

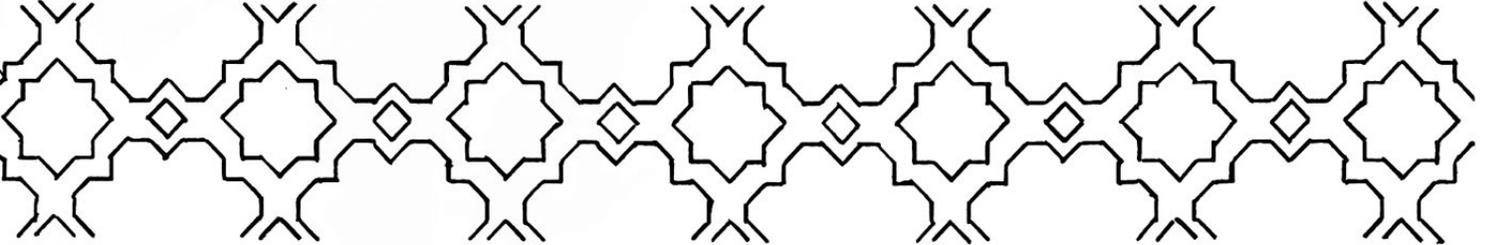
# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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CAROLYN KOETSE

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1993



## President's Corner

By now the rush of the holiday season is past. I hope your enjoyment was worth all the effort you put into it. Anna Marie Tucker's wit and charm at the December meeting put a spark in my spirits when they had hit a holiday low. She is such fun.

January is a time for assessment of priorities. In this assessment do you find yourself saying, "--and I really should finish that piece I started long ago that is taking up precious shelf space." The incentive you need is a New Year's Resolution Contract for Unfinished Objects. Fill out the form you'll find elsewhere in this newsletter. There will be extra contracts at the membership table for anyone who might have more than one old project they are resolved to finish.

It has been quite a while since an ABC quilt has been turned in. The need is as great as ever to comfort AIDS babies with a quilt. In a related field, Sue Bennett will be providing directions for making teeny garments needed for unfortunate premature and diseased infants. Make some if you can.

A new need has surfaced following the disaster hurricanes in Florida. An article follows regarding that. Please help.

In this bright New Year, value each day for what it gives to you-- and give of yourself wherever you can. The fabric of life is made up of millions of tiny threads held together by your stitches, so

Happy stitching,

Joyce Sullivan

## Guild Calendar

- 1/12 Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
- 1/19 NSQG General Meeting at SIS, Rt. 202, Somers  
Doors open at 7:00  
Meeting starts at 7:45
- 1/19 Feb. Newsletter Deadline
- 1/26 NSQG Board Meeting
- 2/2 Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
- 2/8 Deadline to turn in Challenge quilts
- 2/9 NSQG General Meeting  
(NOTE: This is the ONLY General Meeting that does NOT fall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)
- 2/23 NSQG Board Meeting
- 2/23 March Newsletter Deadline
- 3/2 Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
- 3/16 NSQG General Meeting
- 3/23 NSQG Board Meeting
- 3/23 April Newsletter Deadline
- 3/26-27 Guild bus trip to "Heritage Quilt Festival"

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BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG!  
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## Financial Report

BALANCE 11/1/92	34123.43
GENERAL ACCOUNT 11/1/92	23215.07
Cash received:	
Interest	38.50
Membership	895.00
Raffle	149.00
Program	200.00
Trip	650.00
Resource/Ed	820.00
B'way Dolls	1493.83
Boutique	7476.54
Pins	6.35
Cash Dispersed:	
Program	536.77
Resource/Ed	833.39
Hospitality	53.98
Trip	450.00
Accountant	950.00
Boutique	6391.03
Publicity	36.85
Bank Charges	12.00
BALANCE 11/30/92	25680.27
QUILT SHOW ACCT 11/1/92	10908.36
Cash Dispersed:	
Publicity	35.83
Info. Booth	195.00
Show Pins	13.80
Balance 11/30/92	10663.73
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Nancy Mirman

## Traveling Quilters

We're on the move again! Join us for an excursion to Amish country Friday and Saturday, March 26 & 27 to the "Heritage Quilt Festival" and a shopping tour at Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse.

