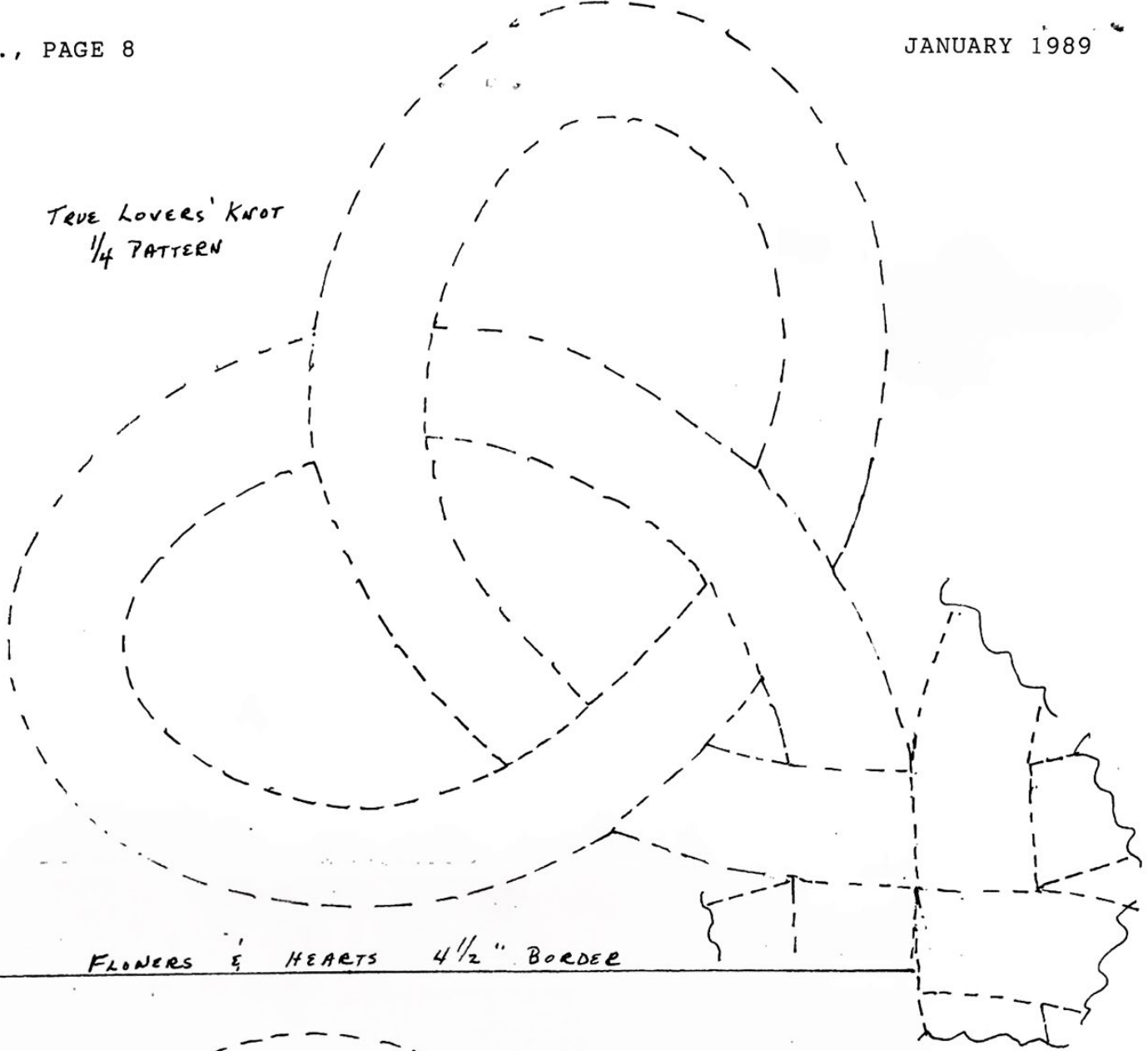


HEARTS

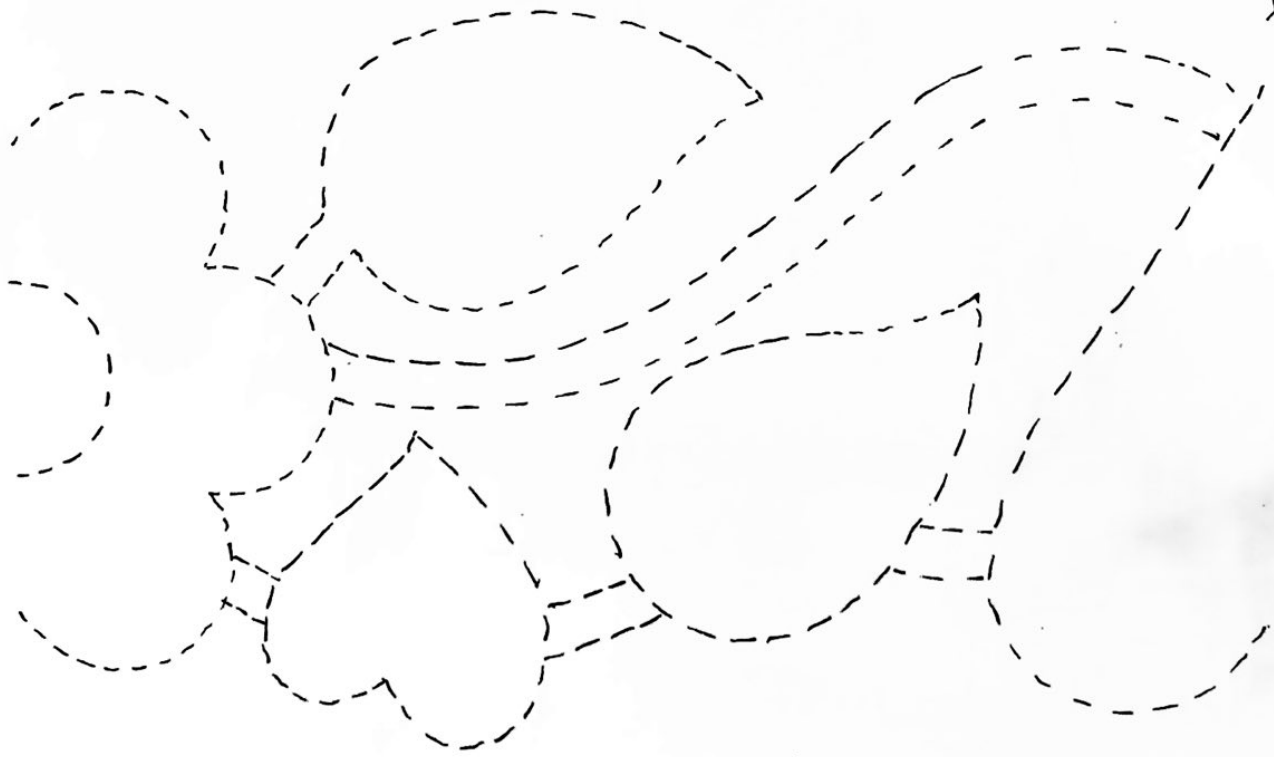


