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The Vienna QU Newsletter

September 2007

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Janet Marney, Vienna QU President

Welcome to a new and exciting year of Vienna Quilters Unlimited! It seems we just enjoyed the June Dinner, and already it's time to return to the Kilmer Cafeteria for more fun! Our theme for 2007-2008 will be "The Colorful World of Quilts." Hazel Carter and Susan Sladek have worked hard to line up some terrific programs for us to enjoy. There will be a colorful variety including traditional and contemporary, pieced and appliquéd quilts. You'll find the full calendar in this newsletter, and I encourage you to note the meeting dates and plan to join us.

I hope you've had a restful change of pace with opportunity to sew over the summer break. We all look forward to seeing your summer projects at Show and Tell, so please bring them along. In addition, for September, bring any Red quilts you may have, even if they've been shown before. We have many new members who have not seen your work, and we old timers would enjoy seeing them again. I've always appreciated the fact that even the beginner's first quilt is applauded just as much as the seasoned pro's masterpiece! Each month we plan to feature a different color at Show and Tell (along with our regular Show and Tell), and September will be Red!

This year the VQU Board has decided to try a different way of raising funds for our great speakers and programs. For many reasons, we have decided not to hold an Auction this fall, but to provide opportunity for voluntary contributions all year long. I want to emphasize that if you cannot donate anything extra beyond the membership fee, that is just fine. You will still be a vital part of VQU in every way. Some folks will be able to give more, some less. Quilters are wonderful at sharing! Hear more details of our "non-Auction year" at the first meeting, when the Budget is presented by our Treasurer, Trudi Sommerfield.

Another comment I'd like to make: Carole Marti did such an outstanding job last year as President that I am humbled to be your President this year. Last year's Board was terrific, and this year's Board is just as energetic, committed, and creative. I would like to point out that all Board meetings are open; any member can attend who is interested in what goes on behind-the-scenes of this great organization. If you have a particular matter you wish to discuss, please let me know in advance, and I'll put you on the agenda. With good communication and the cooperation of many volunteers, we'll have an enjoyable year together.

See you Tuesday, September 18, when we'll share "Colorful Facts" as we get to know quilting friends and preview the fun year ahead!

Keep it colorful,
janet

AROUND THE COLOR WHEEL

In connection with our theme, "The Colorful World of Quilts," we will have a special emphasis on a different color each month, revving up with Red and riding right around the color wheel.

When we think of Red, so many colors come to mind which can enliven quilts: cardinal, fire engine, cherry, red riding hood, russet, claret, burgundy, maroon, magenta, flame, brick, lobster, madder, rust, cinnabar, blood, peach, blush, rose, and my personal favorite, pink! Red tends to be a show-off, often standing out when used with other colors, especially its complement, green. Used for royal robes or religious vestments, Red can be ceremonial, splendid, dramatic, gaudy, or magnificent. It's also a favorite of children: think bright red apples, tulips, flags, sports cars, red cheeks.

Have you considered using Red in a quilt? Red can be patriotic with white and blue, country cozy if used with browns, greens, and blues, or grand when a splash is added to black and white. We usually think of Red being a warm color, which can evoke fire, speed, appetite, excitement, or even anger, but you could join peach with olive and lavender for a wonderful secondary color scheme, or pair pink with other pastels such as mint for a cool dish of sherbet. Or, how about a dramatic sunset inspiring the colors of your next quilt? Have you ever done a red-work quilt or the Little Red Schoolhouse pattern? How about Autumn Leaves? Explore Red in the world around you and add Red to your next quilt!

-Janet

September VQU Meeting

Mark your calendar now for the first meeting on **Tuesday, September 18**, at **7pm** at Kilmer Middle School Cafeteria. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

Happy Birthday to our September-born Quilters!



Julie Riggles, 9/5
Grace McClenny, 9/14
Theresa Nichols, 9/18
Alice DeLaVergne, 9/20
Mary-Louise Cross, 9/23
Judy Beach, 9/25
Carol Strong, 9/26
Bernice McGuinn, 9/29
Bill Rice, 9/29

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2007 - 2008 VQU Challenge – Jo Loder

“Orange You Glad You’re In VQU?”

