

Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Fishers United Methodist Church

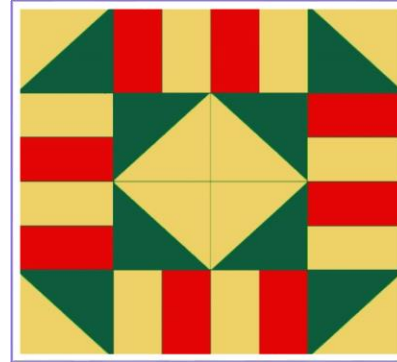
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From the President's Pen

December – already! This has probably been one of the fastest years I have lived so far! The years sure do pick up speed as we get older, don't they? Ladies, I do not have the words to tell you how much I have enjoyed serving as president of the Mudsock Quilters Guild this year. Most months the biggest challenge I encountered was trying to compose the "From the President's Pen." It was always hard to get started, but then I managed to ramble on about something. This month's challenge is not how to start, but how to stop!

Each month this year I have been touched by the selflessness and hard work of so many ladies, whose efforts this year have allowed us to gloriously achieve our initial goals for this year – to grow in number, and to grow in relationships. I believe it is the growth in relationships that enabled us to grow in numbers. I have heard from several new members that the reason they decided to join is because they were made to feel welcome, and they had fun at the meeting. That does not happen by accident. I do not have exact numbers regarding our membership, but I do know we grew by significant numbers. This was due to the commitment of a lot of ladies working diligently in the background (I am not going to try to name names for fear of leaving anyone out), and due to all the members of the guild sharing of themselves by saying hello to a new person, sharing a tip with a stranger, participating in our programs, and sharing the news of our Guild with other quilters they encountered throughout the year. Good job, Ladies!

As exciting and successful as 2015 was, 2016 is shaping up to be even better!! We have some incredibly hard working, creative ladies on the board, and serving on committees. Even at November's sew-in at the Library, the ladies gathered were brainstorming about ideas for next year. I can just feel the enthusiasm bubbling when people are gathered and



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We also meet at the Fishers Public Library after most Guild Meetings for a "Sew and Chat" session. Go out to lunch at a local restaurant or bring a sack lunch to the library.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy B-Day to:
12 Pat Cuddington
25 Jane Welch
31 Paula Jurgonski

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!

Julia Dudis
Lynda Lockerbie
Rosemarie Shingle
Barbara Spurgis
Marsha Stephens
Jane Welch

discussing the future of our Guild – it is absolutely contagious! If you were hesitant to sign up to be on a committee when we initially discussed it, but you would like to get a little more involved, it is never too late. We are having a board meeting on Thursday, 12/10/15, at 1pm at the Fishers Library. All are welcome to attend. Those who have served in 2015, and those who signed up for 2016 are encouraged to attend, so we may start the transition.

Remember that our December meeting is at 10:30 at the Fellowship Hall (our normal meeting place), and bring a salad or dessert. We will have a fashion show, so if you have ever made any quilted item you can wear or hold, please bring it. We do not care if you made it in the '70's or 80's. We want to see it. This basically includes jackets, skirts, vests, purses, totes, wallets, hats, etc. As I have said before, if you want to take a table runner and throw it over your shoulders, and call it a shawl, we would not mind in the least! Our December meeting is an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with one another, and our goal is to have fun (and dessert!). Please email Judy Elwartowski at beamolite6@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming, if you have not done so already, so she is sure to have enough tables and seats set up.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. You ladies have always been gracious with my often disorganized, bumbling ways. I have never felt that I could not be me in front of you. It has truly been a life enriching opportunity for me. I wish you all the happiest and healthiest of holiday seasons! This Christmas I am supposed to have all of my children, and my 12 grandchildren under the same roof for the first time in almost three years – I could not be more ecstatic! I will even willing sit for pictures! I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the board meeting on the 10th, and ALL of you at our December meeting!

Joanne

December 14th Mudsock Holiday Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Our annual Christmas Brunch/Lunch will feature not only great food but many of our members will be modeling garments, purses and totes that they have created. This fashion show will be truly unique, interesting and will give you ideas for items to make in 2016. Please make sure you bring a salad, dessert or perhaps some bread to share. We always have a lovely spread to enjoy and hope you all can join us.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events

- Dec 10 Executive Meeting, 1:00 pm, Fishers Public Library, all members are invited.
- Dec 21 Piecers Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 407-9711, contact
- Dec 22 Handwork Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact
- Jan 11 Guild Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30, Alice Ridge will present "Quilt Trip around the World"

New Officers for 2016

Our new officers for the upcoming year are:

President – Pat Adams

Vice President – Val Angove

Secretary – Sue Breeden and Pat Pillar

Treasurer – Lynn Hupp

Congratulations to our new officers and thank you to our current officers for all their hard work to make Mudsock Quilting Guild a thriving success!

Remember—New Mudsock Pins

Mudsock Lapel Pins will be available for purchase at the December meeting for \$5.00 each. They are our Mudsock (quilt block) logo with our name below the block. Be sure to get one while they last!

Invitation from an Australian Quilter

My name is Rose Lewis and I am from Australia. I am an award winning quilt / textile artist, teacher, writer, designer and several other things. I have a quilt that is traveling Australia at the moment with seven other quilts that are the “Best of Australia” group. This is the second time that I have had a quilt in the running for Best of Australia.

