CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
December 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7:00 pm at **NEWLIFE Church, 3170 German Chapel Rd, Prince Frederick, MD.** The room opens at 6:00 pm for set up and social time. Please join us! Due to COVID-19 we had been meeting virtually via Zoom and will continue to offer that option.

Next Guild Meeting: December 14, 6:30 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Dec. 7, 7:00 pm via Zoom.

January Newsletter Deadline: December 20

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President's Message



Season's Greetings Friends,

I had the pleasure of attending the Amish Quilt Auction in St. Mary's. Although I literally live 10 minutes away from the farm that hosts the auction, this was my first time attending. I had fun seeing the people get worked up bidding over the quilts. The highest bid of the day was $5,100.00. We are definitely pricing our quilts too low. I had fun guessing how much each quilt would go for. The more intricately pieced quilts brought in the most money as well as the ones with harmonious color schemes. The picture that I've included is the big money maker of the day. I can't wait to attend next year.

Adrienne

Pictures from the Quilt Auction can be found on page 4.

Upcoming Programs

December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at NEWLIFE Church, we will be having our holiday party. We will also be picking the winning ticket for our 2021 Raffle Quilt, Fire in the Sky!

Please bring an appetizer/snack or dessert/holiday treat to share. Drinks will be provided. (Please label ingredients that are in your dish so that those with food allergies will be aware).

We will be playing games with prizes. One game is Left, Center, Right and you will need three fat quarters per game. We hope to play two times (six fat quarters).

We voted to forego the gift exchange and contribute to the church's food pantry instead. Suggested items include:

- milk in aseptic packaging
- oil
- spices, salt and pepper
- tea bags, ground coffee
- sugar, flour
- tuna
- crackers
- Stove Top stuffing
- cake mix, frosting
- other non-perishables
- gift cards ($20 to $25) for Giant or Safeway
- cash or checks written to Helping Hands

Hope to see you there!



December Birthdays

Carla	Warner	December 31

Enjoy your special day!

Of Special Note

Committee Openings
We have several open volunteer opportunities for the guild. For new members, it is a great way to get to know people; and for all of us it is a way to ensure that our guild continues to thrive. **Community Service, Block of the Month, and Librarian** positions are looking for new chairpersons. Please let Adrienne know if you are interested in supporting the guild in any of these areas.

The following dates have been approved for us to have workshops at local libraries. Please come to sew, chat, share holiday cheer, and get to know your fellow guild members better.

Fairview Library:
Fri., Dec. 10, Large Room; 1-5pm
Fri., Jan. 14, Large Room; 12-5pm

Prince Frederick Library
Thurs., Dec. 16, Room 2; 12-4pm
Thurs., Jan. 20, Room 1; 12-5pm

Raffle Quilt Tickets/Monies

The drawing for our raffle quilt, Fire in the Sky, will be held at the December meeting. Any remaining ticket stubs and money must be turned in by the December meeting to **Jan McBain**. It will be exciting to see who the lucky winner will be!

We will have a booth at the Christmas Craft Fair on December 4. Please contact Hilke if you can help to work the booth or have items to donate.



Greenbelt Quilt Show



Good news! After a year of COVID restrictions, we will again be able to exhibit quilts at the Federal District Courthouse in Greenbelt, MD, in 2022. It is scheduled from the end of January to the end of March and will be our 19th year of participation. Hence we are extending a "Call for Quilts" to Maryland area quilters.

Please follow the following guidelines for submissions:

- **Submit an email including a photo of your entry with its name and dimensions (W x L), plus your name, phone and address.**
- **There is a limit of two entries per person, but you may submit more than two for selection, which is based on impact/design, wall space size (ranges 39-120"), and availability to hang for three months.**
- **Entry deadline is January 2, 2022.**
- **Send email to hrhilke@comcast.net**
- **All accepted entries wider than 24" must have a hanging sleeve.**

Please contact me, **Hilke Hoefer**, if you have any questions.

November 2021 Amish Quilt Auction



This was the $5,100 quilt!







