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Join us on Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Present's Corner

We had twenty people at our in-person meeting in March. Thanks for coming out in the rain! It was so nice to see everyone in person and to "get back to normal"! The Hospitality "snack" spread was awesome and for the first time in many, many years, Ways and Means made some sales and had some money to deposit! Mariana was delighted with the large number of quilts that were donated. Read more about them in her article.

Our speaker last month, Kena Tangi Dorsey, certainly provided us with a wonderful trunk show and some great ideas for using traditional African fabrics. And for those of us there at the church, we had a chance to purchase some of the fabrics. I look forward to seeing some of those purchases incorporated in a quilt soon!

Just a reminder about the "moving" sale at RJR in Torrance. It started on March 23-24 and will continue on March 30, April 6-7. If there is a group of you that wants to carpool there during the week, contact them by email at movingsale@rjfabrics.com to set up an appointment during the week. I went with a group on Monday this week and, with no crowd, it was easy to shop. Too easy! Also, remember, they will only accept cash, Zelle or Venmo. No checks or credit cards. And, they have a clear bag policy (just like Dodger Stadium and other venues). If you need to bring anything into the warehouse, it must be in a clear, plastic bag. All I needed was my phone to use Zelle to pay for my purchases.

Our April meeting will be on zoom so join us at 6:30 to visit before the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Laurie has planned a number of in-person speakers in the coming months, so we'll be seeing each other more often!. I know we're all looking forward to visiting, shopping at the Ways and Means table, and more!

See you at the next meeting.

President – Pam Overton, pam@travelingquilters.com

Program



Jane Haworth Quilter



Our April speaker is Jane Haworth who will present "Memory Quilts- History, Stories and How To..." As Jane describes her presentation:

"Having had an Etsy store for 10 plus years, making custom quilts of all kinds, I have made hundreds of T-shirt, necktie, clothing and handkerchief quilts. I will share the stories behind some of these quilts and share the tips and tricks I have learned along the way. " Learn more about Jane at her website: janehaworth.com.

We continue to work on filling out the programs schedule for the remainder of the year. As always, please let me know if you have a teacher on your wish list for the Guild's program calendar! The SCCQG Meet the Teachers meeting is Saturday, April 13. If you would like to listen in, please send Pam an email and she will send you a registration link.

Laurie Reyen, Programs

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Vice President

While you are enjoying our longer days and April flowers, I thought it might be time to try a more traditional quilt block for SMQG's Block of the Month project, although we will give it a new look. The *Spool Block* is the block for May and should be turned in at the May In-person meeting. The colors to use in the Spool Block are **white** for the background, **black** for the spool, and any 5-in charm square that you cut from fabric in your stash for the "thread" on the spool. The block you turn in should be an 8 ½" square. The Spool block is taken from *SewCanShe.com* Charm Square Spool Quilt. Directions are attached to this Newsletter.

When we meet in May we will have three drawings: one for The Steppingstones block, one for The Tulip block, and one for The Spool block.

You can create one block (or more) of each design to enter the drawings. The winning name for each block will be drawn from the members who bring in a block or blocks of that specific design. If we have more than twelve blocks of a particular design, a second drawing will be held for the remaining ones.

Haven't started your blocks yet? We have included all three block patterns at the back of the newsletter.

Sally Madigan, Vice President

Ways and Means

We hope to see you at our in-person meetings this coming year. Those in attendance last month had an opportunity to check out the Ways & Means table and found a few bargains. As the year progresses and we meet in person more often, we hope you'll take the opportunity to check out our tables.

If you are in the mood to "in with the new/out with the old" cleanup of your sewing room, we would be grateful for your donation. Books, magazines, quilting notions, yarns are welcome, too.

April's meeting is via Zoom so we hope to see you in May. We will have some lovely door prizes (think jelly rolls and/or or layer cakes).

*Perla Rothenberg and Cindi Garacochea,
Ways & Means Co-Chairs*

Membership

Great fun at our last in-person meeting. Hope you have a badge with your name on it from previous years (Can you find it?). If you want to make a new one, I can snail mail the instructions which don't seem to go through email at the moment, or possibly via cell phone text message as a photo.

Our next in person will be in May so you have time to go look for that badge. There used to be a penalty for being badgeless, so perhaps in May we will charge a quarter for not having a nametag and escalate to a \$1 at the next in person meeting. You can also try the embroidery function on a newer machine...

Send me an email if you want me to make a plain one with your name.

