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Dear Fellow Quilters,

Spring is in the air and we have an exciting few months ahead.

Poppy O'Neill will give a presentation on the history of story telling and quilting at the March meeting to celebrate Women's History Month. And Martha Musgrove will be vending Iris Holdner's fabrics and sewing machines. In addition, Members Teaching Members is scheduled for after the meeting. It will focus on quilting techniques.

Looking forward to April, Doris Douglas will speak about the St. John's Quilters to celebrate Black History Month. This was originally scheduled for February but had to be postponed. We will also have a guest speaker. Sue Fox Mitrano of Blue Fox Studio will talk about shibori and will also be our vendor.

In other news, we are adding a special presentation on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. on zoom. Linda and Carl Sullivan of Colourwax will present a one-hour lecture on color. Let us know if you like this kind of off-meeting event.

And don't forget those Round Robins. Bring yours to the meetings so we can exchange them!

Happy spring and happy quilting to everyone,

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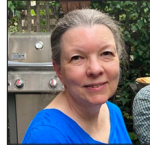


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<https://tinyurl.com/ycbwzom9>

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<https://www.quiltbrooklyn.org/show-and-tell>

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@Brooklyn_Quilters_Guild

YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qfeous_-lc

Guild Meetings

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2024, 11 a.m.

Hybrid meeting: In-person at the Holy Name of Jesus Church and on Zoom.

The church is located at 245 Prospect Park West (enter at Shepherd's Hall in the back, off the parking lot). Masks are encouraged at meetings. If you are experiencing illness, please stay home and join us on Zoom.

ZOOM MEETING LINK: will be emailed to members in a Bee Blast the morning of our meeting or can be accessed on the Events page in the Member section of this website.

SUNDAY BEES: Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 1 - 4 p.m. Zoom link Information will be emailed on Sunday morning and can always be accessed on the EVENTS page in the Member section of our website.

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MARCH VENDOR:

A sale of Iris Holdner's stash is being organized by Martha Musgrove. Iris, a longtime member, died suddenly late last year. All proceeds will benefit the Guild, which should give a nice boost to our war chest for the next show. A price of \$2 per yard is suggested. But pay what you think is fair, and considering the good cause. Sales will be by the piece. Cash, checks, credit cards, and all forms of electronic payments will be accepted.

Iris's sewing machines will also be for sale:

Brother serger, model 1034D, probably never used \$225

Brother sewing and embroiderer, Model SE350 \$500

Husquvarna sewing machine, Model 600 \$250

Elna Quilter's Dream \$225

Elna "Grasshopper," Quilter's Model-rare \$400

Something to share? The deadline for time sensitive submissions for the April 2024 issue of *The Brooklyn Bee* is **Monday, March 25, 2024**. Please send other contributions throughout the month. Feel free to call (917-957-3884) or email at susan.aronoff@gmail.com.

Events of Note: Please send information about upcoming shows, events, calls for submission to both Carlynn Houghton at carlynn.houghton@gmail.com and Susan Aronoff at susan.aronoff@gmail.com.

Guild Calendar

See the **Bee Blasts** for more information on these events.

March 2024

March 16, 2024, 11:00 a.m.— Guild meeting, hybrid/ Zoom. Masks are recommended to attend the in-person meeting

Members teaching Members

March 24, 1 – 4 p.m. Sewing Bee on Zoom

April 2024

April 14, 1 – 4 p.m. Sewing Bee on Zoom

April 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m.— Guild meeting, hybrid/ Zoom

April, 28, 1 –4 p.m. Sewing Bee on Zoom

May 2024

May 16, 2024, 11:00 a.m.— Guild meeting Zoom only

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In honor of National Quilting Day:

Members Teaching Members

After the general meeting on March 16th, four Guild members will be sharing their expertise. Attendees will be invited to rotate among the teaching sessions in a timely manner. Don't worry if you can't make it. We are planning future sessions as well.

