

THE RAW EDGE

QUILTING IN THE PINES NEWSLETTER



Message from the President

Have you ever wondered what the largest quilt in the world might be? I did one day, so naturally, I went searching! What I discovered was not only a remarkable piece of quilting history, but also a story of love, loss, remembrance, and community.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is recognized as the largest community folk-art project in the world. Created to honor people who died from AIDS-related causes, the Quilt is an extraordinary collection of individual memorial panels that, when displayed together, create a powerful and moving tribute.

The idea for the Quilt was conceived by gay rights activist Cleve Jones in 1985. During a candlelight march in San Francisco, Jones and others wrote the names of friends and loved ones who had died from AIDS on pieces of cardboard and placed them along the walls of the San Francisco Federal Building. Looking at the names covering the wall, Jones envisioned something much larger—a quilt that would give each person a place to be remembered. The first panel was created in memory of Jones's friend Marvin Feldman, who had died from AIDS-related illness.

The Quilt was displayed publicly for the first time on October 11, 1987, during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. At that time, it consisted of 1,920 panels and covered an area larger than a football field. As the years passed, more and more panels were created by families, friends, communities, and organizations, each telling the story of someone who had been lost and has grown to more than 100,000 names represented.

What makes the AIDS Memorial Quilt particularly meaningful to quilters is that each panel is personal. Some are elaborate works of art, while others are simple and deeply intimate. Photographs, names, dates, favorite objects, embroidery, appliqué, and treasured pieces of fabric have all been incorporated. Together, these individual creations tell thousands of stories. As quilters, we understand that a quilt can be much more than fabric and thread. A quilt can tell a story, preserve a memory, express love, and bring people together. The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a powerful example of that idea. It reminds us that quilting is not only about making something beautiful. Sometimes, it is about making sure that someone is remembered. ~ Paula Wilson



September Meeting

Thursday, September
10th, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
7150 Pines Blvd.
Pembroke Pines, FL

QUIP Upcoming Events

September Meeting

PROGRAM- 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.

Materials Needed- paper scissors, tape, 12 inch ruler (school type). Regular pen to mark fabric (no sharpies) and if you have a light box, that would be useful as well.

September Snack Volunteers

Anne B

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

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- We will learn how to make a Quillow. QUIP's annual food drive.

DECEMBER- Annual Holiday Party!



September Birthdays

Kathy Walker	9/5
Rennie Richter	9/10
Tonya Fox-Shaw	9/15
Sylvia Stevens	9/6
Lucy Stone	9/18
Anne Theaker	9/13
Rose Valentine	9/20
Anne Brumet	9/23

QUILTING IN THE PINES AT WORK

August Charity

AUGUST DONATIONS:

Sherry - 1 pillowcase
 Laura - 1 quilt
 Kristy - 3 quilts
 Cathy Dance - 2 quilts, 3 pillowcases, 1 wheelchair quilt
 Gerri - 3 pillowcases, 1 wheelchair quilt
 Sandy S - 3 pillowcases
 Annette - 6 burp cloths, 3 wheelchair quilts
 Shirley/Tamarac - 8 quilts
 Maria - Lap cloth
 Lucy - 4 tote bags

Contact Barbara at
 barbaratate2001@yahoo.com for more
 information about QUIP Charity donations
 or events!



After several inquiries, member Lucy Stone graciously typed up a pattern of her fabulous bags for all of us to use! Please turn to the next page to see her tote bag pattern.



Members of QUIP finished a quilt that was begun by Ollie B. Daniels before he passed away. The completed quilt was presented to his wife, Vanady, at the August meeting.