Aileen Cooke, Membership Chair

Show and Tell

If you are submitting a photo for zoom, please send it to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than Monday evening (April 1, 2024). If you sent me one last month, please remind me or resend your photos.

Zoom meeting links

The zoom link will be in the newsletter email.

Website

I continue to update the website and our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram for your viewing pleasure. Let me know if there is anything specific you would like to see.

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Emily Watts, Web Manager

SMQG General Meeting Minutes

6 March 2024

Hybrid meeting called to order by President Pam Overton at 7:02

Announcements: Pam welcomed Quilters by the Sea with their opportunity quilt. Raffle tickets being sold for drawing in April. Ruby Nishio's daughter has been in touch with our guild to let us know that Ruby will be moving into an assisted living facility in the San Gabriel Valley. She wants to donate fabric and other quilting supplies to the guild. Daughter will let us know more in the future.

Storage unit update: We will be downsizing to smaller unit. A small group will meet at the unit to weed out the items and save, pass on or throw out. Then move to new unit.

Sonia Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as well as the treasurer's report and was seconded by Lani Hee. Approved by all.

Committee reports:

Membership: Aileen Cooke states we have 51 members. The roster has been sent out as an attachment to the newsletter. She also has patterns for the badge.

Philanthropy: Mariana Davanzo has a large Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt which was donated to the guild. It only needs a binding which has been supplied. Possibly for an in guild auction? Bobbie Blake has volunteered to do the binding.

Ways and Means: Cindi Garacochea reports a large donation came for the Mystery box from Candy's Quiltworks. Member donations will also be accepted

now. Perla Rothenberg reminds us to come look at the Ways and Means tables tonight.

Vice President: Sally Madigan is attending via Zoom. Decision was made to do the block drawing at the next in person meeting. There was a tulip block in the March newsletter and there will be another in the April newsletter for a total of 3 different blocks.

Programs: Laurie Reyen reports that the schedule is booked into the fall. She announced tonight's speaker.

Speaker: Kena Tangi Dorsey – The Big, The Bold, The Beautiful, Quilting with African Fabrics. Kena shared some of her quilting journey with us and told us about the different types of African fabrics. She showed quilts in which she had used the large and bold prints.

Kena had some fabrics for sale tonight.

Show and Tell: Mariana Davanzo, Yoshi Nickerson, Allison Leong, Aileen Cooke

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted: Allison Leong

bags filled with toiletries to the Venice Family Clinic. Forty-five place mats were delivered to Bobby Blake for her to take to Meals-on-Wheels. We also received twelve twin-sized or larger quilts that I will take to the Ronald McDonald house this month. They very much appreciate our donations.

Bobby Blake very kindly volunteered to sew the binding onto the king-sized quilt that was donated to the guild. Since this quilt is so beautifully hand pieced and hand quilted, the guild has decided to use it as an opportunity quilt for fundraising.

Thanks to everyone who contributed quilts for philanthropy. I wish everyone a happy Spring. Happy Quilting!

Mariana Davanzo, Philanthropy Chair

Birthdays – April

Jo	Hearn	1-Apr
Bobbie	Blake	15-Apr
Sylvia	Henry	27-Apr

Philanthropy

We had a whole lot of quilts brought in for philanthropy at our March meeting! I took twelve baby quilts and one pillowcase, along with two big ziplock

SMQG Schedule of Events

Your Program chair is busy working to fill out our calendar for the coming year with interesting speakers. As always, your input/feedback/suggestions are welcome. Please contact Laurie Reyen to let her know your thoughts.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
April	Jane Haworth	Memory Quilts	Janehaworth.com
May	Frances Moore	Trunk Show	
June	Emma Jane Powell	Arpillaeras Women's Resistance Through Art	Dreamitquiltit.com
July	Leah Zieber	History Repeated: Antique Quilt Trunk show	Ziberquilts.com
August	Summer Potluck & Sewing: Sandwich Night – more information to come		
September	Tina Curran		

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

April 6	San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild "Springtime in the Valley" Quilt Show. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Admission is \$10. In addition, a free preview event will be held during Art Hop – Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 5pm-8pm, also at the First Presbyterian Church. For more information email sjvqg1@gmail.com
April 13	SCCQG Meet the Teachers. Visit sccqg.org to register.
April 20	Camarillo Quilters Association Quilt Show. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pleasant Valley Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street, Camarillo. Admission: \$15 – available at the door as well as on-line. The theme is "Stitching in Harmony" and many quilts will reflect a musical focus. For more information, please visit camarilloquilters.org .
April 26-27	Beach Cities Quilters Guild Quilt Show: Celebrate Color, Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, 254932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA92692. Air-conditioned and free parking. Vendors, Silent Auction and Boutique, Raffle Baskets, Quilt Auction Saturday, 2:00 pm. Friday, April 26, 2024, 5:30 – 8:00 pm: Preview Event, \$425 includes access to Saturday event, Wine Pull, appetizers and more.

