

NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD, LTD., SOMERS, NEW YORK

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# On Point!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Quilters,

I am writing this with great anticipation for our Quilt Show. I know it will be a wonderful and exciting weekend and I look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks to Barbara Broshous and her committee. It takes a year of hard work to put together a show like ours; from the 300 of us who enjoy the show to the 25 of you in the show committee - THANK YOU!  
\*\*\*\*\* NANCY MIRMAN

## PROGRAMS

Our May 16th meeting will feature Houston, Texas' Libby Lehman and "The Quilt as Art." With a background in traditional quilting and as a second-generation quilter - her mother is the renowned Catherine Anthony - Libby has moved to the forefront of the "art quilt" movement. Her expertise ranges from dramatic piecing techniques to intricate embellishments. All are executed with the dramatic flair that has become Libby's signature style.  
\*\*\*\*\* ALICE GARRARD

## FABRIC NAME TAGS

May 16th is the last call this year to make Northern Star Quilters' Guild pieced name tags. Edith Pryor will have kits and directions available for new members. If you wish to make the free name tag, look for Edith at 7 p.m. before the May meeting.

If anyone has found among their possessions from the April meeting a template for the navy blue part of the pieced star, please bring it to the May meeting. Some of the templates are missing. Thank you.  
\*\*\*\*\* PAT BAKER & JOYCE SULLIVAN

## MEMBERSHIP

One-hundred-eighty-one quilters signed in at the April meeting, including 8 guests and 2 new members. Current membership is 320. If you didn't pick up a new membership list last month, please ask me for one at the May meeting. Contact me if you have a change of address or phone number. Flyers left on the membership table should be picked up at the end of the business meeting.  
\*\*\*\*\* MILLIE CLINTON

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NSQG CALENDAR

MAY 8: Elly Sienkiewicz WORKSHOP  
MAY 9: QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING  
MAY 9&10: same Elly Sienkiewicz WORKSHOP each day  
MAY 16: GENERAL MEETING at JFK High School,  
 Route 138, Somers. Doors open 7: meeting  
 at 7:30. Speaker: Libby Lehman.  
MAY 16: Libby Lehman WORKSHOP: THINK BIG!  
MAY 23: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10: MYSTERY QUILT MOP-UP SESSION  
JUNE 20: GUILD SALAD SUPPER, GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 27: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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CHARM QUILT SWAPMAY COLORS: GREEN/SEA FOAM/AQUAMAY THEME: LIGHT-COLORED FABRICS IN PASTEL SHADES

Thirty-five members swapped packets in April.

\*\*\*\*\* LORI VANACORE &amp; DEBORAH EHRICHS

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AND BRING A MUGTRAVELING QUILTERS

A reminder that we're making a quilt for our favorite bus driver, Charlie. Here's how you can participate. Please cut two 5-inch squares - one from a light and one from a dark fabric. Layer the squares, draw a line on the diagonal and stitch a seam 1/4 inch away from the line on both sides. Cut along the line and press open the resulting triangles. Please bring them to me at the May 16th meeting. Thanks.

\*\*\*\*\* LINDA VON AHN

SUPER SUPER SATURDAY!

Thanks to everyone who participated in Super Saturday this year, and especially to the folks who took the time to turn in their surveys. Next year we will have you choose your lunch when you register and offer a vegetarian option. You gave us a lot of great suggestions for classes, ranging from miniatures to seminoles piecing, wearables to working with color, to just repeating everything we offered this year and more. If you have a topic you would like to see offered, please be sure to let me know.

\*\*\*\*\* KAREN ABRAMSON

QUILT SHOWS

May 20-21: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Route 9W, Ravena, N.Y. Quilt Raffle, vendors, quilting demos. Admission \$4; children under 12 free.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 27-Sept. 4: Quilt National '95 at Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, 8000 Dairy Lane, Athens, Ohio.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

open to 8 p.m. Thursday. Admission \$5/\$3.50.