A note from Vanady to QUIP:
 Thank you! My heart is still full from the loving generosity of your quilting guild. Thank you so very much for completing the quilt for me. It was a true, genuine honor to my husband. Quilting was one of his passions and hobbies until he could no longer sit for hours at his quilting table.
 ~Vanady Daniels

Lucy's Tote Bag Instructions

Pattern Pieces:

Bag & lining: rectangle measuring 20" X 41" - cut 4 each

Decorative panel: rectangle measuring 16.5" X 34" - cut 2 each

Bottom panel: rectangle 7" X 21" - cut 2 each - padding may be added as desired

Handles: rectangle 6.5" X 30" - cut 2 each - padding may be added as desired



Assembly Steps:

1. Sew the right sides of one (1) bag and one (1) lining together - X 2

2. Clip corners (if you did not serge) and turn right side out, iron flat - X 2

3. On the decorative panel, iron a 1/2" edge over on both short sides and one long side - X 2

4. Find the center of both the bag/lining and decorative pieces, align the center point with the unfinished edges of the bag/lining and decorative panels together.

5. Top stitch the decorative panel in place on the bag/lining pieces - X 2

6. Using the bottom panel (with or without padding), place the right side of the bottom panel to the right side at the center of right side of the bag/lining/decorative panels, stitch in place allowing a 1/2 to 5/8 inch allowance from the edges of the bottom piece (this allows you to turn the corner in the next step). - X 2

You should end up with this shape.



7. Working from the inside (the same side as the raw edges you just sewed), turn the corner with the bag/lining/decorative panels. Pick either the right or left side to pin first, the work from the other side overlapping the two panels onto the bottom. This will create the pockets on for the bag.

I recommend pinning then sewing one side at a time, but that is a personal choice.

8. Once the bottom is sewed fully to the bag panels, serge or bind the edges.

9. Turn the entire project right side out

10. Lay the bag on its side, straighten the pocket panel overlaps, pin in place, then stitch down to create the pockets (this is done on both sides of the bag).

11. To create the handles, iron the handle pieces in half lengthwise, then add in the quarter folds. Add optional padding after ironing is complete. I use a single strip of scrap cloth that is about 1/2 of the width of the handle and hide it in the folds.

12. Stitch the handles lengthwise - approximately 1.8" from each edge then a presser foot width from each of those stitch lines.

13. Serge or bind the ends of the handles.

14. Pin the handles in place - I recommend placing them just the outside the edges of the pockets you created.

15. Using a square then X pattern, stitch the handles in place.

Et Voila - you are done!

Optional Notes:

- Instead of having a square finish - you can take a wedge off of the top corners of the bag/lining pieces which gives a nice criss-cross effect on the pocket.

- Instead of finishing the pockets completed aligned at the top, leave a "flap" on the outside panel and add a button or other decoration - then you can add the handles in closer if desired.

- You can round the upper edges of bag/lining and decorative panels to give a different shape, but it does reduce the volume of storage space inside the bag and pockets.



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.



FREE QUILTING LINKS & INFORMATIONAL SITES

Sewcanshe.com has a number of FREE 3-1 yard quilt patterns.

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/>

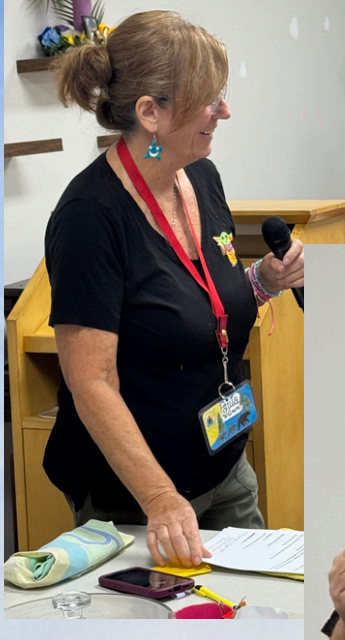
U Create:

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

August Meeting Fun!