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

	Saturday, April 27, 2024, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Quilt Show and auction. General Admission \$10; No strollers, please.
May 4	Orange County Quilters Gild Quilts in the Garden. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Kiwanis Land Park, 9840 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA
May 10-11	Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, A Stitch in Time Quilt Show. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Greek Orthodox Church of Long Beach, 5761 E. Colorado Blvd, Long Beach. For information, contact: Nancy Needham, 562-458-4395, bnneedham@msn.com . Admission: \$10.00. Over 100 quilts on display, vendors, opportunity baskets, silent auction, Quilters Flea Market, Daily Bed Turning, Featured Artist, Small Quilt Challenge, lunch available on site. Every attendee will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a new Baby Lock Presto II Sewing Machine.
May 18	Orange County Quilt Guild Quilters Yard Sale, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. 9255 Royal Palm Blvd., Garden Grove

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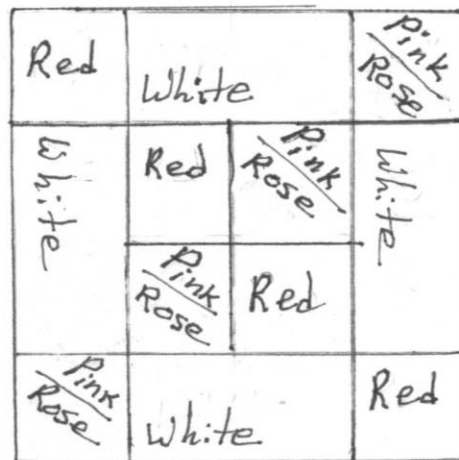
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SANTA MONICA QUILT GUILD — BLOCK OF THE MONTH — March, 2024

This block, called *Stepping Stones* by Marsha McClosky, is easier to find under "*Frayed Four Patch*" on the internet. We will use three (3) fabrics: red, white, and rose or pink. Your finished block will be a 9 1/2" square.

**CUTTING:**

From each fabric cut a 2 3/4" strip across the width of the fabric.

Cut two, 2 3/4" squares from the red strip, and two, 2 3/4" squares from the rose/pink strip.

From the white strip, cut four 5" lengths.

PUTTING THE BLOCK TOGETHER:FIRST:

Stitch the remaining long red and pink/rose strips together side by side, lengthwise.

Cut two, 2 3/4" slices across this long red and pink strip. Now you have two red and pink 2 patch units. Reverse one and stitch the patches together, making a 4-patch unit with the red and pink squares in opposite corners. These form the center of the block.

Stitch a white rectangle to two opposite sides of this 4-patch unit.

Set this part of the block aside.

NEXT:

Stitch a red square to one end of each of the remaining white rectangles, and a pink/rose square to the opposite end of each white rectangle.

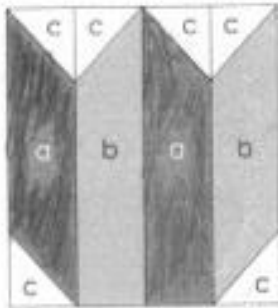
Stitch each of these rows to the remaining two sides of the 4-patch unit that you set aside. Make sure that the red squares and the pink squares form diagonal lines across the block.

Your Frayed Four Patch / Stepping Stones Block is done!

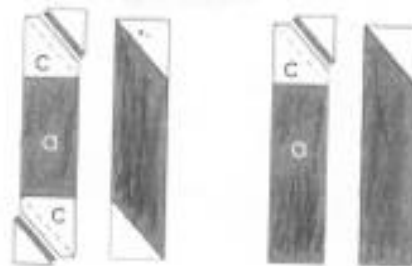
If you prefer to use a different piecing method, that's fine. Try searching Frayed Four Patch Quilt Block on the internet and view these You Tube tutorials: Quilty 5k- Block 5 - Frayed Four Patch 3/13/19 or How to Make A Frayed Four Patch Quilt Block - Cottage Quilts - 2022.