The cost will be \$120 for the round-trip motor coach, hotel room, two-day show ticket, show bag and Saturday dinner. Come join us, bring a friend, be inspired by the quilt show and have a great time with fellow quilters.

Please call Linda von Ahn (628-5380) before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. for your reservation. Deposit due at the February 9 General Meeting. Let's fill up the bus!

## Fabric Raffle

For the January 19 meeting, please bring in as many fat quarters (18" by half the width of the bolt--about 22") or long quarters (9" by the full width of the bolt--about 44") as you wish in "ice" colors (pale blues, aguas, etc., with white). You will receive a fabric raffle ticket for each quarter yard.

Lillian Colyer

## Hospitality

The following members have volunteered to provide goodies for our January 19th meeting: Caroline Kearney, Judy Rosenberg, Sally Pietrobono and Phyllis Solar. Anyone else is welcome to bring finger foods--cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, etc. Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your name tag.

Barbara Yerks  
Vickie Ramella

## Programs

The January 19 General Meeting is our annual Hands-On Program. The topic is Buttons, Baubles and Beads or After the New Year, Come Tie-One-On With Us. We have wonderful teachers lined up to demonstrate their special methods of tying quilts and adding dimensional interest with buttons, baubles and beads. Meet fellow Guild members:

On Buttons: Debi Tong Gray will demonstrate how to use buttons in creative ways you never imagined and also HOW to make buttons from start to finish. She will bring in several wonderful examples of her hand-made buttons.

On Baubles: Pat Baker will demonstrate ways to use tying to secure and add a three-dimensional look to your special quilts and wall hangings. You will learn how to make yoyos and then how use them to create shapes and designs.

On Beads: Janet Broad, whose beaded work appeared in our show, will teach at least two methods of using beads to create a special look or design. She uses beads both independently and as part of her quilting stitch.

Susan White will demonstrate basic tying and the secret of perfect knots that will not come out. She will also discuss when tying is appropriate and why not to feel guilty about it.

Gloria Hartley will demonstrate "Blooming Tyes", another new creation by our favorite stencil designer. These delicate flowers can embellish special hand-quilted designs as well as secure the layers without quilting.

WELCOME Kathy Schiano, a brand-new member of NSQG and an award-winning quilter whose quilts have appeared in many shows including Paducah. (One of her quilts will appear in America's Best Quilting Projects edited by Fons and Porter, to be published in 1993.) Kathy will illustrate how to use beads for detailing and highlighting.

Come join us for lots of fun with these special ladies. All of our teachers will bring quilts that will help to illustrate their methods. Everybody will be able to take two of these mini-demonstrations, but there will be time to meander to other stations and eavesdrop, of course. Bring some basic sewing supplies with you.

A note about February--after much discussion with several of our Guild entrepreneurs, they have helped me to iron out what our February raffle will be about. It will be open to anyone who is either starting out or established in a quilt-related business. All participants will bring one item to donate to our raffle table that should represent what you and/or your company is all about. You may also bring in another item (or items, space providing) that illustrates your work. For example, Susan White will donate one of her "sewing notions" from Buttons, Boxes and Things, as well as display the lightbox she and her husband make together. Maria Tamaoka will donate authentic Japanese fabric to the raffle. Debi will have one of her wonderful creatures made especially for the raffle, and I've heard some rumblings of other possibilities. Please let us know what you would like to display. All entrepreneurs must come at 7 p.m. to help set up their items. We will hold the raffle after the break so that everyone will have time to see the raffle table, as well as to look carefully at our beautiful Challenge quilts.