Color is the theme for VQU this year, and Orange is the “new” in color!

Unless you remember the 1970s when, 30+ years ago, it was the “new” in color. So, maybe it’s not new. Let’s see, in my house in Edina, Minnesota, we put in rust shag carpet and I recovered the family room couch with orange fabric. Very bright for those dark - winter - days when I was housebound with little kids.

Then for a long while I did not “like” orange. I only used it for Halloween decorations and that was it. Orange was “out”! But now it is BACK!

So you can find me at the meetings, I’ll give you a fat eighth of orange fabric to use in your challenge. The only rule: **The fabric needs to be on the front or outside of a finished item that you can bring to the June Dinner.** That is the other part of the challenge.... You get to be creative and decide what you want to make. It can be a wall hanging, or a bed-sized quilt. It can be a purse or tote bag or a checkbook cover. It can be a vest or some other wearable. Or it can be a book cover! (Please make something more complex than a “scrunchy”.) Or you can finish a UFO by adding this gem to something you’ve already begun, but not completed.

Throughout the year, I will be providing patterns to help you with your creations. At the September meeting, I’ll have a pattern for a paperback book cover. This won’t take any time at all, and you can be done with your challenge for the year!

Halloween is just around the corner, so using this fabric in a little Halloween decoration would be fun, timely, and best of all it will be FINISHED long before June!!!

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Good News! Vienna members who wish to receive their newsletters by regular mail (AKA snail mail) will no longer be charged \$10 for postage. The Board voted to cover those costs from our budget. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please contact Newsletter Editor, Bonnie Young, at 703-272-7327 or bonnieworthyyoung@hotmail.com

Photo Directory - Last Call! Please make sure that we have a photo of you to include in our Vienna QU Photo Directory to be published in October. The September 18th meeting will be your last opportunity to be photographed by a Board member. If you miss that meeting, please send a photo (head shot, not body) to Katie Abruzzino by the last week of September. Katie's email: keabruzzo@msn.com; Katie's address is 12001 Market Street, #262, Reston, VA 20190-6209.

VQU Secret Pals! Kathy MacNabb is organizing a Secret Pals gift exchange this year for the VQU! If you choose to become a Secret Pal, please fill out the form at the welcome desk at the September meeting and in October pick your secret pal's name. You can enrich your pal at chapter meetings with appropriate items (holiday theme, birthday, career interest or special quilting item). You are only limited by your imagination. At our June dinner, we will identify our secret pals. Contact Kathy MacNabb for more information at: 703-938-4355 or kmmacnabb@aol.com

Don't Miss the Sully Quilt Show!

Sunday September 9th, 2007; 10am – 4:30pm

Sully Historic Site: 3601 Sully Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

Admission Fee: \$8/adult, \$5/child; Telephone: (703) 437-1794

Email: Kelly.Roder@fairfaxcounty.gov ; Website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully

Explore the wares of over 60 vendors gathered at the largest outdoor quilt show on the East Coast as Sully Historic Site hosts its 32nd Annual Quilt Show and Sale. In colorful tents and display areas enjoy a variety of vendors selling antique and new American made quilts, books, patterns, fabrics and quilt-related merchandise. New to the show are other textile vendors, featuring rug-hooking, linens, samplers, and more. Throughout the day **Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited** will provide demonstrations and talks on quilting. Also enjoy music by Fairfax County Symphony ensembles, children's activities, quilt appraisals, quilted door prize, music and food. House tour included. The show is rain or shine!