June 3-4: Wings Falls Quilters Guild quilt show - EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN, at Adirondack Community College, Bay Road, Glens Falls, NY. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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AS OF 31 MARCH 1995  
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GUILD BALANCE FORWARD- 28 FEBRUARY 1995 \$42,246.41

GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE FORWARD \$26,317.21  
=====INCOME  
-----MEMBERSHIP \$260.00  
SUPER SATURDAY 25.00  
TRIPS 130.00  
RAFFLE 565.25  
WORKSHOPS 1,310.00  
PINS 36.00  
INTEREST INCOME 52.16  
-----TOTAL INCOME \$2,378.41 \$2,378.41  
-----EXPENSE  
-----SPEAKER 539.75  
OFFICE EXPENSE 46.88  
WORKSHOPS 1,970.47  
ABC QUILTS 150.24  
SALES TAX 51.42  
CHALLENGE 14.73  
RAFFLE 175.00  
NEWSLETTER 105.28  
TRIPS 240.00  
JKF SERVICE 620.00  
SUPER SATURDAY 255.00  
HOSPITALITY 104.13  
MICROPHONE 35.00  
BANK CHARGES 12.00  
-----TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,319.90 (\$4,319.90)  
-----GENERAL FUND BAL AS OF 31 MARCH 1995 \$24,375.72  
=====QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT  
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QUILT SHOW BALANCE FORWARD \$15,929.20

INCOME  
-----VENDORS \$583.50  
QUILT REGISTRATION 614.00  
RAFFLE 882.00  
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TOTAL INCOME \$2,079.50

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EXPENSE  
-----DOLL DISPLAY 8.65  
INVITATIONALS 11.52  
QUILT REGISTRATION 176.35  
QUILT 1996 28.16  
SHOW PIN AND DESIGN 337.66  
CATALOG/BROCHURE 643.69  
BANK CHARGE 17.84  
VENDORS 22.68  
-----TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,246.55 (\$1,246.55)  
-----QUILT SHOW BAL AS OF 31 MARCH 1995 \$16,762.15  
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GUILD BALANCE AS OF 31 MARCH 1995 \$41,137.87

SHOW BUSINESS

WOW! What wonderful memories from A World of Quilts XVI. Yes, it's all over and next month I'll pass on all the vital statistics after we've had a chance to tally up. For now I just want to say thank you, thank you - to the Show Committee members who generously gave of their time and talents this past year - and for a job well done:

Secretary: Pat Rowan                      Treasurer: Fran Schleif  
Admissions: Liz Doyle                      Block Contest: Maddie Horr  
                    Catalogue/Brochure: Brenda Strauss  
                    Equipment/Storage: Linda Goodhart  
Frames: Bill Thorn                              Hospitality: Barbara Lerch  
Info Center/Raffle Tickets: Nancy Murphy/Marla Tamaoka  
                    Invitational Quilts: Luran Fowks  
                    Judging/Appraisals: Provi Svensson  
                    Lecturers/Photographer: Mary Rossetti  
                    Liaison JFK: Peggy Lawlor/Andrea Dente  
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                    Pins/Ribbons/Badges: Susan Andrews  
Quilt Registrar: Jane Fulton                      Quilt Display: Joyce Sullivan  
Raffle Quilt: Marie Rohrman                      Vendors: Linda Love  
Volunteers: Ann Fitzell                              Wearable Arts: Suzanne Sunday  
                    Works in Progress: Karen Hagert  
                    Workshop Display: Margaret Midgley

\*\*\*\*\* BARB BROSHOUS

QUILT SHOWS

June 3-4: Dutchess Heritage Quilters' Stars Over the Mid-Hudson Valley, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lectures, boutique, raffle, vendors, demos, block contest.

June 9-11: Tlادaghton Quilt Guild show at Lycoming County Historical Museum, 858 West Fourth St., Williamsport, PA. Hours: Friday reception 5-7 p.m.; Saturday 9:30-4; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Phone: (717) 326-3326.

