



# THE RAW EDGE



## QUILTING IN THE PINES NEWSLETTER



### Message from the President



#### QUILTS AS ACTS OF PATRIOTISM

As I enjoyed the City of Sunrise's celebration of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, I couldn't help but think about how quilting has been woven throughout those 250 years of American history. It made me wonder about the remarkable women whose creativity, skill, and dedication helped shape our country's rich quilting heritage.

The history of patriotic quilting in America stretches back to the Colonial Era, when fabric itself was precious and the act of making & giving a quilt was never taken lightly.

A couple of famous quilters from the Colonial Era include notable figures such as:

**Betsy Ross:** Often credited with creating the first American flag, she was also known for her quilting skills, particularly in making scrappy quilts during the Revolutionary War period.

**Martha Washington:** The wife of George Washington, she was known for her quilting and participated in quilting bees, which were social gatherings for women to sew together.

During the American Civil War, women's aid societies produced thousands of quilts for soldiers in the field and patients in makeshift hospitals. They made quilts with a message: you have not been forgotten.

A few famous quilters from the Civil War Era include notable figures who contributed significantly to quilting during this tumultuous time.

**Mary Todd Lincoln:** The wife of President Abraham Lincoln, she was known for her interest in sewing and quilting, often creating quilts for soldiers.

**Harriet Powers:** An African American quilt maker from Georgia, she is celebrated for her narrative quilts that depicted biblical stories and local history.

**Elizabeth Keckley:** A former enslaved woman who became a prominent dressmaker and quilter, she created quilts for the Lincolns and was known for her social activism.

After the First World War, the tradition deepened. Gold Star mothers sewed quilts in memory of sons who did not return.

Famous quilters from the World War I Era include:

**Sue Reich:** A collector and historian who has documented quilts from the World War I Era, showcasing how quiltmakers responded to the war through their work.

Victory quilts celebrated the end of the Second World War. And through every decade since, community quilters have continued the practice because the act of cutting, piecing, and stitching seems, in some fundamental way, to match the weight of what they are trying to say. Today's patriotic quilts carry forward all of that history. A flag quilt hung on a front porch is not just a decoration. It is a continuation of a centuries old tradition.

~ Paula Wilson

#### August Meeting

Thursday, August 13th, 2026  
at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
7150 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL

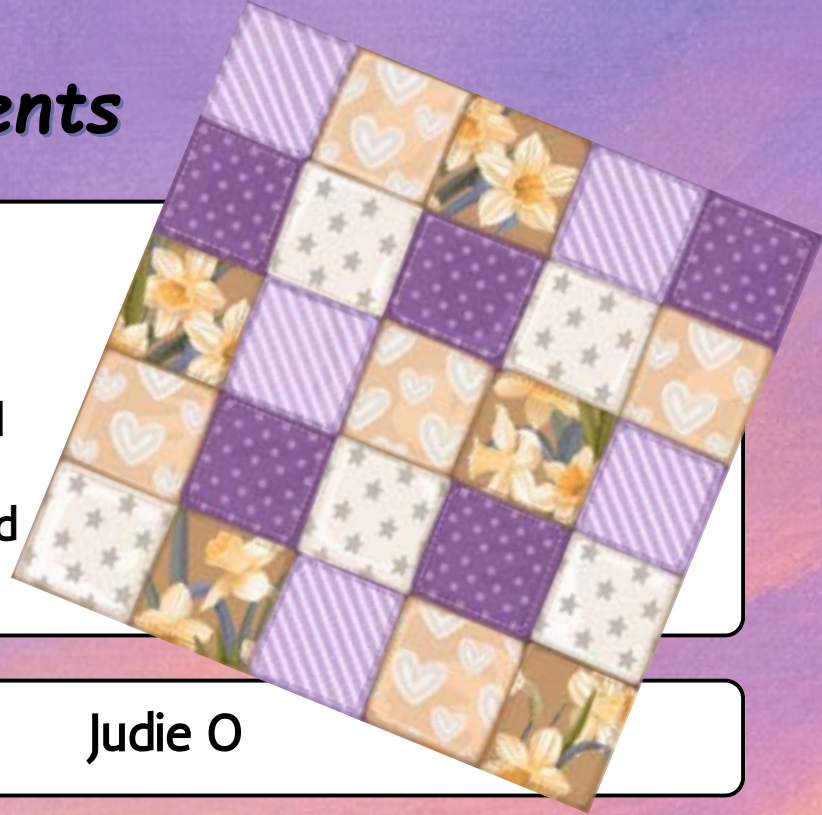


# QUIP Upcoming Events

## August Meeting

### PROGRAM-

We will be working with 3 yard charity quilt patterns, as well as have a charity quilt challenge and work day.



## August Snack Volunteers

Judie O

## 2026 Fat $\frac{1}{4}$ Colors

*This year our Fat Quarter Raffle will have both a color AND a theme! Use one or both categories for your fat quarters.*

**January - Red/Love**

**February - Green/Spring**

**March - Yellow/Kindness**

**April - Red, Pink/Moms**

**May - Teal/Summer**

**June - Red, Blue/America**

**July - Gray, Black/Joy, Happiness**

**August - Purple, Lilac/Autumn**

**September - Orange/Creativity**

**October - Burgundy/Thanks**

**November - Gold, Silver/Festive**

## Upcoming Events

**SEPTEMBER-** Laura will be teaching us a new pattern for "Wacky Scrap Sew & Fold Stockings" to make attractive holiday stockings for personal use or for charity.

**OCTOBER-** We will learn how to make a baby quilt/blanket with two pieces of flannel and mitered corners. As well as learn to make a one piece baby blanket and burp cloths from flannel.

**NOVEMBER-** QUIP's annual food drive.

**DECEMBER-** Our Annual Holiday Party!



## August Birthdays

Cathy Dance

Aug 13

Robinn Eck

Aug 16

Eileen Thurston

Aug 24



## QUILTING IN THE PINES AT WORK

# July Charity



This month Barbara delivered so many items that QUIP members donated to local charities!

To Covenant House:

5 burp cloths

7 receiving blankets

1 wheelchair quilt

1 baby quilt

12 quilts were donated to Memorial Regional Hospital.

Reverend Sebastian Molina is a chaplain overseeing Spiritual Care operations in 3 divisions of Memorial Health Care. He is hoping to start a program of comfort quilts and has reached out to us. He also picked up 6 baby quilts.

Roberta Carraway donated a bag of newborn crocheted baby hats (89 of them!). They were passed onto Alice Olivierre to be delivered to a NICU that would be able to use them.

Thank you to all of the wonderful ladies who have been sewing, knitting and making things to be donated to those in need! We truly appreciate you and so do all of the lucky people who are the beneficiaries of all of your hard work!



### JULY DONATIONS:

Charlotte - 12 wheelchair quilt kits  
Cathy Dance - 3 pillowcases, 4 teddy bears, one quilt  
Annette - 7 burp cloths  
Mary M. - 2 quilts  
Sandy S. - 5 pillowcases  
Shirley Moore (Tamarac Center) - 8 quilts

Contact Barbara at [barbaratate2001@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaratate2001@yahoo.com) for more information about QUIP Charity donations or events!



# Charity Quilt Donations

## What We Would Like:

*All donated quilts should be complete and fully quilted. The guild has kits and fabric available for making a variety of different charity quilts, as well as batting.*

*All supplies for making charity quilts, must be signed out at the time that they are taken.*

## Sizes Needed:

*A crib size mattress is 28"X52. A crib quilt can be from 36"-40" wide to about 60" long. Quilts can be made for a boy, girl or in neutrals. Less boy quilts are donated, so they are always appreciated.*

*A lap quilt is 36" wide, to 45" or 48" long. Lots of people in nursing homes are men and many are veterans. Many in long-term facilities are rarely visited. These gifts are special to them.*