Here are the teachers and their topics:

Nicole Ansbacher - Intro to Foundation Paper Piecing

Joyce Austin - How to Prepare Your Quilt (and yourself) for long-arm quilting

Marcie Brenner - Perfecting Your Piecing Skills

Christine Janove - Rotary Cutting Basics

For this session, please bring your own rotary cutter and a half yard of ironed fabric. You learn best with your own tools at hand.

Bring your lunch, beverage, snacks and whatever fuels you!

Fence Show Update:

The Fence Show has been postponed to Fall 2024

We will update the Guild with the official date as soon as it's confirmed. Now everyone has the summer to work on their quilts.

2024: Round Robin Update

Notice to Round Robin Makers

Given that our Guild will not be meeting in person in May, the fourth round will be the last and final round of the quilt top. Therefore, when you pick up your packet at the April meeting you will be keeping it for two months and returning the finished top to the June meeting for the BIG REVEAL.

Don't forget to turn your packet in early at the March and April meetings. As the quilts grow, it becomes harder for the round robin team to figure out who gets the top for the next round. If you cannot attend a meeting, please have a friend bring in your packet and pick up a new one for you. If you are unable to do so, please keep the top and add another round.

First and foremost, have fun and enjoy the challenge.

~Micki

PS. If you keep your top, please inform Micki Segel at mickisegel@gmail.com.

Guild News & Notes

Membership Report

In this New Year, our membership has grown to 236.
We warmly welcome all new members.
membership@quiltbrooklyn.org

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



The February Block of the Month was Rainbow. The winner of these colorful blocks was Joyce West.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS LIST

Please make sure all the items are not past an expiration date, opened or dented.

Cans, jars and boxes of:

- tuna
- chicken
- peanut butter
- pasta
- rice
- vegetables
- beans
- fruit
- soup
- cereal
- condensed milk
- juice
- Jell-O
- baking goods
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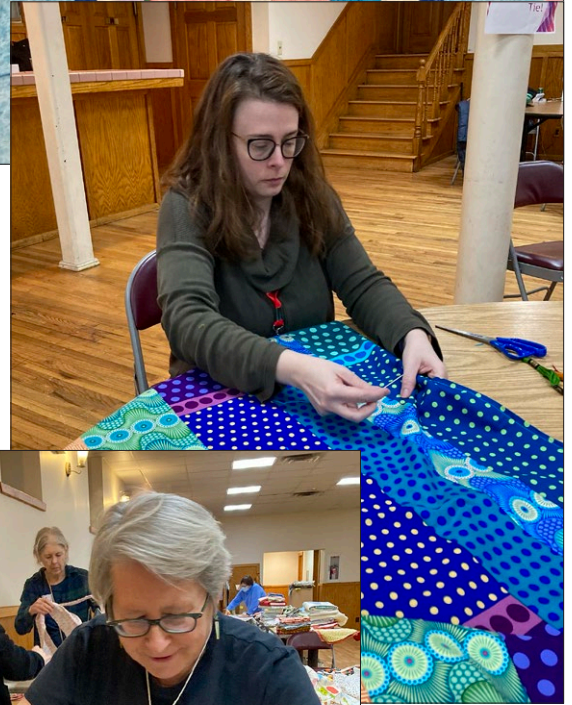
Guild Discount Honored
Open by Appointment

Marcie Brenner, Owner
Master Certified Sewing Educator

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The Last Ask

First of all, thank you to all who participated in last month's ABC Frenzy. Despite the weather, we completed 31 ABC quilts and 2 Premie Heart quilts—many 'in progress/ almost done' quilts went home with Guild members, so we expect to receive several finished quilts at our March meeting.

The structures we have put in place to make our committees function are not static and have changed over time. At times, committee work has simply evolved and at times we have had to change how they work in order to support the needs of our Guild members. It is now time for us to support Jenn who has been a Committee of 1 since 2020.

As New Yorkers we tend to quilt alone in our spaces, but quilting is often a collective task. We are a Guild of groups—we have groups that have taken classes together and who continue to meet to discuss their work; groups who take retreats together; groups who meet weekly at libraries. In the past, small groups of Guild members have come together to work on or complete ABC quilts. So, why not now? Granted, ABC groups have been most successful when group members are neighbors, but New Yorkers are resilient. We see the ABC urgency as an opportunity for our Guild members and for our Community Quilt committees. Working together is a wonderful way to grow friendships.

