



Centrestitch

Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia, Centreville Chapter

President's Letter

Well we made it! Survived another Holiday Season.. not just survived, but so much for the better. I guess I always feel so blessed to have such a large family that gets together to celebrate the holidays. With just immediate family, and only a small portion there, we counted about 32 at my father's house in PA. What's fun is all the optional gifts that my siblings find to make and exchange.. and you have to make a minimum of seven of them since I'm one of eight, and more if

you include spouses or children. For example, my sister-in-law made an appliqué snowman holding a shovel for each family and wrote their name on the shovel, all ready to hang with dowel and cord—very cute. These are the items you look at throughout the year and start to work on early so you're ready for the great exchange.

But now it's time to put away the gifts and take down the tree. The holiday season does go fast. It's also a great time to look over your UFOs and pick

the ones you really want to finish. Make a New Year's resolution to finish at least one of those forgotten projects that, at one time, had really touched your heart and begged you to buy that fabric. It can give you such a feeling of accomplishment to finally finish and be able to enjoy that forgotten item.

Another good project to work on is the cataloging of all your finished works. Do you take a picture of each of your finished projects? I do and I'm finishing up my 3rd

It's that time again! From the Quilt Collector

It's already time to get your quilt/s ready for the June Quilt Show. They will be measured at our Feb. 8 meeting at Colin Powell. The binding must be sewn on, or ready to be sewn.

A photo must be provided with your Entry Form; if you absolutely

cannot take a photo, I'll take one for you for \$1.00 to cover the cost of printing.

Before the pick-up date in May, a hanging sleeve MUST be in place; directions for the sleeve are included in this newsletter and available on the QU website. The Quilt Show

Entry Form will shortly be available on the QU website (www.quiltersunlimited.org) and will be printed in the February edition of Centrestitch.

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2007 QU Quilt Show News

There will be a meeting of chapter quilt collectors in early January to prepare them for accepting entry forms for this year's quilt show. The entry form can be found on the web at <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/show> in both .pdf and Word versions.

Rules have been loosened for this show, allowing all quilts which have been worked on by a current QU member, regardless of whether the member's work comprises the majority of work on the quilt or not.

Advertisements for the show will be in Country Registers starting in January, and in nationwide quilt magazines starting with March issues.

Flyers should begin appearing in quilt shops as early as February. Flyers are usually made available for chapter members to distribute locally in April, but if you want some sooner, please contact **Bonnie Wilbur**. Our show has begun attracting visitors from Maine to Florida to Indiana and vendors from across the nation, and I hope every chapter member has plans to enter a quilt or quilted garment this year!

New Books in our Library

Fat Quarter Quilts by M'Liss Rae Hawley--Includes eight wonderful quilt plans that show you how to use some of those addicting fat quarters in your stash.

Fast Quilts From Fat Quarters by Barbara Chainey--Liberate those fat quarters from your stash. With the simple and easy cutting plan presented in this book, you can take any number of fat quarters and quickly turn them into unique quilts of all shapes and sizes. Whatever your skill level you're sure to be inspired.

Visit our website to view our complete listing of books.
www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/cvillelibrary.pdf

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Workshops are Free!

- January workshop: Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 AM, Watercolor Heart
- February workshop: Sunday, February 11 at noon, friendship star and fabric swap
- March workshop: To Be Announced

One of the participants of the December 16 workshop (“Happy Squares” and “Quilter’s Soduko”) suggested that I remind everyone that WORKSHOPS ARE FREE (sort of—you do have to pay your yearly dues to CQU). And there are PRIZES! Our venue is the Centreville Public Library. Bring your sewing machine, iron and ironing pad along with supplies/sewing basics as well as lunch/snacks/beverage. Each month’s sup-

ply list and project diagram are available by emailing me, Susan Haftel, at shafttel@cox.net. If you don’t have email, please ask a friend to contact me on your behalf and then print out the info for you.