Subscribe to the QU DIGEST! Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official newsletters. It's sent electronically via email or can be viewed at a Yahoo Groups website (for members only). Once you subscribe, you will receive news about QU members, quilting tips, interesting websites, and pleas for missing books or fabric. There is also ongoing news on workshops by QU & other guilds, bus trips, members' news, job announcements, quilt shows, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't even have to be quilt related! The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. At the Yahoo website, you'll also be able to see QU Digest archives which go back a number of years, an email directory of subscribers, quilting tips, quilting websites, and other pertinent files. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, contact Barbara Tricarico (McL, V) at QUDigest@cox.net

VQU Fund Raiser! To refresh our members, we will not have an auction this year; instead, our Board is asking for individual donations in any amount. The plan is to donate at the monthly meetings or send donations directly to Trudi Sommerfield at 6579 Grange Lane, #204, Alexandria, VA 22315-5865. The Board is committed to increasing our friendships; knowledge of quilting; and a comfort level with guest speakers. Questions? Contact Kathy MacNabb at 703-938-4355 or kmmacnabb@aol.com

VIENNA QU CALENDAR 2007-2008

<p>September (red) 5 VQU Board Meeting 9 Sully Quilt Show 18 VQU meeting – Colorful Facts</p>	<p>February (purple) 6 VQU Board Meeting 19 Amish Women and their Quilts – Rachel Pellman 21-24 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival --- Hampton Roads, VA</p>
<p>October (orange) 3 VQU Board Meeting 15 Columbus Day 16 Halloween Trunk Show and Macabre Needle Arts – Polly Mello 18-20 QU Event – Quilt-In, Fall meeting and workshops --- Pepper Cory</p>	<p>March (black) 6 VQU Board Meeting 11* Rapid Fire Hunter’s Star – Deb Tucker 14-17 New Windsor Maryland Retreat 23 Easter 27-30 Quilters Heritage Celebration and Spring Blossom Festival --- Lancaster, PA</p>
<p>November (yellow) 8 VQU Board Meeting 12 Veterans’ Day observed 13* Fabrics, Fun and First Ladies --- Judy Gunter 22 Thanksgiving</p>	<p>April (grey) 2 VQU Board Meeting 12 Landscape Quilts --- Appliqué workshop --- Jo Diggs 15 Talking about Art Quilts – Jo Diggs 20 First Day of Passover 25-27 Friendship Star Quilt Show – Maryland State Fairgrounds</p>
<p>December (green) 4 VQU Board Meeting 5 First Day of Chanukah 18 Patchwork couture: Garments for the Well Dressed Quilter --- Carole Nicholas 25 Christmas</p>	<p>May (brown) 1-3 QU Annual Meeting, Quilt-In, lecture and Workshops - Carol Doak 7 VQU Board Meeting 20 19th Century Signature Quilts --- Deb Cooney 26 Memorial Day</p>
<p>January (blue) 9 VQU Board Meeting 15 Make-a-Quilt Night 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</p>	<p>June (white/all) 6-8 QU Quilt Show 17 June Dinner TBD In/Out Board Dinner</p>

*Note – The VQU meetings in November and March will occur on the second Tuesday of those months!

KUDOS for the VIENNA QU!

Last year Karla Vernon led a Vienna QU Challenge project to donate quilts to an orphanage in the Ukraine. Here's a thank you note and photo from New Hope, Inc.

Hi Karla,

We have returned from our trip to the Ukraine and we were able to take all the quilts along. We gave two quilts to each caseworker at the training to give to newly adopted orphans in their regions. Here is a picture of all of us with the quilts in L'viv, Ukraine.

Thank you and your friends so much for all your work. The caseworkers were so touched that women who don't even know them or the families would put so much work into these gifts of love.

For the children, Carol



Here's a couple more thank you's!

July 3, 2007

Dear Vienna QU,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$250.00. We appreciate the continuing support from guilds such as yours. We will do our best to be good stewards of your donation.

Again, thank you all so much.

Joyce Hosteter

Executive Director

The Quilters Hall of Fame

Marion, Indiana

July 6, 2007

Dear Trudi & Vienna Chapter,

I sincerely appreciate your donation to the Quilters Hall of Fame. We have worked hard to keep debt free. Your donation assists us greatly in that goal.

Thank you – thank you!

Hazel [Carter]

Founder of Both Organizations

And, just as an aside, the thank you note was written on a lovely Star of Bethlehem Revisited quilt note card. That note card of a quilt by Hazel Carter along with many other greeting cards featuring quilts is available at www.quiltcards.com.

Meet the VQU Members!