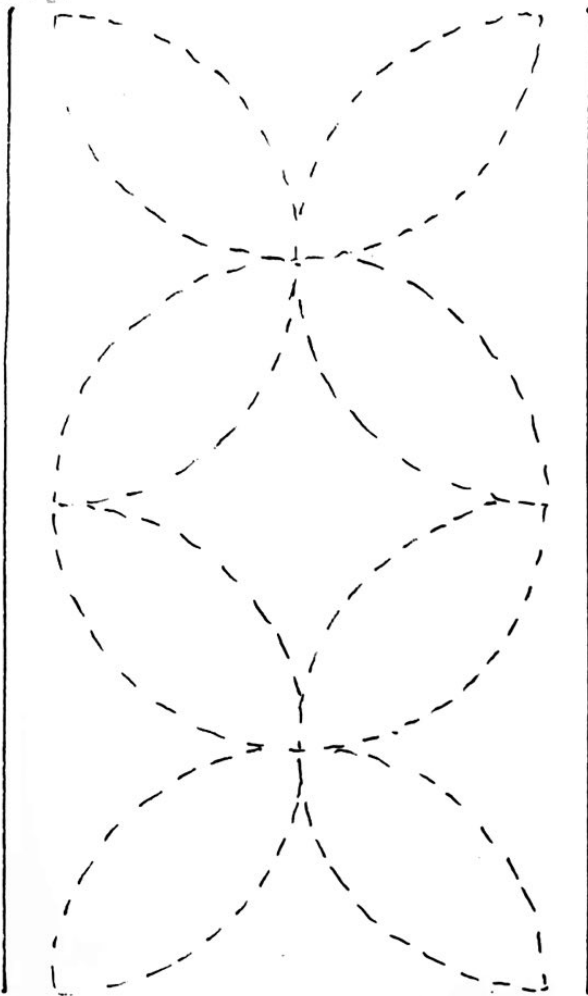
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1 REPEAT