November 2021 Amish Quilt Auction







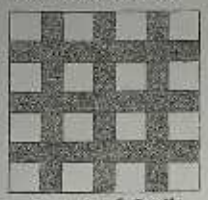


Handout from Heidi Hendrix's November lecture on Quilt as you Go.

Breaking the Longarm Logjam

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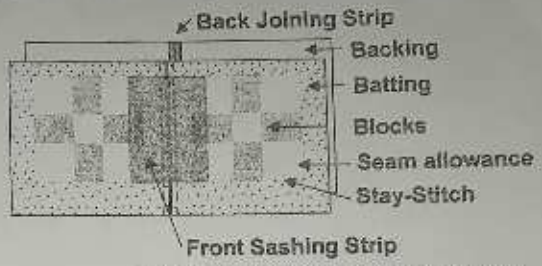
Let's give the longarm quilters a break and try to do some quilting on our home machines. Here is a technique for quilting blocks and then joining them to make a completely finished quilt. The idea is not new, but I think this technique will allow you to attach blocks with almost any width of sashing on the front of the quilt - a problem that has plagued this technique for years.



Front of Quilt
(sashing strips)



Back of Quilt
(joining strips)



Here is the general process:

- All blocks must be the same **Finished Block Size (FBLOCK).** The **Unfinished Block Size (UBLOCK)** is the measurement when the 1/4" seam allowance is added to each side of the block. Actual piecing may affect this measurement. For example, if a block "should" measure 12" square finished (12 1/2" unfinished), the actual finished block might measure 11 3/4" (12 1/4" unfinished). Use actual measurements.
- Decide on desired **Finished Sashing Width (FSASH)**
- Cut **Oversized Backing and Batting Squares (OB+B)**
- Center the block onto the **OB+B.** Spray basting will help anchor the block to the batting, if necessary.
- Adjust settings for machine quilting: reduce pressure on foot, lengthen stitch, use walking foot for even fabric feed. Staystitch around the outside edge. Quilt block as desired.
- **Trim Quilted Block+Batting+Backing (TQB)** to size
- Cut **Back Block-Joining Strips.** Attach blocks from the back with these strips.
- Cut the **Front Block-Sashing Strips** and sew long edges, wrong-sides-together, with a 1/4" seam, to make a tube.
- Press the sashing pieces flat with seam allowance centered
- Pin the sashing strips to the quilt front, covering the raw edges of adjacent blocks by 1/4" and aligning top and bottom edges
- Press and topstitch very close to the folded edges of sashing. Quilt the sashing, if necessary.
- Complete row of blocks in the same manner
- Add **Back Row-Joining Strips** to attach all rows
- Make **Front Row-Sashing Strips** and attach. Quilt, if necessary.
- Cut **Sashing Border/Binding (SB/B)** can be added to back of quilt then brought to front and topstitched.

Here are the numbers you need for this technique:

_____ **Finished Block Size** (FBLOCK)

_____ **Unfinished Block Size** (UBLOCK)
= FBLOCK + 1/2"

_____ **Finished Sashing Width** (FSASH)
This may need to be re-measured after the block is quilted. Quilting might "shrink" the block.

_____ **Oversized Backing+Batting Square**
(OB+B) = FBLOCK + FSASH + 2 1/2"

_____ **Trimmed Quilted Block** (TQB)
= FBLOCK+FSASH

___ x 1" **Back Block-Joining Strips**
= 1" wide x TQB length

___x___ **Front Block-Sashing Strips**
= (2FSASH + 1/2") x UBLOCK

___ x 1" **Back Row-Joining Strips**
= length of row

___x___ **Front Row-Sashing Strips**
= (2FSASH + 1/2") x length of row

___ wide **Sashing Border/Binding** (SB/B)
= (FSASH + 1/2") + 3/4"

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Answers to the Word Search in last month's newsletter



There were 13 hidden words. How many did you find?