Aug. 19-20: Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of New York Fifth Quilt Show and Sale, Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh, in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center. On Route 9S, just south of the city of Plattsburgh.

Aug. 3-6: Belle Grove Plantation annual quilt symposium, A Century of Quiltmaking, at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. Workshops, lectures, quilts, vendors. Brochure: send \$1 to A Century of Quiltmaking, Belle Grove Plantation, P.O. Box 137, Middletown, Va. 22645, or call (703) 869-3511.




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EDUCATION

ABC QUILTS displayed at the show should have stirred up new interest in this ongoing project. Call Pat Baker (279-8840) for the next work date and directions. There is talk of continuing this worthwhile effort through the summer. Discuss this with Pat, and flood the ABC basket with blocks and extra fabric to keep the summer workers busy.

The last learning experience for this year is Libby Lehman's workshop May 16, Thing Big! This exploration of the dynamics of working with today's gorgeous large-scale prints is fully subscribed. However, put yourself of the Wait List - we get frequent last-minute cancellations and only those on the pre-paid list will be called to fill in.

Mystery Quilt participants, don't forget to pick up the next step at the Education table. Hope you are keeping up with the work progression and will be ready for the completion and surprise Show & Tell at the Mop-Up Session on Sat., June 10.

\*\*\*\*\* PAT BAKER & JOYCE SULLIVAN

QUILT SHOWS

Sept. 14-17: Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza II at Fort Washington Expo Center, Fort Washington, PA, Exit 26 off the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276). Hours: 10-6. Admission: \$7, good for all 4 days. Workshops, lectures, merchants' mall, appraisals, exhibitions, juried and judged competition. Send \$1 to P.N.Q.E., @David M. & Peter J. Mancuso, Inc., Professional Show Management, P.O. Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938.

Oct. 7-8: Jersey Shore Quilters' Harvest of Quilts at St. Peter's School, 415-Foreman Ave., Pt. Pleasant Beach, N.J. Vendors, demos, quilt raffle, country store. Admission: \$3. Hours: Oct. 7 - 10 to 5; Oct. 8 - 9 to 3.

Oct. 6-Nov. 1: Northeast Quilts Unlimited exhibition and competition organized by The Arts Guild of Old Forge, N.Y. 13420. (315) 369-6411. Categories: full size quilts and wall hangings. Judge: Eugenia Barnes. Invitational quilters: Judy B. Dales and Genevieve Sutter. Prizes: \$600 in cash and quilt supplies. Registration and entry fee due Sept. 14. Quilts due Sept. 22-24.

Oct. 13-15: Beaver Valley Piecemakers' Autumn in the Park Juried and judged quilt show at Brady's Run Lodge, Brady's Run Park, Route 51, New Brighton, PA. Demos, merchant mall, raffle. Appraisal of quilts: Friday 9 to 5. Admission: \$3. Lunch counter available. Hours: Friday & Saturday 9 to 5; Sunday 10 to 4. Send SASE business size to Rita McDowell, R.D. 1, Box 223A, Enon Valley, PA 16120.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE '95-96 BOARD

MILLIE CLINTON for president:

I feel honored to have been nominated for the office of president. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know most members during the last two years while doing membership. While I have been quilting intensively for about 6 years, I have been involved with textiles since early childhood - sewing, weaving and embroidery. NSQG has given me the opportunity to make great friends while expanding my horizons and actively participating in a skill I love. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this organization which have become very important to me.

CATHERINE NERI for VEEP Programs:

After a year (plus some) as the NSQG co-raffle/quilt shopper (which was wonderful, aside from the pleasure of working with Phyllis Solar, who could guess how much fun it could be to meet and see all of you on a monthly basis, put the names with the faces, and spend the Guild's money?) I am thrilled to have been (dragged kicking and screaming and) launched into the realm of nomination land as VEEP Programs. Having previously served as program chairperson for the White Plains Kiwanis Club, during which tenure I successfully twisted the arms of 50 speakers a year for weekly meetings, I am looking forward to the challenge of providing monthly speakers and related programs for the NSQG members.