*Wheelchair quilt flyers with dimensions and patterns are available at the monthly meetings.*

*A good size for a fidget quilt is standard placemat size, longer than it is wide - about 14' x 18'. Everything on a fidget quilt should be firmly attached and 100 percent washable.*

## What to do With Your Charity Quilt:

*These quilts are gifts and go out with the QUIP quilt label on them. They should be of the same quality as a quilt that you would give to a member of your family. (This does not mean that you can't make a scrappy quilt. It does mean that we should be proud to donate them.)*

## Some of the Places that We Donate Our Quilts:

*Memorial Memory Care, Kids in Distress, Women in Distress, 4Kids of South Florida, Springtree Rehab and Nursing, Broward General Hospital, ChildNet, Fostering Unity, and many more.*

## **QUIP Website:**

**<https://www.pinesquilts.readywebsites.com>**

# QUIP October Retreat

*The October Quilt retreat is now FULL!*

*To be put on the waiting list - Please see Iris.*

## Retreat Information:

**Arrival Date: Friday, October 23, 2026**

**Departure Date: Monday, October 26, 2026**

**Standard room single occupancy: \$456.00**

**Standard room double occupancy: \$237.00**

**Standard room triple occupancy: \$175.00**

**Payment: September 10th- \$100 payment due, October 8th- Full balance due**

**Please direct any questions or concerns to Iris or to QUIP at**

**[pinesquilts@gmail.com](mailto:pinesquilts@gmail.com).**



## FREE QUILTING LINKS & INFORMATIONAL SITES

It seems like everything costs something nowadays. Are you looking for some FREE tips and quick charts that will help you answer lot of quilting problems?

I know that I always am!

The following sites have loads of FREE quilting informational charts to assist you and are available to print.

### **Live Art Gallery Fabrics:**

<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/quilters-cheat-sheets/>

### **I See Stars Quilting:**

<https://iseestarsquilting.com/quilting-cheat-sheets-that-will-save-your-hours/>

### **U Create:**

<https://www.u-createcrafts.com/Sewing-Cheat-Sheets/>

# July Meeting Fun!



**WINNER**



**Golden Egg Recipient,  
50/50 Winner, Fat 1/4  
Winners, and the  
Birthday Ladies!**



**A big thank you to Janet Kibbons for  
coming to speak to QUIP members  
about health challenges and CPR.**



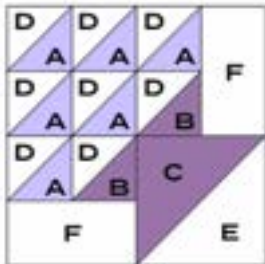
# July Show and Tell



# September 2026 Block of the Month

QUIP's 2026 BOM is a smaller version of A Quilter's Life Log Cabin. The version that we will be doing for our raffle is below. The completed block is 10" square. For those that would like to make the 18" block version for their own personal use (the larger version has added pieces), the directions for the outer strips/borders are available upon request. BOM color is Purple/Lilac.

Finished Block is 10"



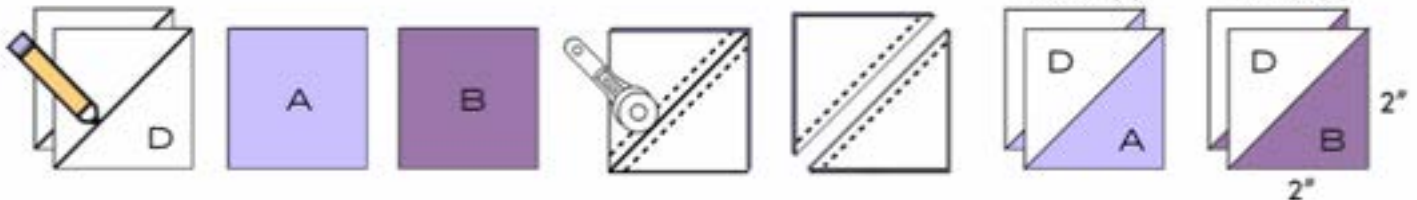
## Cutting Instructions

|            | 6" Block (6 1/2" unfinished) |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Medium (A) | (3) 2 1/2" squares           |
| Medium (B) | (1) 2 1/2" square            |
| Medium (C) | (1) 4" square                |
| Light (D)  | (4) 2 1/2" squares           |
| Light (E)  | (1) 4" square                |
| Light (F)  | (2) 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles   |