Adrienne Yorinks  
Debi Tong Gray

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PLEASE NOTE: Weather closings are always a possibility in winter. Our general policy is that if school is closed for weather, there will be no NSQG meeting. For school closing information or for late-day cancellation even if school is open, listen to radio stations WHUD (100.7 FM) or WVIP (106 FM, 1310 AM).  
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## QUILTER'S HURRICANE RELIEF

Think of losing everything, or nearly so, in a disaster hurricane. At first there is rejoicing that no death or injury occurred to family members; then, the long road of trying to put a life and home back together. In those difficult times a quilter would surely gain some solace when a few minutes could finally be spared to add a few stitches to her soft, friendly quilt project, or when her mind could be temporarily transported away through the joy of starting a new piece.

For many hurricane victims this is impossible. Their quilting supplies were lost with everything else. Rarely does insurance cover all the essentials, let alone new Olfa mats or a fabric stash. Wouldn't you like to help a fellow quilter get started again? Bring your donations to the January General Meeting. Good, used items or unused extras from home will be great. Quilting hoops, books, magazines, patterns, templates, scissors, rulers and fabric, fabric, fabric---fat quarters, bags of scraps, extra yardage.

If you forget, or can't come to the meeting, both Sue's Fabric World and The Country Quilter have agreed to be collection points. You can bring things from home or you can purchase something for Quilter's Hurricane Relief and leave it there if you wish. Perhaps some thread and needles, or an Olfa cutter or mat, or a package of batting.

Collection will go on until the end of January. The first week in February we will ship everything to the quilt shop in Miami that receives goods for periodic distribution to the needy quilters. This is a need we can all understand. Let's help in a big way.

## OPERATION MEND

Pat Baker sent in a related article about the Rotary Clubs of Southwest Florida, who under the direction of Sulky of America's Fred Drexler, are organizing "Operation Mend" to help victims of Hurricane Andrew. The group is looking for donations of sewing machines and sergers in working order including operating manuals, as well as fabric labeled with length and fiber content, patterns, scissors and all kinds of sewing notions.

Send your donations (no collect shipments and this is not part of the NSQG effort mentioned above) to "Operation Mend", c/o Sulky of America, Dept. SN, 3113 Braodpoint Drive, Harbor Heights, FL 33983.

## REPORT ON FESTIVAL OF TREES TO BENEFIT PUTNAM HOSPITAL

The 6 1/2 foot tree was beautifully covered with 200 NSQG-made ornaments. Jane Davila added a charming angel for the top. The appliqued Christmas tree skirt completed a look of total grandeur. The tree brought \$500 for a most worthy cause.

October Ornament Super Saturday was well received. The tree did look good as a result of the continuity of the group ornaments. Plans are in the work to do it again next year. We are thinking of a Victorian theme, using deep reds and greens with pinks, laces, fancy fabrics. If you have a good pattern or idea, contact Pat Baker (279-8840) or Joyce Sullivan (277-3832).

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Dear Secret Pal:

I'm so lucky you drew my name. Thank you so much for all the great gifts you've sent me.

Maria Tamaoka

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Complete form below and turn in at Resource & Education table. If you "put it in writing", maybe you'll REALLY get it done.  
(Our thanks to Smithtown Stitchers for this great idea.)