TRUE LOVERS' KNOT
1/4 PATTERN

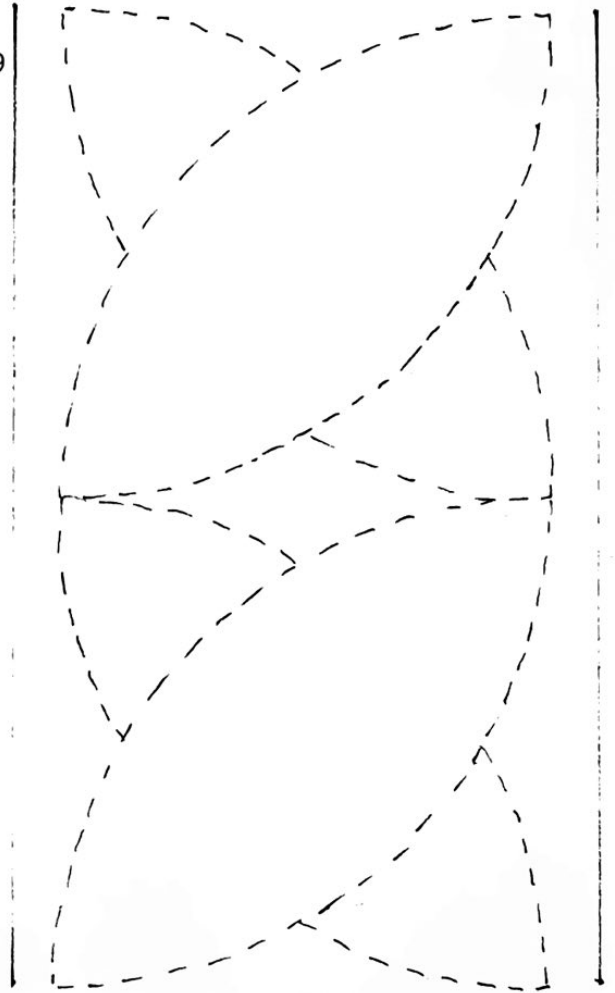


FLOWERS & HEARTS 4 1/2" BORDER

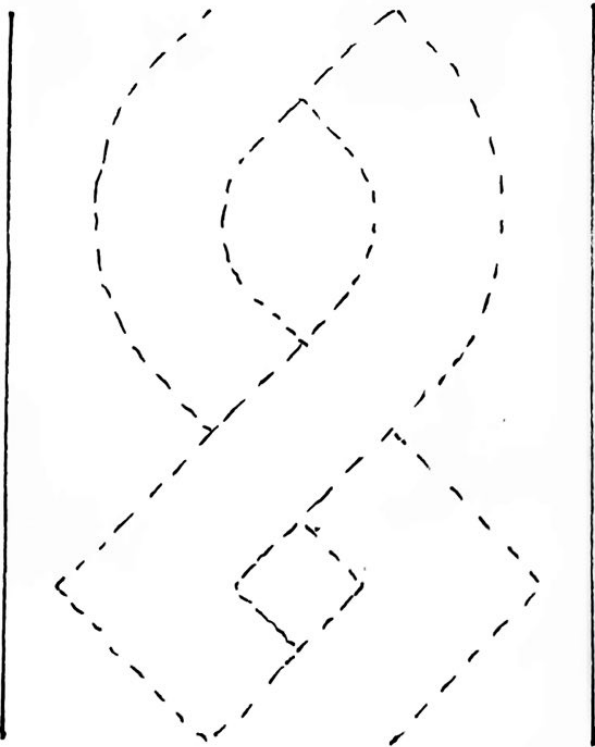




WINE GLASS OR PUMPKIN SEED
2 REPEATS
3" BORDER



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UNNAMED 1 REPEAT
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