On January 20 we will use Dina Pappas’s *Quick Watercolor Quilts* to make a sweet watercolor heart wreath. If you love Valentine’s projects but never remember to do any before February 13, this is the workshop for you. You should be able to make the top during the workshop and finish it on our own to have a sweet table mat, wall quilt or throw pillow in time to show that special someone how much you care. Fabrics are very specific for this project, so be sure to email me soon for suggestions.

Carrying the Valentine’s Day

theme into our February 11 workshop, we will have an exchange of 4” squares and use the traded squares to make a scrappy friendship star quilt. We’ll get a good start on this top, but you probably won’t be able to finish during the workshop. Just think of the fun when we bring the finished tops to Show and Tell and look for our fabrics in everybody else’s quilts! (Trust me. This is fun. I’ve done it before.) Email me for specific amounts of lights, mediums, and darks to trade.

The workshop for March is entirely in Jean’s Schachner’s hands. Stay posted for more info on that one. Knowing our Jean, this will be good!

Happy Holidays,
Susan Haftel and the Beez Bee

From the Bee Keeper

The CQU beekeeper is making a second request to all CQU bees. Please have one person from each bee email me ASAP with names and phone numbers and general bee information for our records. Thanks!

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426 ITEMS were turned in to Community Service between September and December! That’s **wonderful!** Start sewing for the gift certificate drawings in June. Remember to put a slip in for EACH ITEM which you turn in for helping others!!

Scrappy Sew-n-sews

President’s Letter (from page 1)

journal (each with 120 pages). Whew! It is so fun to go thru the pages and see what I have accomplished over the years. If you haven’t done so yet, you should start. There are many different types of quilt journals out there that allow you to put a picture on one page and write all the details of when it was made, for whom, and any special story or details

that go with the creation of the item. Time passes so quickly and you can never just remember all the items you’ve made. You need help, and this is a perfect way to provide all the details not only for yourself but for your family as well.

Well time to get back to sewing. I have finished up a few of my quilt projects and have bindings to sew on.

What a great feeling! Good Luck to all of you on a new year of finding those intriguing projects and the persistence to get them done. And don’t forget to take that picture!

Sew Long and Have Fun!

Jennifer Betar

Calendar of Events

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☐ January ☐

- ☐ **1/11 CQU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Cyndi Souder, “Fabric Acquisition 101.”
- ☐ **1/18 CQU Redwork Bee, 7pm Colin Powell Elementary School.** This is an open Bee, which means you can bring Redwork—or any other kind of work with you.
- ☐ **1/20, CQU Workshop, 10am Centreville Library,** “Watercolor Heart.” Email shaftel@cox.net with questions.

☐ February ☐

- ☐ **2/8 CQU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Linda Pool, “Miniature Quilts.” **BRING QUILT SHOW SUBMISSIONS TO THIS MEETING!**
- ☐ **2/11 CQU Workshop: 12pm Centreville Library,** “Friendship Star” and fabric swap. Email shaftel@cox.net with questions.
- ☐ **2/16 CQU Redwork Bee, 7pm Colin Powell Elementary School.** This is an open Bee, which means you can bring Redwork—or any other kind of work with you.
- ☐ **Big QU Quilt Show Deadline for Article Submission: Get those Projects Done!!**

☐ March ☐

- ☐ **3/8 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Rita Fishal, “Tool Times.”
- ☐ **3/10 CQU Workshop:** Rita Fishal, “Strips and Curves”
- ☐ **3/15 CQU Redwork Bee, 7pm Colin Powell Elementary School.** This is an open Bee, which means you can bring Redwork—or any other kind of work with you.