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

MINUTES from November 9, 2021 Meeting

This was a meeting at NEWLIFE Church and Zoom for those who could not attend.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by **President Adrienne Sims**. She introduced our guest speaker and member, **Heidi Hendrix**. Heidi presented a lecture and demonstration on the "quilt as you go" method of finishing a quilt. It was very informative. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

Adrienne called the business meeting to order. An older Singer sewing machine was donated to the guild. Anyone who was interested in the machine was given a raffle ticket for a drawing. The winner was **Heidi Hendrix**.

Adrienne presented the treasurer's report, as Deborah Francisco was absent. Income for the month of October was $717.30 and expenses were $445.29.

Next on the agenda was Show and Tell. Quite a few members showed their work.

This month the in-house raffle was for a layer cake (a packet of 10 inch squares). The winner was **Barbara Lingle**.

The social activities for the December Christmas party were discussed and a sign-up list was passed around for the members to indicate which dessert or appetizer they would be bringing that evening. As some members are sensitive to some ingredients, it is requested that ingredients be posted on the item.

In lieu of a gift exchange, donations will be given to NEWLIFE Church for their food pantry. The donations can be in the form of gift cards, checks, cash or food. Also there is a box for any blankets that you have made for the children's induction.

Jan McBain reported that most of the money and stubs for the raffle quilt have been returned. All money and tickets need to be returned before the December meeting.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a Tin Lizzie long arm quilting machine should contact **Nikki Huffstutler** for the information.

The guild will be showing the raffle quilt and selling boutique items at the Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church in Huntingtown on December 4, 2021, from 9am to 2pm. Set-up will be at 7:30am. Anyone who would like to help, please do.

There will be a new challenge beginning in December and running through June of next year. Details will be given at the next meeting.

Adrienne is making changes to the front page of the website. Any ideas or suggestions let her know.

Marlene Diehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by **Hilke Hoefer**. Meeting adjourned.



Block of the Month

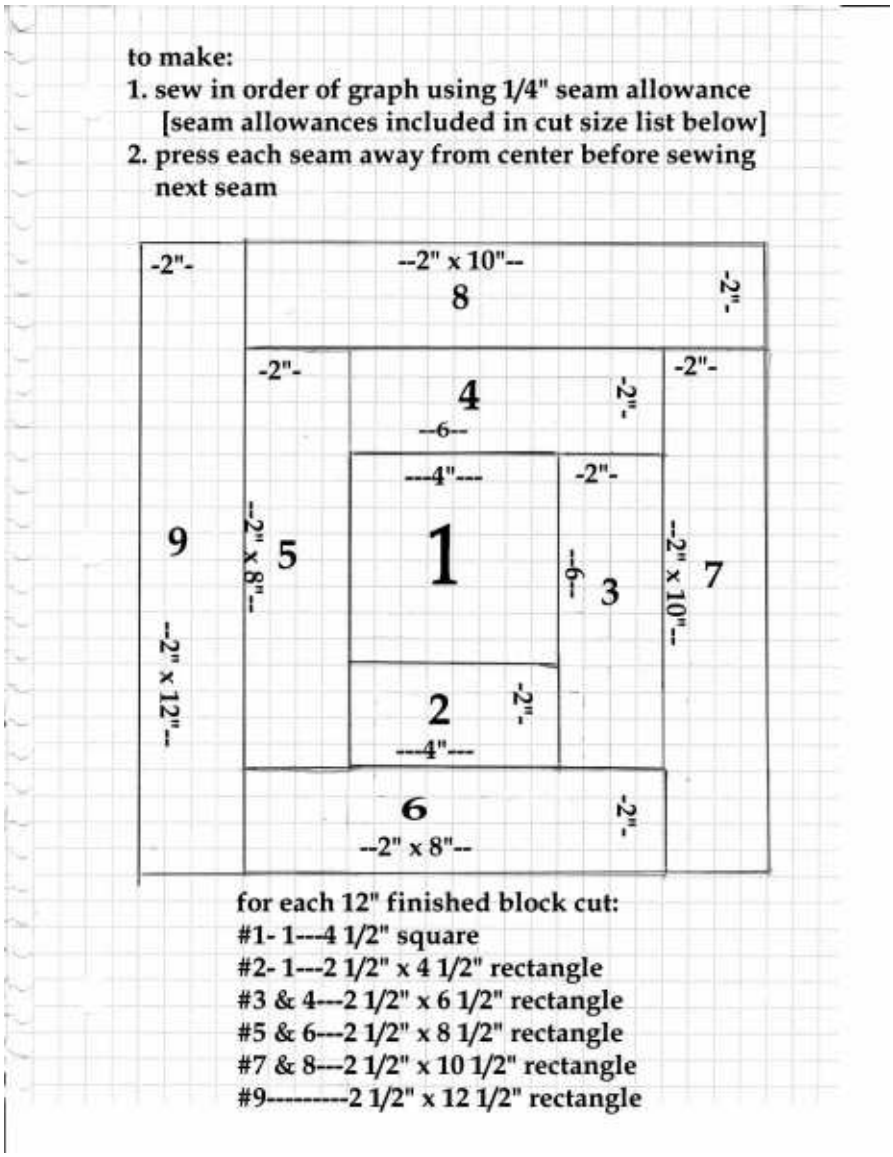
You have a choice of two Quilts of Valor blocks. Please take a look at the blocks on the following pages: **Quilts of Valor Log Cabin** and **Red, White and Blue Ribbon Block**. You can make one of the blocks or both and please make as many as you can! **Dee Wunder** will be coordinating drop off/pickup and/or bring your completed blocks to the December meeting/party.