WINNER



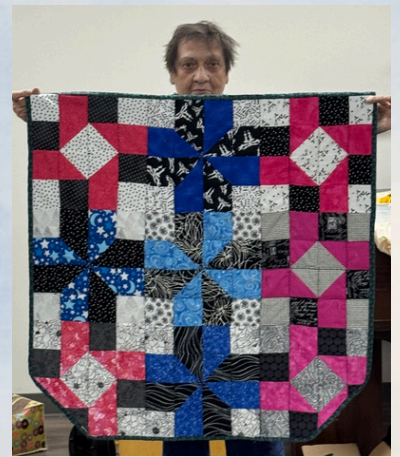
50/50 Winner, Fat 1/4 Winners, and the Birthday Ladies!



QUIP Secretary and resident longarmer, Kristy, has volunteered to quilt 1 charity quilt per member!
All quilts need to be lap, wheelchair or baby quilt sized. No big quilts. One per member. Donations quilts only. Quilt tops and backings need to be dropped off by the October meeting.



August Show and Tell



October 2026 Block of the Month

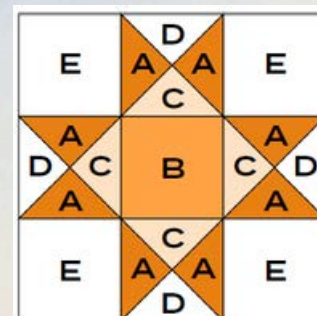
Finished Block is 10"

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 Orange.



Cutting Instructions

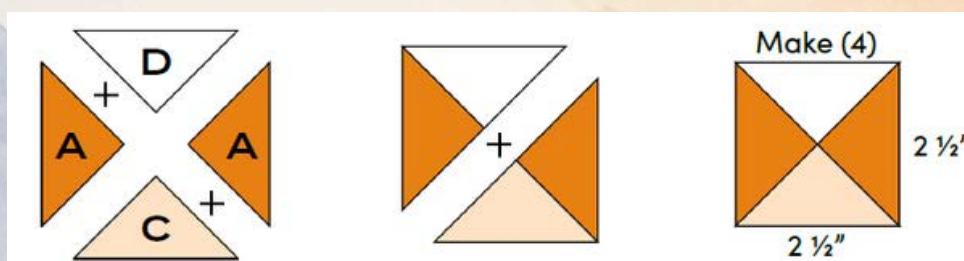
	6" Block (6 1/2" unfinished)
Medium (A)	(2) 3 1/2" squares; cut each square twice diagonally to make (8) triangles
Medium (B)	(1) 2 1/2" square
Light (C)	(1) 3 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) triangles
Light (D)	(1) 3 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) triangles
Light (E)	(4) 2 1/2" squares



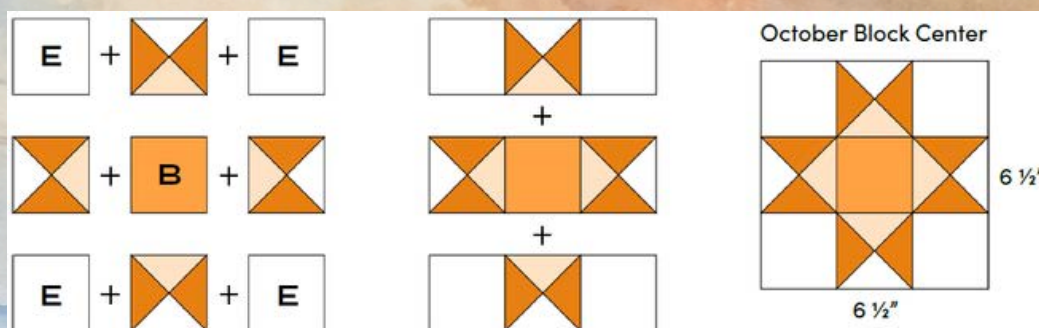
Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-E.

Piecing Instructions:

1. Arrange - (2) A - triangles, (1) C - triangle and (1) D - triangle to form (1) QST Unit. Reference the diagram for accurate print placement.
2. Sew the QST Unit together, pressing seams toward the A - triangles.
3. Triangles have been slightly oversized to allow for trimming. Trim the QST Unit to measure 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished. When trimming, ensure that the seams run precisely to the (4) corners of the unit to preserve points.
4. Repeat to make a total of (4) identical QST Units.