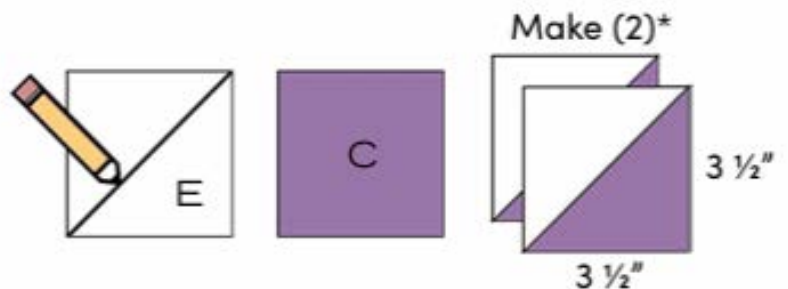
*Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-F.*

## Piecing Instructions:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (4) D – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Make square combinations by pairing (3) D – squares with (3) A – squares, right sides together. Pair the remaining D – square with (1) B – square, right sides together. There should be (4) square combinations.
3. Sew a 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal line on each set of squares.
4. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, making a total of (6) A/D HST Units and (2) B/D HST Units.
5. Trim HST Units to measure 2" x 2" unfinished.



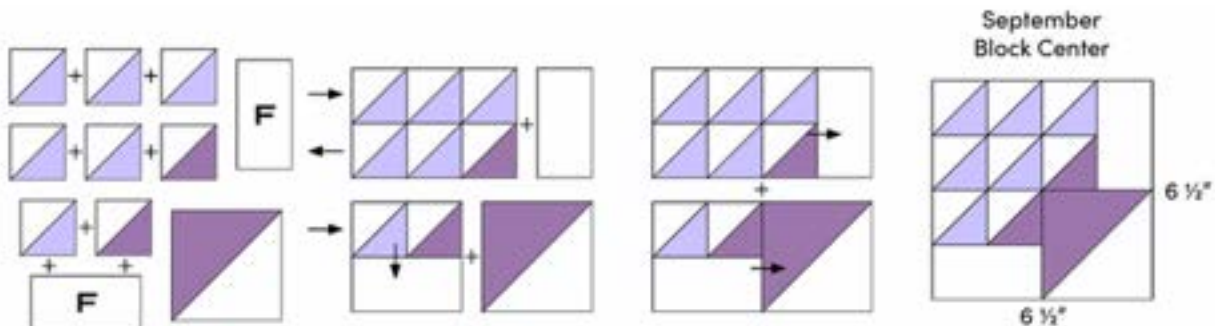
6. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (1) E – square.
7. Pair the E – square with (1) C – square, right sides together. Repeat HST Unit Assembly Instructions to make a total of (2) C/E HST Units. C E D A B 2" Make (2)\* 2" 3 1/2"



8. Trim HST Units to measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" unfinished.
- Note that (1) C/E HST Unit will be unused.

*\*Only (1) HST Unit will be used*

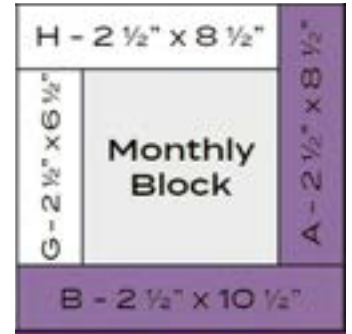
9. Arrange (6) A/D HST Units, (2) B/D HST Units, (1) C/E HST Unit and (2) F – rectangles. Reference the labeled diagram for the placement of the F – rectangles and rotation of HST Units.
10. Sew the September Block Center together, pressing seams as indicated with arrows. Once complete, the September Block Center should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" unfinished.