In addition to our request for a co-Chair, the ABC committee needs assistance at our meetings. There are small asks as well as larger needs. We still need: a member who will help fold completed quilts, and another who can count quilts. Since we began writing this, a Guild member has offered to deliver finished quilts to the front porch of our ABC hospital contacts.

There are many ways we can help Jenn and other committee chairs so we, as a Guild, can continue to support people struggling with the challenges that life can bring.

Seeking:

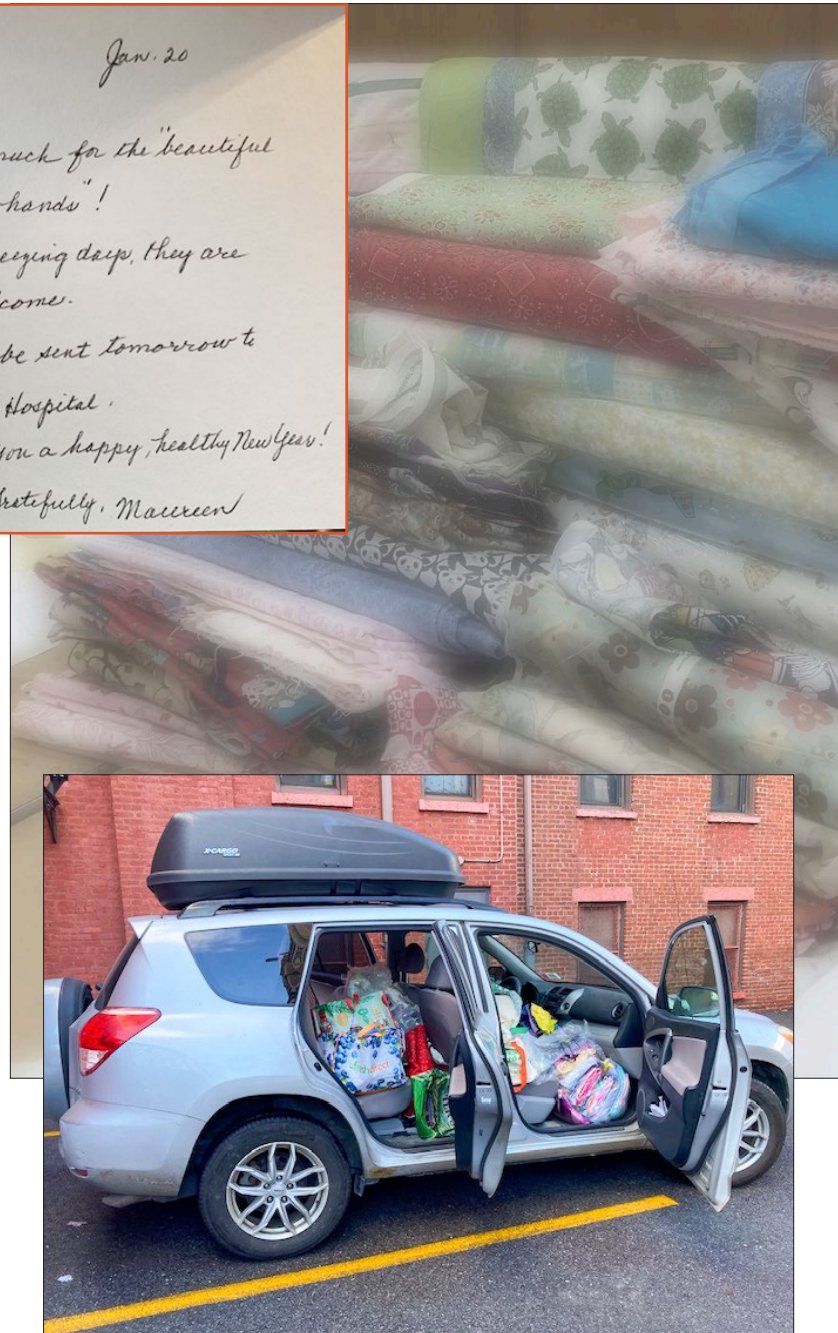
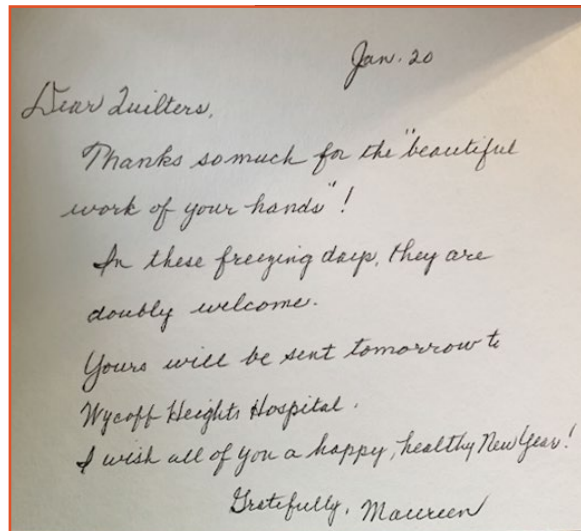
ABC Quilt