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This project was started \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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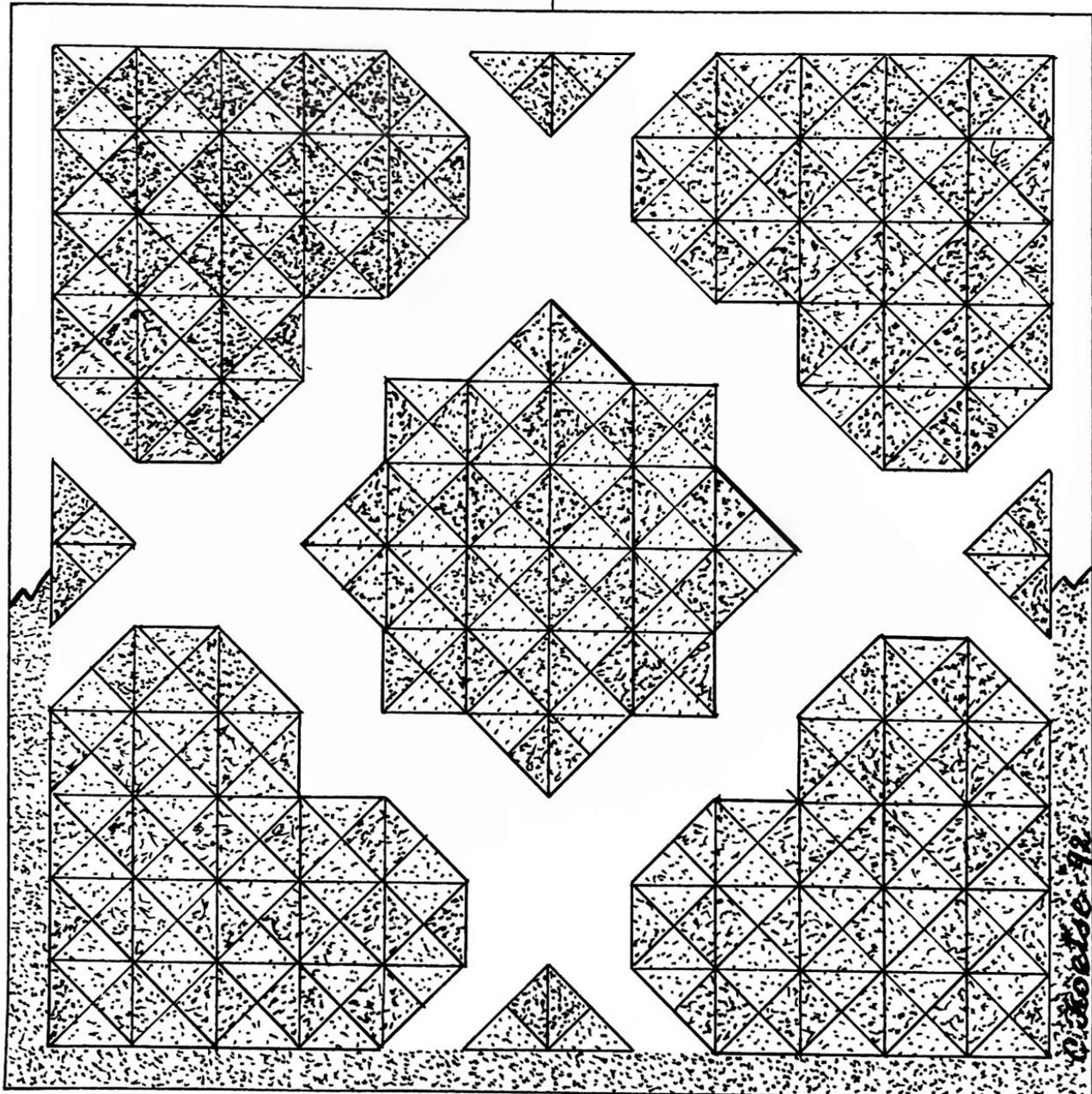
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## Pattern Propagation

Let's propagate a heart into a pattern that can be used for applique or as quilting lines to brighten life on Valentine's Day. This pattern works just like last month's candy cane pattern and produces very graphic designs when done in red and white. Draw the heart shape on graph paper and start propagating. Again, pay attention to the background shapes you create and see what new shapes you can fit into them—they are as important as the heart to finding a striking pattern. As soon as something looks good on the tracing paper, transfer it to the graph paper and you will have another of your own original, unique patterns.

The heart pattern below will make a 6" finished block. To make 12" block, trace the shapes on the back cover of this newsletter directly onto the paper side of Wonder-Under. Cut out the shapes, peel off the paper backing, arrange them on a 12 1/2" piece of fabric, iron them down, and zig-zag the edges. For hand applique, trace the motifs onto freezer paper and iron to fabric. Cut out, adding seam allowance as you go, arrange on the background fabric and applique them down. Bind the finished piece with the heart color if you want the background shapes to stand out, or with the background fabric to make the hearts predominate. Happy Propagating!  
Carolyn Koets



## Quilt Show Report

Happy New Year! I hope you are all rested up after your busy holidays. The show committee is ready to shift into high gear and ask for all your help. Our Speaker Chairman, Linda Love, has completed negotiations for the lecture schedule for the Quilt Show on May 1 and 2. We will welcome Dorothy Bosselman, Judy Dales, Anna Marie Tucker and Nancy Halpern. What a wonderful job Linda has done.