I'm happily self-unemployed after 14 years in the HR/recruiting industry. I've been quilting for almost 20 years, since the pre-rotary cutter days. I can proudly claim to have wedged together 2 double wedding ring queen-size quilts without the benefit of either template or Olfa assistance.

LIZ DOYLE for VEEP Membership:

I have been an active member of NSQG for the past 12 years. During that time I have held numerous positions on both the Guild Board and the Quilt Show Committee, including membership, hospitality, raffle tickets, vendors, publicity and currently admissions. It has been fun to see the Guild grow from a membership of just over 100 to its current size. The Guild has always been very important to me. I love to see the amazing pool of talent within our group. I love to come to meetings to learn new things or to ask advice or just to sit back and see what everyone else is working on. I am excited about serving you as VEEP Membership and getting to know each of you a little better.

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## BRENDA STRAUSS for VEEP Quilt Show:

Not many people know that Brenda was an FBI agent assigned to the Amish area of Pennsylvania. Brenda, aka The Mole, broke up a ring of counterfitters in Bird In Hand who were experts at altering brand names on the cheaper bolts of fabric. Her biggest case involved a gang of 6 quilt shop owners who were caught red-handed as they removed VIP from selvages and inked in Jinny Beyer's logo. She was also instrumental in capturing the infamous Itchy Fingers. (Brenda, well I did "write something" for you. SS)

## CAROL ALT for recording secretary:

Carol's quiet demeanor belies a sordid past, unknown until now, as a safe cracker. Carol, aka Itchy Fingers, became interested in quilting while fingering the goods as she knocked over a fabric shop in Intercourse, PA. Having served 15 to life in the big house, Carol learned to quilt while locked up with Ida Lupino. Carol's hair actually turned white when the screws forced her to cut into her favorite fabric and piece stripes and plaids next to each other. Read her memoir, "Quilting as an Escape: If I had a needle I could pick the lock and blow this joint." (Carol, maybe next time you should write your own blo. SS)

## PHYLLIS SOLAR for corresponding secretary:

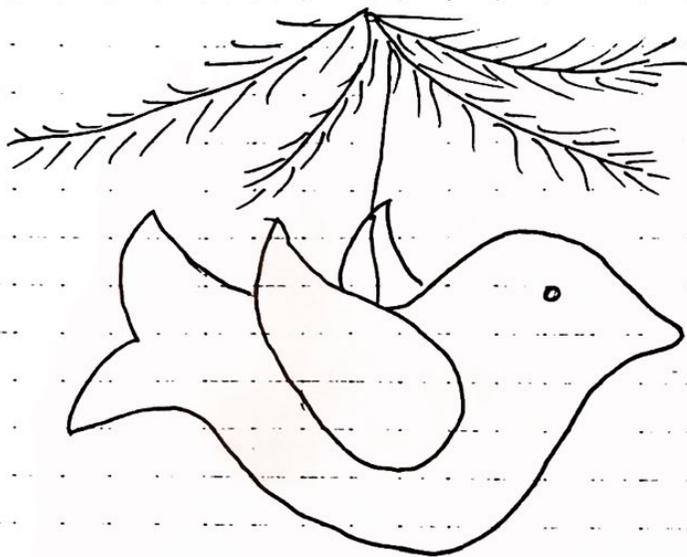
I began quilting 11 years ago, when I had my first child. Since I did not have an ordinary child I didn't want a plain drool pad in the stroller but a biscuit quilt I had seen illustrated in one of my magazines. It became the first of many quilting projects. My 2 sons also used this exquisite drool pad. I continue to make quilts and wall hangings. For the past 2 years I have staffed the monthly Guild raffle table and have had a great time shopping for the prizes. My husband assumes that when I go shopping, it's all in the line of duty (ahem). I was a reading specialist and taught elementary and junior high school students in the Bronx. I joined NSQG to learn more about the world of quilting. The Guild has opened so many avenues to me.