Committee Co-Chair and Volunteers

The Guild's ABC quilt project is a legacy project ... 25 years and running strong!

Members make baby quilts and premie quilts, which are distributed to children in hospitals throughout NYC. If you're interested in becoming an ABC Quilt Committee Co-chair, and teaming up with current ABC Chair, Jenn Arzberger, (917-685-6712 jennarzberger@optimum.net). Please contact Chris Augenbraun by phone or eMail at **718-316-3131** chrismaugen@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Events of Note

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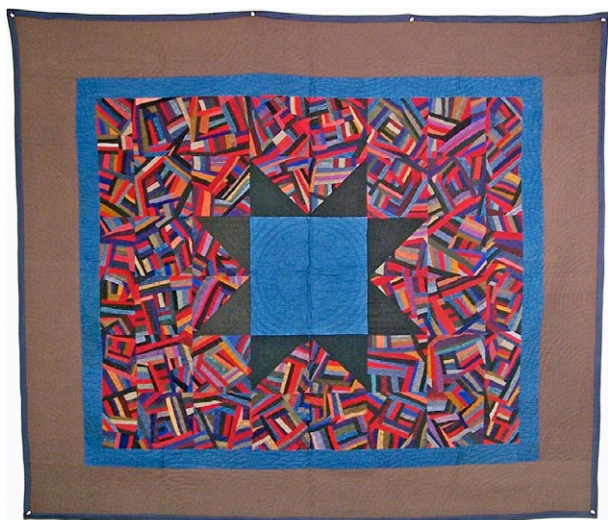
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Discover Patchwork Quilt is part of the **Share Your Story: Multisensory Storytelling for Transformative Healing**, exhibit at the **Brooklyn Children's Museum**, through 3/31. see image and text in the right column.

<https://www.brooklynkids.org/exhibits/share-your-story/>

Pattern and Paradox: The Quilts of Amish Women, Smithsonian American Art Museum from **March 28–September 02, 2024**. Open Daily, 11:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. For more information:

<https://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/pattern-and-paradox>



The **Lancaster Quilt Show, April 10–13**, has moved from Lancaster to Lebanon and is currently known as **Lancaster-Lebanon Quilt Show**. The show and parking are both free, and for those who love to shop in Lancaster, the new site is only 23 miles away. This long-running show hosts vendors, classes, a raffle and 150 quilts. <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>

Spring Shower of Quilts XIX, Connecticut Piecemakers

Quilt Guild, April 12–13, Admission is \$15.00, St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebook Road, Orange, CT. Info @: <https://ctpiecemakers.org/2024quiltshow>

World of Quilts XLIII, A Celebration of Traditional, Modern, and Art Quilts, Northern Star Quilt Guild. This annual show, (a local-ish biggie), is held **May 4 & May 5**, Saturday from 10:00am–5pm and Sunday, from 10am–4:00 pm. Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY. Admission: \$15 For more information:

<https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts>

Virginia Quilt Museum

If you plan to be in or near Harrisonburg, The Virginia Quilt Museum looks like a 'must-visit' destination. From the current exhibitions **Abstractions in Color** by Cindy Grisdela, which runs through March, and **Elegance in Quilts: Historical Applique Quilts from the VQM Collection** which ends May 11, to **Code Switch** by Andi Cullins which runs from April 3, 2024 to June 15, 2024 there appears to be something for every one.

