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Next Meeting

January 15, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1:00 and 6:00 pm, meeting at 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) January 8, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

January 21

Refreshments:

In January, members whose last names start with the letters E, F, G and H, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting for our coffee / tea break. Consider bringing a treat that was popular in the 1980s!

*In our newsletters' **online version**, blue lettering gives a live link to websites and email addresses. Best viewed in Google Chrome (may not work on a Mac).*

See what our Guild and its members are up to. You can submit photos of your quilts to our Facebook and Instagram sites. Click on the FACEBOOK link [here](#)

Guild Website

The Members Only section password is printed on the back of your membership card. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

Presidents' Pen

Happy 2025! Can you believe we're a quarter of a century into this millennium? Does Y2K seem like yesterday? Anyone want to admit they still have fabric from that era in their stash?

Many thanks to those who organized December's Christmas party and to everyone who provided such a wonderful variety of food. Looking ahead, we will be continuing our 40th anniversary events as well as hosting our annual Quilt Bee and anticipating some interesting programs and workshops.

We've recently celebrated the solstice which turns the corner on the return of the daylight. But January brings the harshest part of the winter so hopefully everyone can 'weather the weather' and take the opportunity to 'sew up a storm' in the hopes the real thing doesn't keep us from meeting this month. Those long winter nights can also be the opportunity to actually read those library books you took out in September.

Happy Quilting! *Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, your Co-Presidents*

Program

Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Years celebrations.

On January 15th we have the Fan Exhibit from the Fiber Art Network. And if there is time I will talk for 15-20 minutes on 'stuff'.

February 19th we have July Plotniko from Snip & Stitch with a pop-up sale and a presentation on thread.

Saturday, March 8th...UFO day at Jonanco.

March 19th...Stacy Wilson of Troll Brothers with a pop-up sale. Her subject is pending.

I'm working on having two instructors teach cloth line bowls / rugs / placemats. More details pending. *Vicki Zoltay, Program chair*

Quilt Bee January 25 Oliver Woods Recreation Centre

Doors open around 8:45 am. Please bring your machines and tools. There will be cutting boards, irons and boards for your use.

This is a potluck lunch so bring something to share as well as your own dishes and utensils and a mug for coffee, which we'll provide. If you have finished quilts to donate and want to bring, please do so even if you are not sewing. I will need two or three volunteers to deal with the food and keep the tea and coffee going. Let me know quiltyjan@gmail.com

Textiles Classroom Project

If you are interested in being involved in a group to help a teacher at John Barsby Secondary School make a quilt with her students, please contact Kathleen Kane at kkane@telus.net or speak to her at the January meeting.

Placemats

Wow, 2024 was a great year for placemat donations! We received 121 placemats and 20 tea cozies during November and December. Our total stock for Christmas giving was 436 placemats and 52 tea cozies. In December I delivered 185 placemats to Nanaimo Meals on Wheels (MOW), 24 placemats to Gabriola Island MOW and 6 placemats with matching tea cozies to Ladysmith MOW. The Salvation Army received 200 placemats and 43 tea cozies. I am sure these will all be very well received and appreciated by these groups. So the NQG donated a total of 415 placemats and 49 tea cozies this year. I think that is certainly a record.

So we are left with 21 placemats and 3 tea cozies moving forward into 2025. I sure hope you can all continue the momentum so we can be as generous next year as well. Thank you all so much for your support.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen

Donation Quilts

We delivered a total of 90 quilts, 8 tote bags and 60 baby hats in December. The list of community organizations is in the December newsletter. See photos on page 10.

Thank you for your continued generosity! At our January meetings, we will have batting, backings and labels available. *Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags*

Raffles

Great Christmas party and wonderful food. I really enjoyed the punch. The winners of the mystery fabric were Judith McLaughlin, Sandra Radley and Laura Beswick. The raffle prize winners were Cathy Proctor x 2, Dana Roncin, Kathleen Kane x 2, Monica Kroeger, Sandra Radley, Heather Henderson, Bonnie Dormuth, Arlene Ackerman and one more that starts with a J but I couldn't read their signature. I think that printing would be better. Looking forward to seeing you with your loonies in January. *Carole Phinney*



Membership

Thanks to those who continue to renew, we now have 126 members. Those of you who have not renewed can still do so by visiting our website at islandquilters.ca. Look under the Membership tab for details on how to renew or join. If you are comfortable with e-transfers and an online fillable pdf membership form, memberships can be done quickly and efficiently by emailing to membershipnqg@gmail.com

Not sure if you have renewed or not? Send an email to membershipnqg@gmail.com or check the list on the website. Those without internet can call 250-751-1515 or 250-616-1380. We are still happy to welcome renewals and new members.

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership Committee



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Library

Welcome back. It seems like forever since the Library has been in operation...September 2024 to be exact. Please scour your shelves, tabletops and perhaps even the floor for your signed out items. It goes without saying we are not going to be doing any renewals.