Each Block should be 12.5” unfinished

Quilts of Valor Block

All seams ¼ “

Quilts of Valor Log Cabin

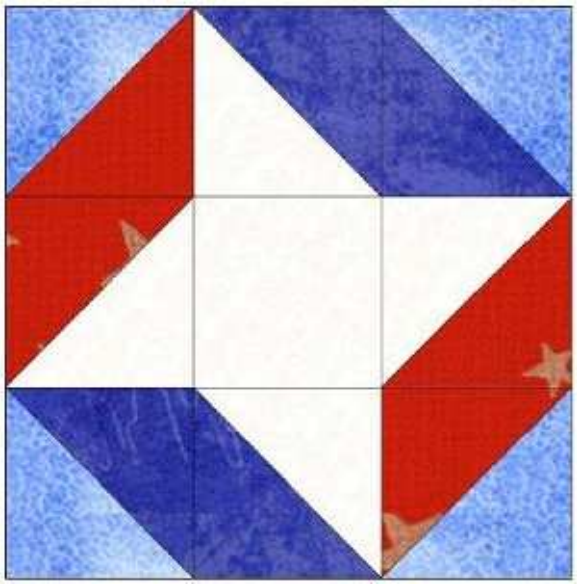


Fabric requirements:
Round #1 center square is red or blue
Round#2 is white
Round#3 is white
Round #4 is red or blue
Round #5 is red or blue
Round #6 is white
Round #7 is white
Round #8 is red or blue
Round #9 is red or blue

It can be scrappy, Whites as the light and Reds as dark for a block or Whites and Blues. Do not mix Red or Blue in a block.

Red, White, and Blue Ribbon Block

12 inch finished (12 ½ unfinished)



For your Ribbon Block you will need:

From your red, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

From your darker blue, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

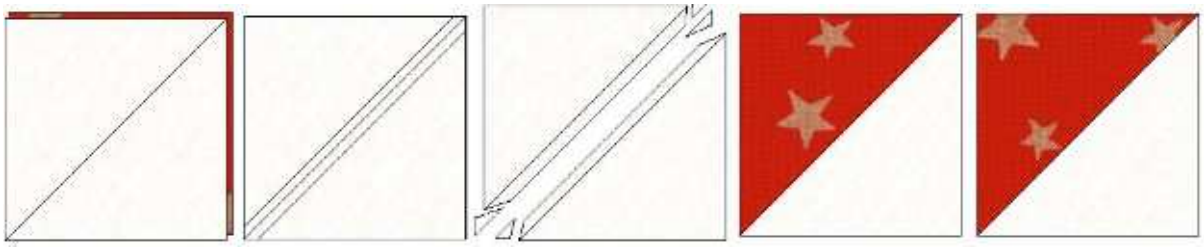
From your lighter blue, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