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>



"Discover Patchwork Quilt by master quilter Sylvia Hernandez, intricately stitched from 120 squares created by Brooklyn children and adults across 8 Brooklyn FAM events. Each square narrates a personal story of growth, healing, and joy. As a whole, the squares collectively form the shape of Brooklyn, overlaid atop a tree with exposed roots, honoring our individual voices while symbolizing our interconnectedness and mutuality. On view on BCM's 2nd floor, between ColorLab and the café."

Fashion Forward "B" Dry Goods, through March 30.

An exhibition celebrating the fashion arts, featuring original paintings and drawings by famous designers as well as original textiles, garments, ephemera and contemporary artworks which straddle the art and fashion worlds. "B" Dry Goods, 679 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn.

<https://bdrygoods.com/pages/fashion-forward>

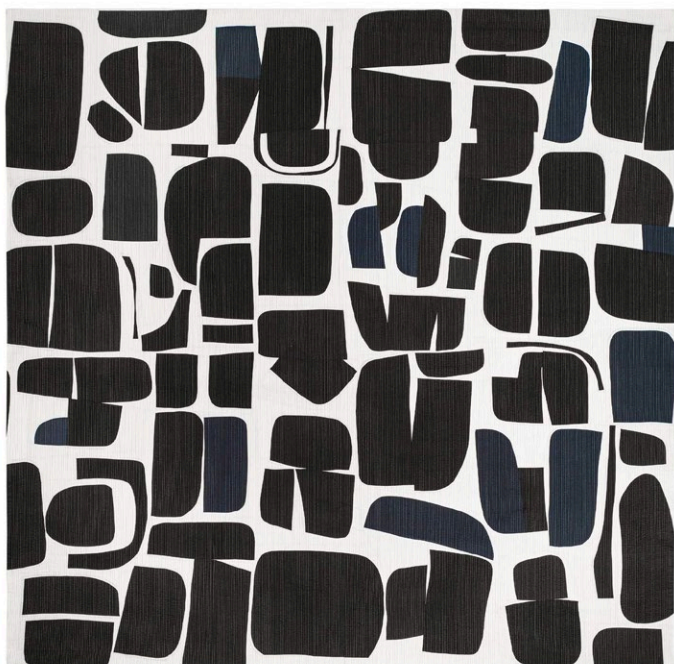
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COLOR IMPROVISATIONS 3, Nancy Crow's current Invitational show opens March 15 in Neumunster, Germany at the Tuch + Technik Textile Museum. The show runs from **March 16 – September 2024** and will travel to multiple venues. Guild members Susan Byrnes, Ellen Piccolo and Shari Werner have work in this show. Venue information will be available when released.



Susan Byrnes quilts showing at Tuch + Technik Textile Museum.
Above: *Doesn't Mean I'm Going Backwards* (80"x80")
Below: *Note Boot Two* (80"x80").



2024 RETREATS

Heritage in Connecticut

The Heritage Hotel is a Spa and Conference Center in Southbury, CT, about one hour and 45 minutes from Brooklyn. For more information, go to:

<https://www.heritagesouthbury.com>

2024 Heritage retreats

April 24–26 (package); extra days 4/22 & 23

July 23–25 (extra days 7/22 & 23)

October 23–25 (extra days 10/21 & 22)

If interested, please contact Carol Lieberman, 917-439-9549, or email: clieber@verizon.net.

Cross Roads in New Jersey

Cross Roads is a camp and retreat facility located in Port Murray, NJ, one and a half hours from Brooklyn. Information about Cross Roads can be found on the website, www.crossroadsretreat.com.