## KAREN ABRAMSON for treasurer:

I pieced my first quilt top in August 1992, and have been delighted with the creative possibilities of fabric ever since. Each year I try to learn at least one new technique, and one of these days I am going to learn how to quilt! As Grandma says, "All things in time." I joined NSQG in September. A Poughkeepsie resident, I am currently chairman of the First Dutchess Quilters Guild (until June) and will be co-chairman of Dutchess Heritage Quilters' next bi-annual show in 1997. I am a financial planner with IBM and am looking forward to serving as treasurer of NSQG.

(Here's an old handout by Ginny Watson!)

## LITTLE BIRD, LITTLE BIRD .....



- .... ornament
- .... mobile
- .... package tie
- .... window ornament
- .... just for fun!

### Materials needed:

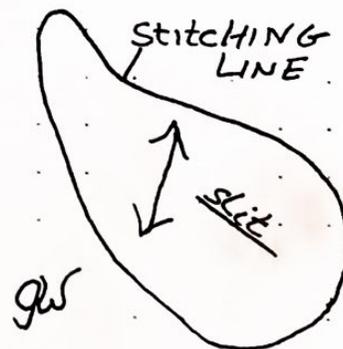
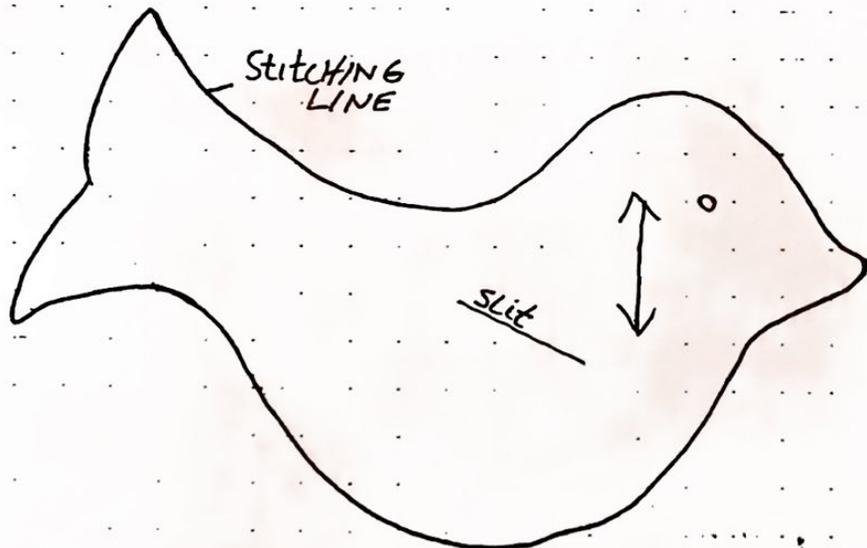
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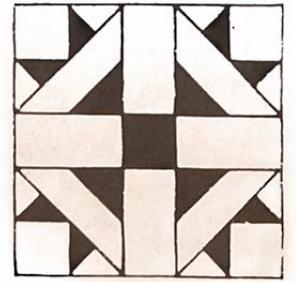
- 1- 5"x20" piece red fabric
- 2- small black beads
- small amount of stuffing

Assembly: 1. Trace bird and 2 wings on wrong side of fabric.

Do NOT cut out.