Brenda Strauss has been working on the brochure and it will be ready by the January 19 meeting. Simone Montegut will be supervising the mailing. Please come early to the January meeting to help put labels on the brochures and get them ready to go out to the post office. Many thanks to Brenda and Simone for all the work that goes into a mailing such as this.

Carolyn Koetse has designed the show pin, which is made of parts of two blocks from the raffle quilt. Liz Doyle will have raffle tickets ready to pass out. As NSQG members, each of us is expected to sell (or buy) two 6-ticket books at \$1/ticket or \$5/book. Pictures of the raffle quilt will be available for those who would like one. (These really help to sell tickets to people who have not seen the beautiful quilt.) The raffle prizes will be a Bernina sewing machine donated by Don Headon of Hartsdale Fabrics, the NSQG Raffle Quilt, a "Quilt-a-Bout" filled with lots of goodies donated by Claire Dehler of The Country Quilter, and an inlaid box from Windblown Squares. The proceeds of our raffle will go to the Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam.

Lets get all the red and green fuzzies out of the sewing machine, give it a few drops of oil, a pat and a kind word, and off we go to more wonderful creations.

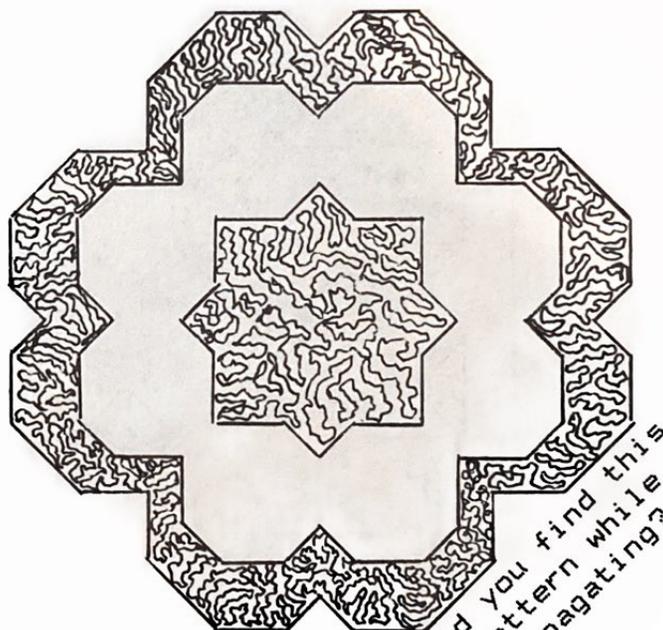
Barbara Lerch

## Raffle Quilt News

The quilting on our raffle quilt is going well. All the fans and blank squares should be done by the January meeting, and we will be ready to start the border. It will be at Suzanna Valentinetti's in Croton-on-Hudson (271-4155) the week of January 11, and at Phyllis Solar's in Mahopac (628-3293) the week of January 18. Please call one of us if you wish to make arrangements to come and quilt, or call me to volunteer to hostess the quilt for a week or to work on alone over a weekend.

Madeline Horr 248-7454

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 FOR SALE--\$10--Oval quilt hoop on a stand. Call Pauline Joseph 628-2350  
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Did you find this  
 pattern while  
 propagating?

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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

## MEET JANET BROAD

Janet was born in Portsmouth, England. Her dad was in the English Navy, so she moved to many places. Janet came to the United States when her husband's work brought them here. She and Don originally settled in Darien, then moved to a small farm in South Salem when the simple life beckoned. They now live in North Salem where Janet is filling her home with quilts. Janet and Don have five children and six grandchildren. We can all bet there will be many places her beautiful quilts will call home!