From your white, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares and one 4 ½ inch square

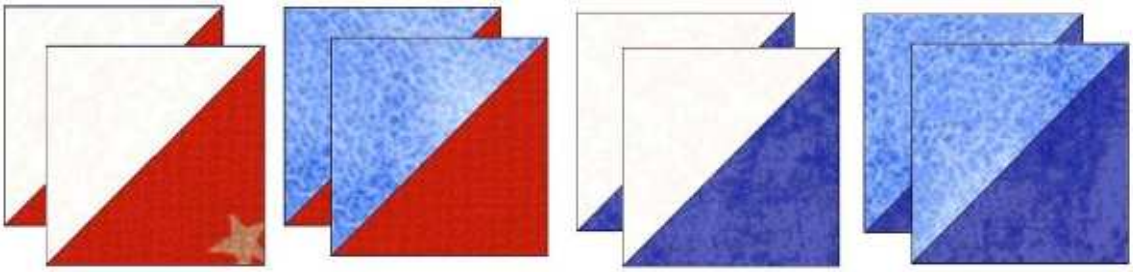
Let's make the red and white triangle squares first. Carefully draw a line corner to corner, diagonally through the white 4-7/8 inch squares. This will be a cutting line when you are finished. Place a red and white 4-7/8 inch square right sides together. If you have a true ¼ inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of the drawn line.

If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly ¼ inch from the first line. They will be your sewing lines. After you have sewn on your sewing lines, ¼ inch on either side of your corner to corner line, you will cut this square in half on the drawn cutting line. Clip off the corners as shown.

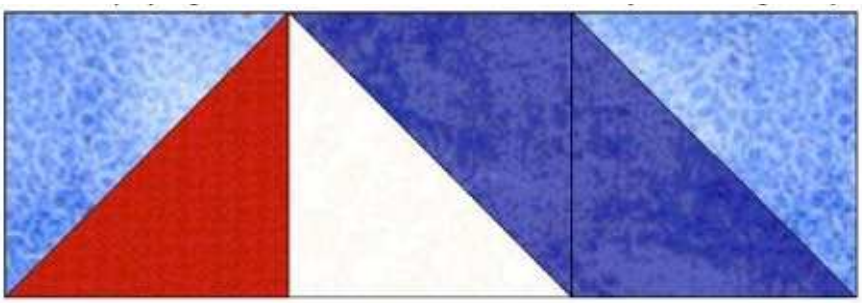
You will now have two triangle squares, which should measure exactly 4 ½ inches.



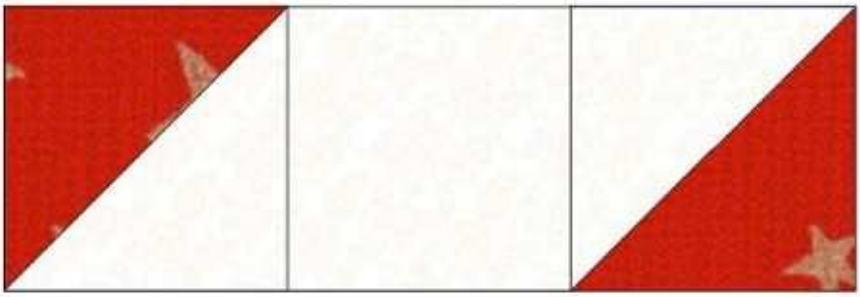
For this block you need two each of red/white, red/light blue, white/dark blue, and light blue/dark blue triangle squares as shown.



Sew two rows like this paying close attention to the direction your triangle squares are going.



Make one row like this, again, paying attention to the way your triangle squares are going.



And finally, put your block together. It should measure 12 ½ inches.