☐ April ☐

- ☐ **4/12 CQU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Judi Gunter, “What Judges See.”
- ☐ **4/19 CQU Redwork Bee, 7pm Colin Powell Elementary School.** This is an open Bee, which means you can bring Redwork—or any other kind of work with you
- ☐ **4/22 CQU/Big QU Winter Quilt In, 1-5p Robinson HS. CQU Chapter hosting,** “The Stitches that Bind”

☐ May ☐

- ☐ **5/3 Big QU Annual Meeting,** Sally Schneider, “Confessions of a ScrapManiac”
- ☐ **5/4 –5/5 Big QU Workshops:** Sally Schneider, “Kansas Troubles--Not!” and “Laurel Wreath”
- ☐ **5/10 CQU Workshop,** Besty True, 1-3pm, “Postcards.”
- ☐ **5/10 CQU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Betsy True, “Quilting Adventure.”
- ☐ **5/17 CQU Redwork Bee, 7pm Colin Powell Elementary School.** This is an open Bee, which means you can bring Redwork—or any other kind of work with you

☐ June ☐

- ☐ **6/13 CQU Chapter Meeting, 7:30PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** **This represents a change in day from Thursday to Wednesday because of a school Conflict.**

Need to add an event to the Calendar? Contact Deb Cobb. deb@cobbsoft.com

Girl Scout In Need of Quilters! From Elsie Dietz: A friend of my daughter is working on her Gold award and her project is making quilts for Battered Women Shelter in Fairfax. She need help in quilting all the tops that we have put together. She will also have to set up a sewing center at the shelter for women who might want to do some sewing, mending. She will also need some assistance in collecting all sewing supplies. Contact Elsie Dietz if you can help. detme@cox.net

December Meeting Notes

On December 14, 2006, Jennifer Be-tar, President opened the meeting with holiday greetings. She immediately moved to the business portion of the meeting by calling on the following people to provide information about their committee's activities or to intro-duce visitors.

Visitor: Sharon Thompson from Burke QU was introduced. The Burke QU is selling raffle tickets for a quilt. The drawing is January 17, 2007. The proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Visitors: Four new, quilters were introduced: Valerie, Danielle, Mon-tana and Christina. During the Show and Tell portion of the meeting, they presented the beautiful quilts they made over the summer while they were out of school.

Winter Quilt-In: Jill Clauss - is very concerned about the Winter Quilt-In. She is begging for volun-teers. She just received a packet of information and needs quite a bit of help.

Membership: Michelle Hale is no longer able to do membership so

Tammy Cross has generously offered to handle the position for the rest of the year.

Auction: Karen Hoss - The auction was a huge success thanks to Karen Hoss, the auctioneer Doug Dratch, and all of the members who donated items, and set up the night of the auc-tion. The auction brought in \$6,300.!

Newsletter: Deb Cobb - brought De-cember issues of the Newsletter for those people who receive the newslet-ter by regular mail. Deb mentioned that the Big QU newsletter will be posted soon.

Quilt Collector: Brenda deJarnette - said that they will begin measuring the quilts at the February meet-ing. There will be a form to fill out in the Newsletter. The quilts must be finished to the point of binding.

Workshops: Sue Haftel and Jean Schachner - displayed the quilt to be done at the December 16 workshop as well as discussing the fabric required for the January 20 workshop featuring a watercolor design in the shape of a heart. The workshops are held at the Centreville library.

Fat Quarter Drawings: Delia Cogar - Winners included Sheila Mussel-man and Chris White.

Block of the Month: Kathy Nagle - Winners for the November and De-cember blocks were Sarah Griffin and Mary Feurtado.

Community Service: Barbara Hoge - Gift cards were given to eight indi-viduals who have donated items for Charity, Passion/Veteran Quilts, Re-covery Bags, Baby Caps and Bears.

Membership: Nametag winner was Elaine Burkow.

School Issues: Marianne Stana - The meeting in June will need to be changed from June 14 to June 12. Please make a note of the change.

Show and Tell was inspiring with the many quilts members have com-pleted.