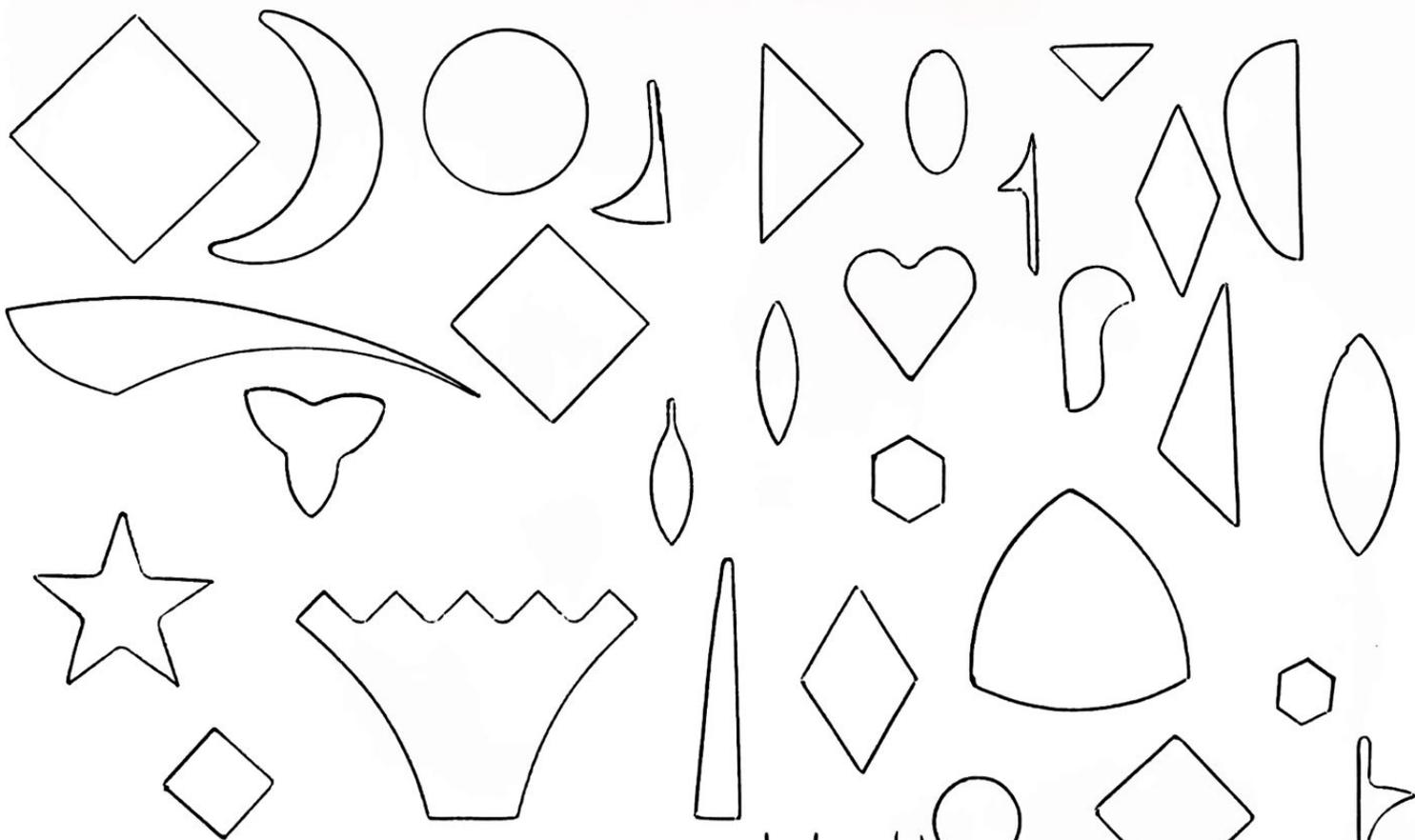
2. Stitch all around bird and wings.
3. Cut out leaving scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
4. Cut small slit on one side of bird and one side of each wing. [being careful not to cut through other side and to cut slit in wing in opposite sides]. Snip curve on back and under tail and neck.
5. Turn carefully through slits.
6. Stuff, not too firmly.
7. Glue wings on body hiding slits.
8. Sew bead on head for eye.
9. Add thread hanger where bird will balance.





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Children's stencils make good templates for miniatures!