I have a blog/website and I was wondering if there is anyone from your guild that would be interested in following someone from Australia. It is often nice to learn about the different ways that people live and do things in other countries. If anyone is interested then they are able to just log on for a look, or if they choose to join up with me for **FREE**, then they will receive a **FREE E-BOOK / E Gift**, followed up with 46037 **members only** regular e-mails full of tips, information, interest and all sorts of bits and pieces. I specialise in Trapunto, and Applique is my other big love.

Thanking you and have an absolutely brilliant day.

Rose Lewis Quilting

www.roselewisquilting.com.au

Dues are Due

It is time for the annual membership renewal drive. Annual dues are \$25.00 payable by January. In an effort to streamline the process and to allow membership volunteers greater participation in the meetings, we are requesting that you consider mailing your dues (checks payable to Mudsock Quilters Guild) to Debbie Cobb, 16007 Lambrusco Way, Fishers, IN. Your payment will be recorded and a new membership card available at the next meeting.

Block of the Month

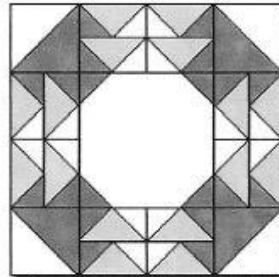
Each month a pattern and color scheme will be provided and ANYONE who wants to participate will have a chance to take home all the blocks! You can bring blocks any month, no advance sign up is required. **Please pin your name on your block** and place it on the design wall when you arrive at the meeting. We will use this pinned note for the drawing to determine the winner of ALL the blocks.

BOM can now be found listed on our website: mudsockquiltersguild.org Check anytime you want to know what is coming up.



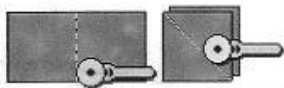
TRADE WINDS

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This makes a 12" block!



This is an original pattern. Please abide by the Terms and Conditions of use! :o)

** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



Color 1 (Dark Blue) - PROVIDED

Using the 4" x 8" piece, cut 2 - 3 7/8" squares.
Then stack and cut on the diagonal to make four half square triangles.

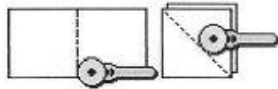
Cut the remaining dark blue fabric into 20 - 2" squares.

Color 2 (Med/light Blue) - PROVIDED

Cut into 16 - 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles

Color 3 (white or white on white) - Provided *in a few kits only.*

(IF the white fabric is not provided in your kit, cut a piece of white fabric from your stash, as stated below. A fat quarter is more than enough.)

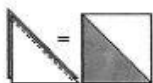


Cut 2 - 3 7/8" squares. Then stack and cut on the diagonal to make four half square triangles.

Cut a 6 1/2" piece.

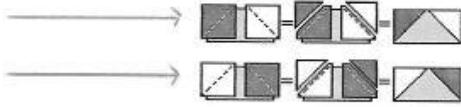
Cut 16 - 2" squares.

Please note: This is a challenging block...because of the number of pieces. The more pieces, the more important it is to have an accurate seam allowance. The block should measure 12.5" when you complete it.

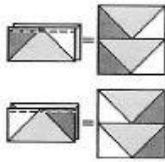


Sew the Color 1 and Color 3 half square triangles right sides together using a 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side. Trim these back to measure 3-1/2" if they need it...on to Page 2!

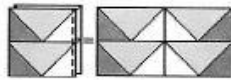
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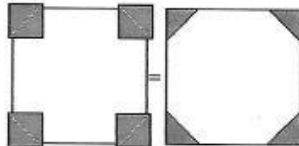
Sew "flying geese" units out of each Color 2 rectangle and Color 1 and Color 3 squares. To do this, place a Color 1 square lined up with the left end of a Color 2 rectangle, right sides together. On the back of the small square, lightly draw the diagonal. Sew on this drawn line. Cut off the excess seam allowance and press the remainder towards the darker fabric. Repeat this with a Color 3 small square on the other end, drawing the diagonal in the opposite direction. Make eight geese as shown at top left and eight as shown at bottom left. (Placement of squares reversed on the bottom left ones!)



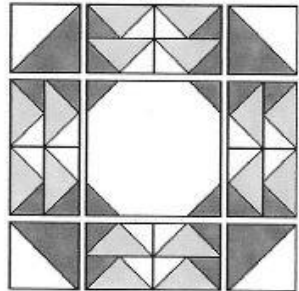
Now sew pairs of Like geese together, again using a 1/4" seam allowance. Make four as shown at top left, and four as shown at bottom left...



Sew the pairs of geese together as shown at left. Make four units like this...



In the same manner in which we made the flying geese units, sew the remaining four Color 1 2" squares to the corners of the Color 3 6-1/2" center square...



Now lay out all your units as shown at left. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing the top and bottom row seams to the outside, and the middle row seam to the center. Join the rows, and you are all done! ...on to Page 3!

Here's a Fabric Saving TIP! When making Flying Geese Units as shown above, sew together those corner snips that you are cutting off. You'll have a bunch of Tiny Half Squares all sewn! They're great for use in other projects, as filler between blocks of different sizes, for potholders, coasters, doll quilts...you name it!

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Original Block



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REMINDERS:

Bring your donations for the Tag Sale. (Members can still purchase at each meeting; 2016 tag sale has not been determined).

Please bring items for the Church's food pantry.

Wear your name tag to every guild meeting.

Bad Weather Policy

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are CLOSED due to weather – NO MQG Meeting

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are DELAYED – Meeting as Scheduled



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