This year we will highlight several VQU members each month in an effort to get to know each other better! Bonnie Young (bonnieworthyyoung@hotmail.com/703-272-7327) is coordinating this effort. So please see her to submit your questionnaire (see the next page of this newsletter for an electronic version of the questionnaire and further instructions).

Meet Janet Marney!

Janet has been a member of the VQU since 1990. This year she has been elected as president of the Vienna chapter. We are all eagerly awaiting some good laughs and exciting times as we enjoy her quick wit and creative ideas!

Janet grew up in Vienna and McLean. She lives in Fairfax City with her loving husband and biggest fan, Dave, and her two wonderful sons, Robert (22), and Austin (20). Rob, a recent graduate of her alma mater UVA, has just landed his first "real" job. Austin is currently looking for work and plans to take courses locally. Both are "paying rent and doing chores!"

One of Janet's earliest memories (about age 4) is arriving at her grandmother's house late at night, then waking up the next morning between her aunt and cousin under a beautiful scrappy patchwork quilt and feeling warm, loved, and protected. She has always slept under beloved family quilts. In 1979, as soon as she finished college, got married, and had the time, she began her first quilt,— a Dresden Plate made out of scraps from clothing and household sewing. She quilts to carry on the heritage of her two Appalachian grandmothers who are now quilting in heaven! Besides quilting, Janet enjoys reading, writing, singing (Fairfax Choral Society), getting out in nature, photography, gardens, travel, getting together with friends, the arts, decorating, and tea parties.

Janet has grown as a quilter by immersing herself into the quilting world: reading hundreds of quilting books and *"Quilter's Newsletter"*, getting involved in QU, and going to as many shows as she can. She also considers it important to view the works of artists in other media such as photography, woodworking, pottery, painting, and metalworking, etc. Also—a willingness to experiment is essential! With each new quilt she makes, Janet tries to challenge herself to use at least one new technique or idea. She never makes the same quilt twice!

The highlight of Janet's quilting journey is teaching. She calls herself a "Quilt Evangelist" because she is always preaching about how wonderful it is to quilt. Her favorite thing is to teach beginning quilters that they can do it!

Meet Sandy Delaney!

Sandy DeLaney is a new VQU member since May 2007. She hails from Bedford, PA and came to Rockville, MD in 1999 after retiring from teaching art at the high school level. She recently moved to Falls Church in October, 2007. She now works as an interior designer at Thomasville Furniture in Vienna.

Sandy lives within walking distance of Trader Joe's, the Pimmet library, and Whole Foods—but most importantly—she is only 15 minutes from G Street Fabrics! Also for her, having 3 other quilt shops in the area seems like a great place to live. Sandy shares her home with two cats—Diva and Cali. Her daughter lives in Fairfax with her husband and works in McLean at Sunrise Assisted Living as a Field Marketing Manager for CA, WA, and UT.

Sandy is 58 years young. Sewing has been her passion for the past 23 years. She is a retired art teacher that has traded in her paint brushes for fabric stashes. Her art quilts are vibrant in color and contemporary in design—finding a home on walls more often than on beds. Flowers, digital photography, and working in Photoshop are other interests of Sandy's.

Sandy is an active member in the Friendship Star Guild of Gaithersburg and the mini group, "Scraps"; along with her membership in QU and The Night Owls Bee. She is the moderator of a Yahoo on-line group called "Artfulquilters" that swaps fabric postcards, creates fun round robins, and is a member of the "World of Fiber" Yahoo Group.

By joining the VQU, she looks forward to meeting fellow quilters, hearing interesting lectures, learning new techniques, and creating new art quilts. She'd love to have small quilt get-togethers at her place to sew and chat for a whole day or an evening when time allows. If interested, contact her at sldlaney@aol.com or sldfibers@yahoo.com.

Proposed Budget for 2007-8 VIENNA QU

Trudi Sommerfield

Vienna QU Treasurer

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As required by Article V of the Bylaws of Vienna QU, the Executive Board adopted the following budget for 2007-08 at it's meeting on August 8th and recommends the membership approve the budget at the September meeting.