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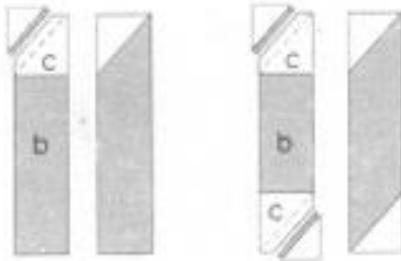
Here is the Tulip Block. Use your jelly roll strips or cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips from any of your fabrics. It uses 3 colors, a dark and a medium for the flower, and a medium to light gray for the background. Your finished block will be an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



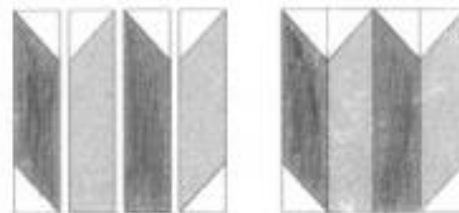
1 Join 2 [c] to [a] and 1 [c] to another [a] as shown.



2 Join 2 [c] to [b] and 1 [c] to another [b] as shown.



3 Join them as shown.



CUTTING:

Cut ONE, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18" strip from each of the dark and medium (print or solid) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips. Place one on top of the other. Slice into TWO $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. Result: 2 of each color.

Cut SIX $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from the background gray. A $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18" strip will give you a little extra fabric.

PUTTING THE BLOCK TOGETHER:

Identify your darkest color as **A**. The medium shade is **B**. The background is **C**. Stitch background squares to the A and B rectangles as shown above. Notice that **only one A and one B rectangle** has a background square stitched to **both** ends. Watch out! These angles make the tulip. Stitch and press the patches to match Steps 1 and 2 in the above diagrams.

Now, join each **A** to each **B**, making sure that the rectangle with a background square on each end is placed correctly. See Step 3 in diagrams. Join the two sections together to make your tulip!

WELCOME TO SPRING!

BTW: Use any piecing method you like.

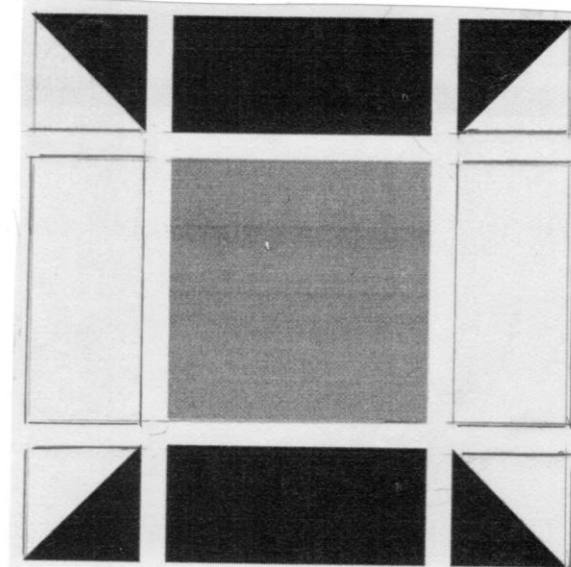
SANTA MONICA QUILT GUILD. — BLOCK OF THE MONTH — May, 2024

Here is the Spool Block. It uses 3 colors, a 5" square of any color (charm square), white for the background and black for the spool. BTW, all seams are $1/4"$ or a scant $1/4"$. Your finished block will be an $8\frac{1}{2}"$ square.

Block layout

BEFORE

It Is Stitched

**CUTTING:**

Cut TWO 3" squares from black fabric
 Cut TWO 3" squares from the white (background) fabric

Cut TWO 5" x $2\frac{1}{2}"$ strips from black fabric,
 Cut TWO 5" x $2\frac{1}{2}"$ strips from the white fabric

Cut ONE 5" square of fabric or use a 5" charm square

PUTTING THE BLOCK TOGETHER:

Make 4 Half Square Triangle units (HSTs) by placing each white 3" square on top of each 3" black square. Draw a line diagonally across each white square. *This is a cutting line.* Sew $1/4"$ on each side of that drawn line. Cut apart on drawn lines. Gently fold white fabric back and finger press seam allowance toward the black fabric. The result will be 4 black and white HSTs.

Next, place an HST unit at each end of the black strips. See diagram above to verify that you have the black triangles facing the correct way. Otherwise, you will have a wonky spool!

Now, place a white rectangle on opposite sides of the 5" square and stitch together.

You now have three rows to stitch together to make your block. Stitching this block together is very similar to stitching the Stepping Stones block together. Be sure to carefully press the seam allowances of each row opposite to the one it will attach to. Your seams will "nest" then, and matching seams will be less of a problem. BTW: Use any piecing method you like.

THE SPOOL BLOCK IS DONE! CONGRATULATIONS!