2024 Cross Roads retreats

June Retreat: A double treat! Your Cross Roads retreat organizers are pleased to announce a weekend retreat; and a midweek retreat in early June. These are packaged as two retreats, for the people who work during the week and can come only on the weekend. But you can also combine them and come for the whole time. (We already have 3 signed up for that.) The dates are: June 2–7 for the midweek retreat; and June 7–9 for the weekend retreat.

Please let us know if you are interested. Hey, weekenders! Seek out Susan Aronoff at the March meeting. Martha Musgrove will also be there — and easily findable — because she will be busy vending. Price and details are on the retreat section of the Guild website. Also available personally from us.

More detailed information on the retreats can be found on the Guild's website at <https://www.quiltbrooklyn.org/retreats>.



March 2024 - BOM

Hope of Hartford

This is a fun pinwheel block featuring a partial seam, which is the focus for March. This block was 1st published in *The Farm Journal* in 1945, and was introduced to our Guild in April 1999 when Donna Rae presented it for the Block of the Month!
Linda McNeely & Heidi Swanson

Hope of Hartford

Technique = Partial Seams
Block size is a 10 ½ " square.
¼" Seam allowance.

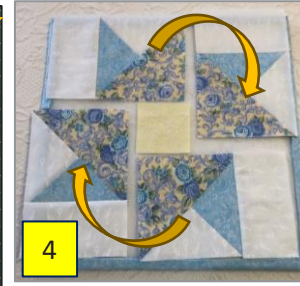
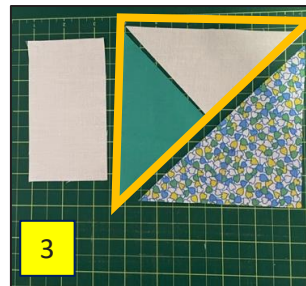
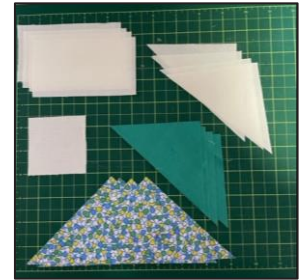
Fabrics & Cutting

1. Center - 1 x 2.5" square
2. Background – 4 rectangles – 2.5" x 4.5" AND 1 - 5.5" square, then cut each square in half diagonally twice
3. Outer* pinwheel – 1 – 5.5" square, then cut in half diagonally twice
4. Inner Pinwheel – 2 – 5" square, then cut each in half diagonally

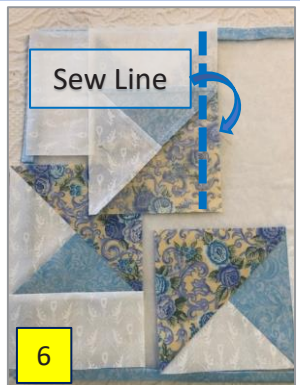
Colors: Off white background fabric; Outer pinwheel solid* fabric (or reads as solid).

Assembly Steps

1. Make 4 triangle units with one background and one outer pinwheel fabric each (gold triangle in photo #3). Press seam to outer/solid fabric.
2. Add large Inner triangle to each of step #1 triangles creating 4 squares.
3. Add a background rectangle to each block, creating the 4 major block segments that surround the center.
4. Layout blocks as shown in photo #4 around center. Start with the upper left block.
5. Flip Center RST to starter left block. Sew partial seam along blue sew line in photo #5.
6. Press seam away from center (for all blocks).
7. Sew upper right block to left (photo #6).
8. Sew remaining blocks working in a clockwise direction.
9. Final seam completes the initial partial seam AND the block (#7)



TIP: The triangles are cut on the bias so to help stabilize the edges and keep from stretching, spray starch can be used.



Bring your block to our next guild meeting to enter the lottery and win that month's collection of blocks! If you can't come to the meeting, you can enter by sharing your block on our BOM Facebook page by 10 am the morning of the Guild Meeting. Each completed block give you one chance to win, whether you are present at the meeting or not. Blocks will be collected from those attending the meeting in person. Everyone else will privately mail their blocks to the winner.



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