# September 2026 Block of the Month Continued



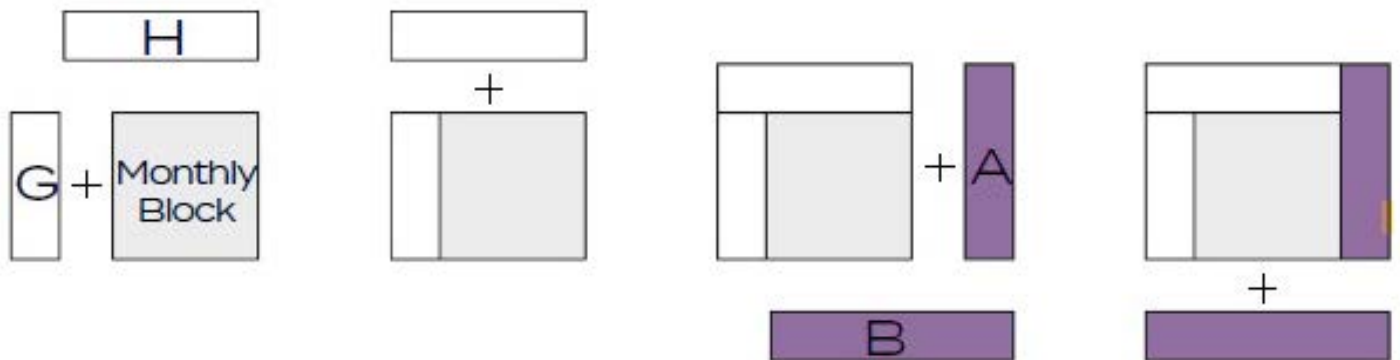
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## Cutting Instructions for Strips for Block Border

|                     |                                                                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Medium/Dark (A & B) | (1) 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangle labeled as A and (1) 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangle labeled as B |
| Light (G)           | (1) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle                                                              |
| Light (H)           | (1) 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangle                                                              |

11. Sew on remaining strips around center house block in the order shown. Completed block will be 10".



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SANDY GLAZER'S

**Sunshine News**

**Hi QUIP Members!**  
**I hope you are all well.**

If anyone is in need of cheering up or congratulations, please let me know.

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# Monthly Minutes

QUIP Guild Meeting July 9, 2026



President Paula Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed our Guests; Roberta Carraway, Judy Niemeyer and Christine.

Members celebrating Birthdays in July: Annette O' Conner - July 2, Shirley Moore - July 11, Maria Dragos - July 15, Marilyn Zier-Ehren - July 19, Sandy Saikley - July 20, Linda Nastro - July 26, Sandy Webster - July 29.

Paula presented the Golden Egg to Barbara Tate.

Sylvia made a motion to approve the minutes from June's meeting, Iris seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Refreshments: Thank you to Iris and Cathy Dance for the snacks they brought to share.

Treasurer's Report: Sylvia reported that the guild has \$14,000 in a cd, and \$4820.80 in checking, Income last month was \$20.00 from the 50/50 drawing, \$25.00 from donations, and \$10.00 from the recycle table. There was also \$1574 income for the fall retreat. Expenses were \$10 for supplies, \$38 for Quick books, and \$70 for rent.

Program: Janet gave an informative presentation about Understanding Health Challenges.

Charity: Large tote bags (even Ikea bags) are needed for foster children, so they have something to carry their belongings in when moving to a new placement. Barbara showed examples of Pillow pals that can be made to donate. Think about gifts you could purchase for nursing home residents to donate.

Fat Quarter Winners: Iris, Paula, and Cathy Dance

50/50 Winner: Sandy Glaser. We collected \$26.00, \$13 to Sandy and \$13 for the guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

*Respectfully Submitted by Sheri Passwater*