Janet grew up with knitting and needlepoint (there are lots of sheep, which Janet loves, in England), and she took up quilting seriously about three years ago. Her friend, Mindy Moller, had quilts in her store which Janet admired, so Mindy invited her to a Northern Star Quilters' Guild meeting. After being inspired, Janet found old quilt squares in the barn of her home in South Salem and put them together. She started hand quilting and discovered that it was the ugliest quilt ever. (She showed it to me--it would definitely get the "Ugly Blue Ribbon"!) The quilt remains half quilted as a reminder of old times before Janet perfected her quilting stitch. Now quilting is her passion.

How can she possibly find time to piece and quilt anything when she manages the Edelweiss Pastry Shop full time? (Inquiring minds want to know!) Janet gets up before the sun and sews each morning. On Sunday she dedicates the entire day to piecing, applique and quilting. Don gets to cook. Janet loves to machine applique, and her favorites are picture quilts. Her newest venture is machine quilting. She feels she has learned a lot from observing other quilters, and says she has taken classes with good teachers that were patient and willing to explain.

Her tidbit of information to new quilters: "Enjoy it, go at your own pace, and be a friendly quilter." We wish Janet many more hours of happy quilting--keep cooking, Don! At this rate, she will continue to live up to her nickname, "Janet the Mad Quilter".

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A resource booklet is available from the Fairfield Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild. It includes alphabetical and by-location listings of fabric stores, embroidery stores and other sources of supplies for needlework. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"--send \$5 with order to: Margaret Stickney, 107B Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589 (276-2098)  
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Claire Ochler, Owner

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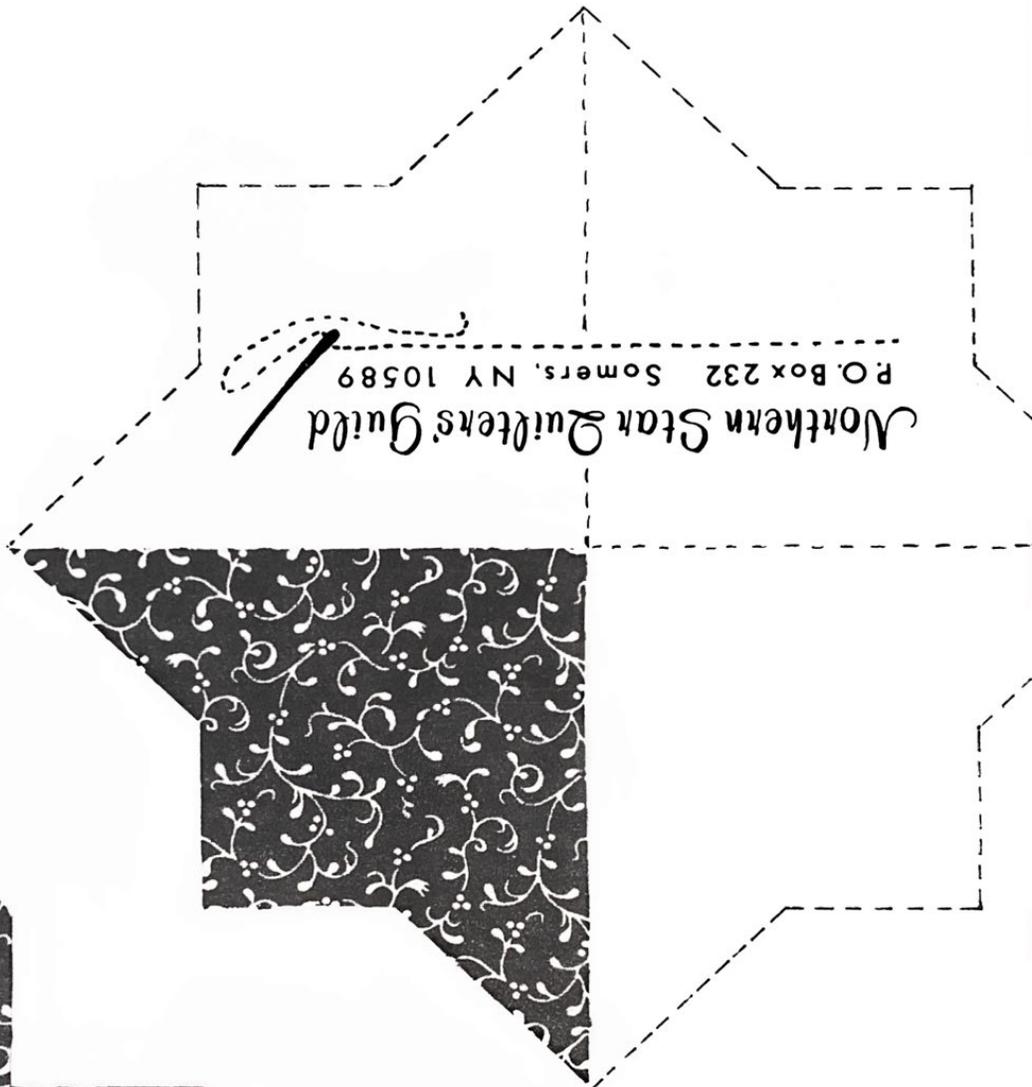