VIENNA QU - PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-8		
	2006-7 Approved Budget	2007-8 Proposed Budget
MEMBERSHIP	\$100.00	\$100.00
PINS	\$100.00	\$50.00
AUCTION/ALTERNATE FUND RAISING	\$300.00	\$300.00
HOSPITALITY	\$100.00	\$100.00
NEWSLETTER	\$500.00	\$200.00
PROGRAMS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
WORKSHOPS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
FUTURE PROGRAMS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
ROOM RENTAL	\$100.00	\$200.00
HISTORIAN	\$50.00	\$50.00
LIBRARIAN	\$500.00	\$500.00
BOARD EXPENSES	\$650.00	\$650.00
BLOCK OF THE MONTH	\$200.00	\$-
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$200.00	\$200.00
MAKE A QUILT NIGHT/QUILT COLLEGE	\$150.00	\$150.00
CHALLENGE	\$200.00	\$200.00
JUNE DINNER	\$800.00	\$600.00
RETREAT	\$150.00	\$150.00
RETREAT DEPOSIT FOR 2008	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
DOOR PRIZES	\$200.00	\$350.00
VA QUILT MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP	\$100.00	\$100.00
DIRECTORY	\$150.00	\$200.00
QUILT PRESERVATION PROJECT	\$300.00	\$150.00
EDUCATIONAL DONATIONS	TBD	TBD
TOTAL	\$12,550.00	\$11,950.00

VIENNA QU 2007 - 2008 CHARM SWAP!!

Diana Sinclair

Hello Everyone! Last year I participated in the Charm Swap for the first time and really enjoyed receiving the different colors and patterns based on the monthly themes. I loved seeing the many different and creative ways the fabrics were used from our talented quilters. I am even more excited about the tone-on-tone fabrics for this year's monthly charm swap theme and look forward to seeing the choice of fabrics you provide, including the ideas and results of beautiful quilts, wall hangings and other sewing projects using the charm swap fabrics.

The Swap theme for the year will be Colorful Tone-on-Tones:

September - Red-on-Red

February - Purple-on-Purple

October - Orange-on-Orange

March - Black-on-Black

November - Yellow-on-Yellow

April - Grey-on-Grey

December - Green-on-Green

May - Brown-on-Brown

January - Blue-on-Blue

Important updates with regards to the Charm Swap:

* This years Charm Swap Squares will be 6 ½ inches, not 6 inches as previously mentioned.

* May's tone-on-tone color is Brown-on-Brown, not white-on-white.

* We have 18 participants so far.

* No more participants will be accepted after the September Vienna QU meeting.

* If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact me as soon as possible.

* Lastly, please review the Rules to Remember as a guide, which are listed below.

Rules to Remember:

- **SHOP:** Bring only the type of fabric listed for each month. Tone-on-tone prints will be subtle designs that read as solids or texture from a few feet away. Please select nice 100% cotton fabric that you would be glad to receive yourself! For each month, you will need *one yard* of fabric, and all the squares you bring will be cut from the *same* fabric.
- **CHOP:** Please wash and press your fabric before cutting 30 squares. Cut *full* 6 and a 1/2 inch squares – no short cuts! If in doubt, better to cut *slightly larger* than smaller.
- **HOP:** Hop over to the Vienna QU monthly meeting, and turn in your squares to me. Bring your squares in a large Ziploc-type bag clearly labeled with your name.
- **SWAP:** I will recombine the squares everyone brings and have them available at the following meeting in your labeled bags.
- **DONT FLOP!** If you are unable to attend a meeting, you *must* send your squares with a friend or get them to me *before* that meeting. For the super-organized, all squares for the full year may be turned in at any stage of the exchange, but be sure that *all* your bags have your name on them if you want to get squares back!

To sign up or ask questions, contact Diana: (703) 319-4022 or Diana.Sinclair@vdfy.com

Vienna QU Membership

Nydia Haberlie (703-573-1122; cmcnidia@cox.net; 2245 Richelieu Dr., Vienna, VA 22182)

Print out the 2007-8 Membership form (below) and send it (along with a check) to Nydia Haberlie or bring it to the September meeting! (Note: extra forms will be available at the September meeting)

Vienna QU Membership Form

Vienna Quilters Unlimited 2007 – 2008 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1 – June 30. Membership payment must be received by September 30th for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory.