Refreshments Break followed and the Quilto Game proceeded until all the fat quarters were won.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

2007 FAT QUARTER LOTTO SCHEDULE

January: Black and White

February: Red and Purple (Red Hat Society)

March: 30s reproductions

April: Landscapes/Architectures

May: Flowers/Earth

June: White Elephant

September: Novelties

October: Asian

November: Civil War Reproduction

December: Christmas/Gold

Block of the Month

OLD MAIDS PUZZLE

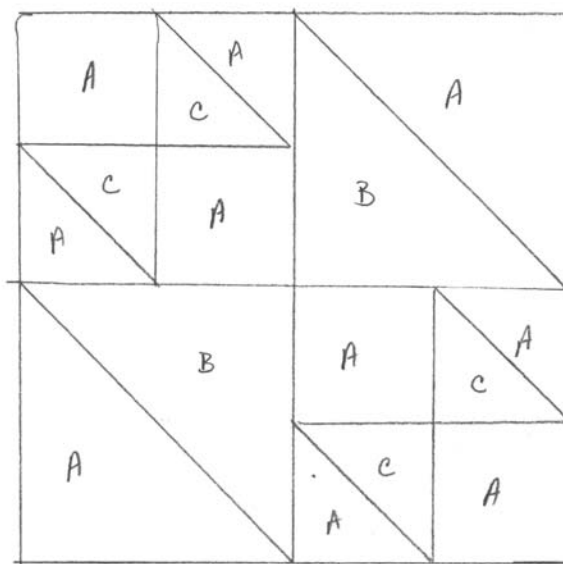
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Three fabrics: White, wintry light blue, darker blue

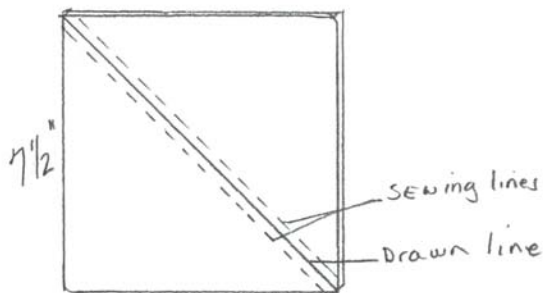
Fabric A (white): Cut one 7 1/2" square
 Four 3 1/2" squares
 One 4" x 8" rectangle

Fabric B (Light wintry blue): Cut one 7 1/2" square

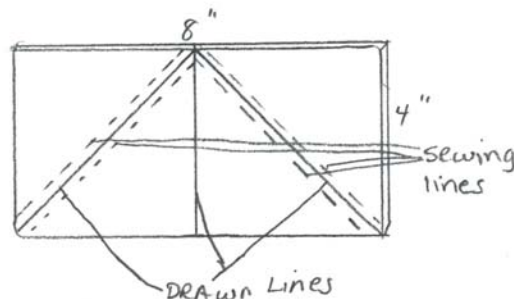
Fabric C (darker blue): one 4" x 8" rectangle



Draw a diagonal line on the back of fab. A 7 1/2" square.
 Place right sides together with Fab. B 7 1/2" square.
 Sew 1/4" on both sides of the line, cut on the drawn
 Line. Trim to 6 1/2" half square triangle squares.



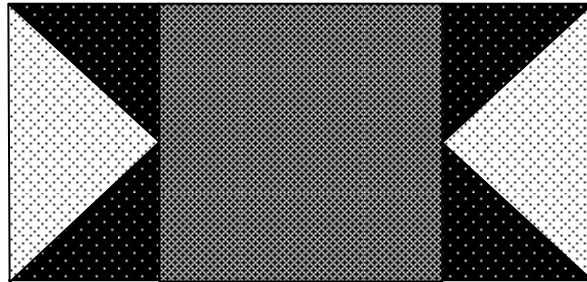
Mark the 4" line vertically on 4" x 8" Fab. A rectangle
 Draw 2 diagonal lines. Place right sides together with Fab. C
 4" x 8" rectangle. Sew 1/4" on each side of drawn diagonal lines.
 Cut on all drawn lines. Trim half square triangle squares to
 3 1/2". There will be four half square triangle squares.