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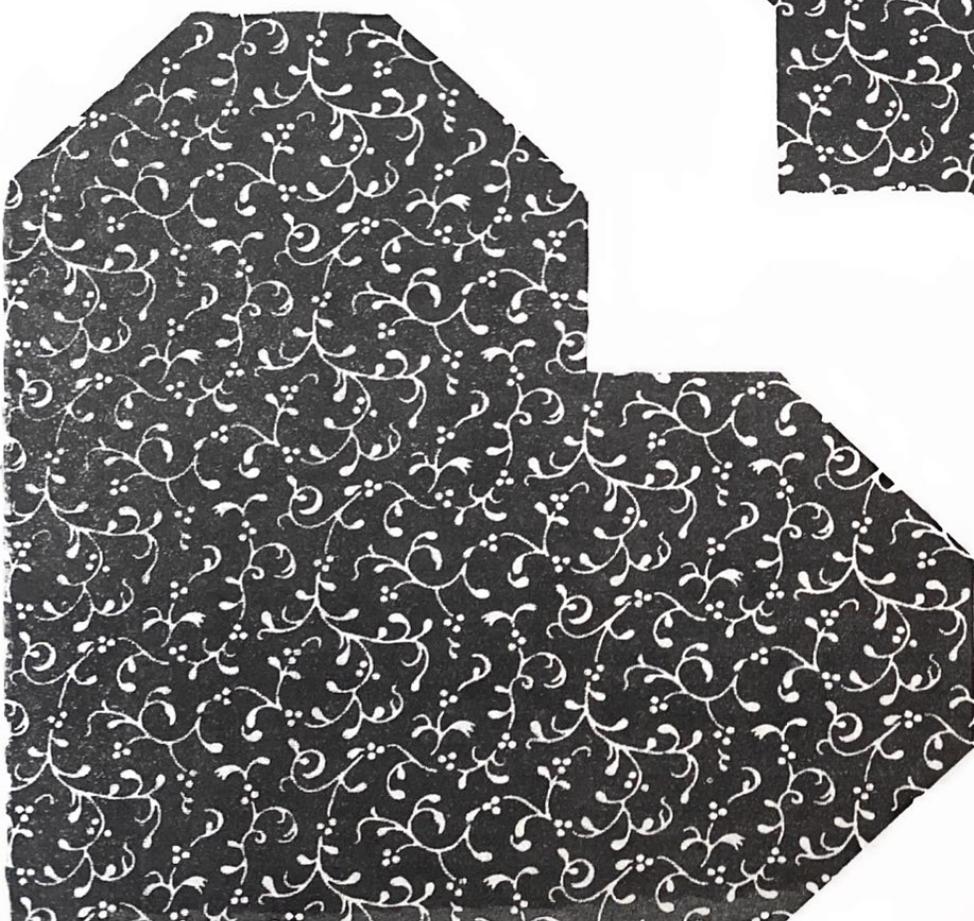
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