Name _____

Telephone (Home) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code + 4 _____

Email Address _____

Birthday (Month/Day Only) optional _____

Work phone – optional _____

Work phone number will not be included in the QU directory.

Circle “Yes” or “No” for each question below (if blank, YES is the default):

QU may put my e-mail address in the Big QU directory

YES NO

QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me

YES NO

QU may e-mail my Vienna Chapter newsletter to me

YES NO

Membership Categories (check one) and Dues: Renewal _____ New Member _____

___ Regular (\$20.)

___ Senior - Age 65+ by June 30, 2007 (\$ 10.)

___ Life - Age 75+ by June 30, 2007 (No charge, complete form for annual records)

Both Senior and Life membership apply to primary chapter only.

___ Family - two or more people at the same address (\$30.) - Please list names at the top

___ Associate – primary membership in other QU chapter (\$10.)

(Name of home QU chapter: _____)

\$ _____ Membership Dues

\$ _____ QU Membership Pin @ \$4.00 each, if desired

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make check payable to *Vienna Quilters Unlimited*)

We depend upon volunteers. How can you help?

___ Programs

___ Auction

___ Fundraising

___ Quilt Show

___ Library

___ Hospitality

___ Newsletter

___ Membership/Directory

___ Community Service

___ Historian/Photographer

___ Quilt Preservation

___ Challenge/BOM/MAQ

___ Retreat

___ Board of Directors

___ Ad Hoc/Other (write below)

Redwork

By Bonnie Young, Newsletter Editor



The Vienna QU color for September is red. This inspired me to highlight a quilting and embroidery technique called redwork. Redwork is a term applied to a very simple linear style of embroidery done with red floss. The stitch is usually a simple running stitch or a stem stitch. The image is a simple line drawing, often of children, animals, flowers, birds, vegetables and fruit, or other homey subjects. Redwork began in the 1800's as a way to decorate household items such as napkins, tea towels, dresser scarves, chair cushions, and sofa pillows. Redwork popularity peaked at the turn of the century and continued into the 1920s and 30s. Another term sometimes used to describe these embroideries is "penny squares". Muslin squares were sold with marked patterns for a penny each. These could be used as quilt blocks with sashing added around the borders. There were very limited colors of embroidery floss available in the late 1800s that didn't run or fade, but turkey red was a "safe" color. The DMC floss red colors #304 or #498 are often chosen as the most authentic "turkey red" colors.



Redwork Tips



- Patterns should be traced onto fabric with a washable transfer pen. A light table is recommended, but if you tape the fabric onto the top edge of the paper then tape that to a brightly lit window, that will work too. Trace carefully and completely, lifting the fabric often to make sure you have included all of the design. Another option is to use iron-on transfer patterns such as Aunt Martha's.
- Embroider directly onto the fabric using an embroidery hoop. Or attach thin batting to the fabric and embroider through both the fabric and batting.
- Use your favorite brand of 6-strand red embroidery floss; all patterns use 2 strands of floss, except for the faces, where 1 strand keeps them looking delicate.

- When your embroidery is completed, follow the instructions given with the transfer pen you purchased to remove the ink.

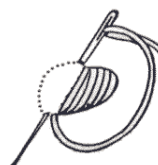


Simple Outline Stitch; is made from left to right, putting the needle forward a short distance along the line of stamping and bringing it up at the end of the last stitch. Always keep the thread on the same side of the line.

Lazy Daisy Stitch; Long loop stitches, beginning and ending at the same place, are caught down with a short stitch in the end of the loop.



French Knots; Bring the thread out on the right side, then holding it with the left hand, wrap twice around the needle; insert the needle near where it was brought up and hold the thread taut while the needle is carried through to the wrong side of the fabric.



Satin Stitch; are regular, even, smooth stitches taken close together side by side across a space to fill it in, either straight across or at an angle.

Here's a sample redwork pattern with a September theme that you can trace onto Muslin and stitch into a quilt! Enjoy!



FEEDING THE SQUIRRELS