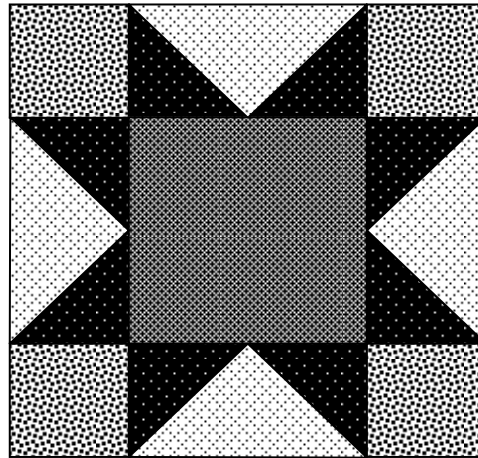
Layout according to diagram.
 The block should measure 12 1/2" unfinished.

Mystery Quilt: Month 5

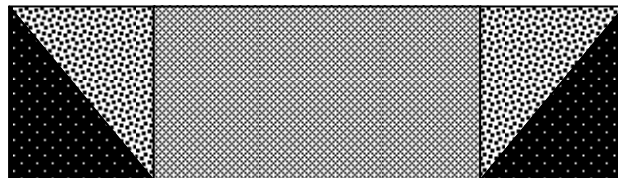
Sew the remaining flying geese from Month 1 to 2 opposite side of Fabric A squares (5-1/2") from Month 4. The point of the goose should touch the Fabric A square. Press toward Fabric A. This unit should measure 5-1/2" x 10-1/2".



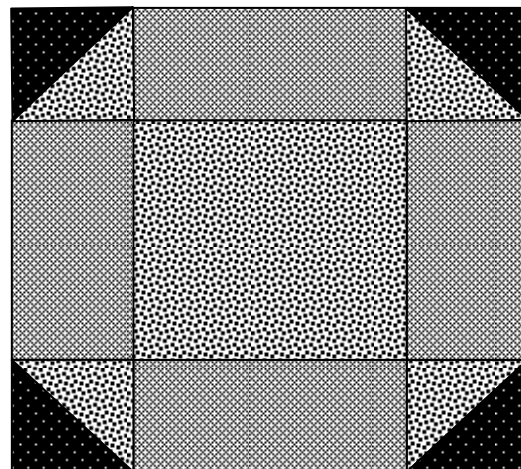
Sew the flying goose/square units from Month 2 to the remaining 2 sides of the above Fabric A/flying goose unit. Press toward Fabric A. You now have 32 blocks measuring 10-1/2". These blocks will now be referred to as "BLOCK A".



Sew the Fabric B/C squares from Month 4 to 2 opposite ends of the remaining Fabric E rectangles from Month 3. Fabric C should touch the Fabric E rectangle. Press toward Fabric E. This unit should measure 3" x 10-1/2".



Sew these units to the remaining sides of the Fabric C/E units from Month 3. Press toward Fabric E. You should now have 31 blocks measuring 10-1/2". These blocks will now be referred to as "BLOCK B".



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How to Construct a Hanging Sleeve

1. Cut a piece of fabric 9 inches x WOQ (width of quilt).
2. Hem the nine-inch edges of the sleeve by turning each edge under $\frac{1}{2}$ " twice.
3. Fold the fabric wrong sides together, and the sleeve is now $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches by WOQ.
4. Stitch along the raw edge of the entire length of the sleeve using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.
5. Baste a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along the opposite folded edge. You should now have something that looks like a tube. **DO NOT TURN.**
6. Refold tube so that basted $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam is in middle of tube on one side and raw edge is on reverse side. Press.
7. (Top stitch along the very edge of both long sides of the tube to make it easier to sew the sleeve in place. This step is optional)
8. Place the raw-edged seam against the quilt back, about one inch from the top edge. Hand stitch along both long top-stitched edges of the tube.
9. Remove the basted seam that faces outward. The extra fullness

allows the quilt to hang flat, and any pulling that may be caused by the hanging pole will be taken up by the fullness of the sleeve, rather than the quilt.