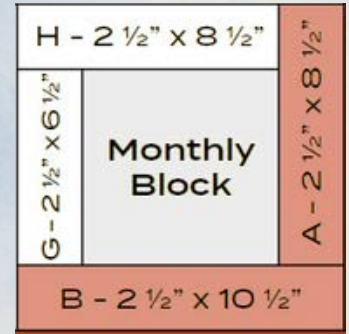
5. Arrange the QST Units with (1) B - square and (4) E - squares. Reference the labeled diagram on the next page for the placement of B and E - squares and rotation of QST Units.
6. Sew the October Block Center together, pressing seams toward the squares. Once complete, the October Block Center should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" unfinished.



October 2026 Block of the Month Continued



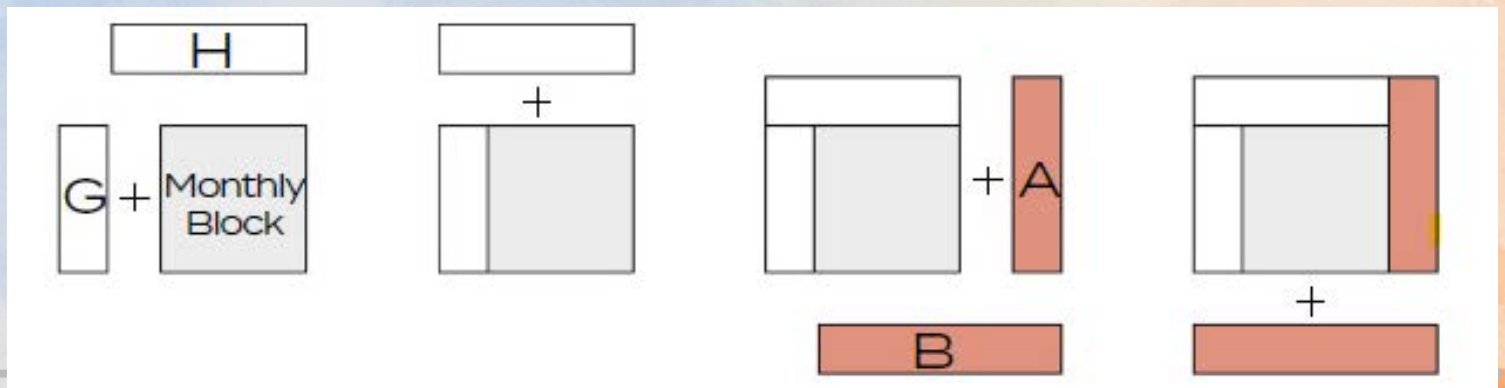
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Cutting Instructions for Strips for Block Border

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

7. Sew on remaining strips around center 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.

**Sandy Glazer, (954)742-6164,
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Monthly Minutes

QUIP Guild Meeting August 13, 2026

President Paula Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:08

Visitors: Phyllis and Vanity

Refreshments: Judy

Minutes approved by Annette, seconded by Lucy

Birthdays: Cathy, Illene, Robin

Treasures report: Sylvia not available, report available for viewing

Block of the month for September: Basket

Fat quarter for September: Orange

Scraps for dog bed donations should be cut fist size or smaller. No thread or non-cotton materials. Only cotton fabric scraps or batting scraps please.

Lucy showed a pocket tote bag. Pattern will be emailed.

Charity show and tell

Retreat: \$100 is due in September. You can pay full amount due in September. 24 people are going. The retreat is full.

Sign up list for fat quarter bag making September 3, 2026 at 10 am.

September program will be stocking making.

There is a group going to Mood in Miami on Saturday, September 12th .

Charity challenge quilts must be turned in by Oct to be quilted by Kristy Helton.

Only one per person will be quilted for free.

Raffles: Fat Quarter Annette & Gerri, Block of the month Gerri, 50/50 Sandy G

Meeting adjourned at 11:24

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Helton