We also have some new/new to us books to share with you. Labels will begin with B-24- and will be displayed on the window ledge. *The Library Team*

Jelly Roll Animal Quilts ~ Ira Rott

Loving Stitches, A Guide to Fine Hand Quilting ~ Jeana Kimball

Redwork with a Twist ~ Pat Sloan

The Embroiderer's Handbook ~ Margie Bauer

Table Toppers, Celebrating the Great Outdoor ~ Debbie Field

Four Seasons of Calendar Table Toppers ~ Lynette Jensen

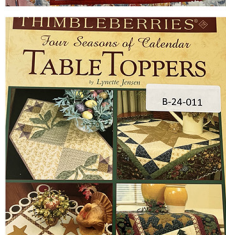
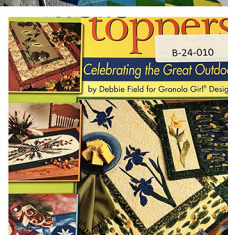
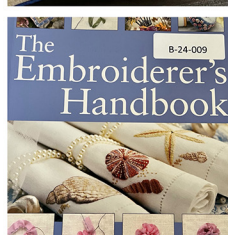
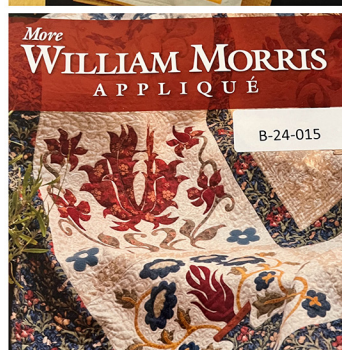
Modern and Minimal ~ Alissa Carlton

Thread Work Unraveled ~ Sarah Ann Smith

Walking Foot Quilting Designs ~ Melissa Marginet

More William Morris Applique ~ Michelle Hill

Skinny Quilts & Table runners II ~ Eleanor Levie ed.



Quilts of Valour

A big thank you to our guild members who have lovingly donated a Quilt of Valour this year. I have presented a total of 24 quilts across central Vancouver Island this year and still have 7 outstanding requests.

Our veterans are extremely appreciative and honored to receive a one of a kind quilt. (see photos at right)

Each quilt is registered within the national data base and the quilter is acknowledged on the quilt label.

Please feel free to contact me if you need backing or batting.

Quilts of Valour.ca website has free block patterns and great ideas.

Thank you again for your support. *Joan Irving*



2024 / 2025 Challenge

IWe still have a few kits available since our November meetings were cancelled. The kits are \$2 each and will be on sale at the day time meeting in January. There is still a lot of time before the deadline in April. If you have more than one idea that represents the theme **"Time Flies, Celebrating 40 Years"** you might consider purchasing a second kit. Best of luck everyone. Happy creating.

Rules to Play By - Please create a piece that:

- measures 18" by 18" square,
- includes a recognizable amount of the feature fabrics. Any number of additional fabrics and embellishments can be added,
- highlights 40 years in some way. Your submission must include 40 in a way that is meaningful to you,
- includes a title that makes reference to how the 40 is interpreted (Ruby Anniversary, 40 Candles, 40 Fireworks, 40th Anniversary Flower, etc.),
- is your own creation (no commercial blocks, patterns or black line drawings),
- is a traditional quilt sandwich with backing, batting, and top but can be bound in your preferred style,
- is turned in at either of the April 2025 guild meetings in an opaque bag. The pieces will be displayed at the May AGM, when voting by members will take place.

Please include your first and last name, quilt title, and phone number on a piece of paper safety pinned to the back of your piece. Since this isn't a show year, no hanging sleeve is required. Only one entry per person is permitted, unless additional kits are available. Each person may only win one ribbon/prize.

Vicki Dods & Jeannette Blackmore, Challenge Coordinators

Quilt Shows

Westshore Quilters' Guild Sew Magic, Evening Gala Thursday April 3 7-9 pm (\$15 also allows entry to Show) Show April 4, 10-5, April 5 10-4 \$10 for both days. Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre Main Building, Upper Arena, 1767 Island Highway, Colwood westshorequiltersguild.ca facebook.com/WQGSshow

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General Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024

Call to order: 1:34 pm by Kathleen Kane, Co-President

Hospitality: afternoon 77 members, 2 guests, evening 21 members and 3 guests.

Moved by Sandy Dobson, seconded by Pat Ryan to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of September 18, 2024 as posted. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Haven Society.

Treasurer's report: posted on the notice board

Committee Reports

Donations: report on page 3 in November newsletter.

Block of the month: Good response for the September Ruby Block. See report on page 14 in Nov. newsletter.

Challenge: see report on page 6 in November newsletter.

Quilt Bee: see report on page 6 in November newsletter.

40th Anniversary: Terri Askham's report on page 1 & page 7 in Nov. newsletter. She introduced a monthly activity called "40 Things". Cake was enjoyed all around!

Program: Report on page 1 in November newsletter. . Garage Sale shopping was brisk. Vicki was pleased to report that at the recent retreat, participants made 27 placemats, 16 incubator (NICU) quilts and 6 shopping

bags for donation. Colours for Retreat 2025's Strip Poker game will be hot pink and lime green. Suggestion for the next Sampler Platter is to watch the recordings (available for 72 hours), skim through the presentations to find the ones you are interested in. You can also download the information packets before the presentations to see which interest you most. Nancy Lutes has arranged for the Fibre Arts Network display to be shown at the January meeting.

UFO Day at Jonanco March 15, 2025.

DRAWS:

Show & Share: Mary Jane McLaughlin, Sandra Radley (eve)

Hospitality: Sandra Radley, evening Laura Beswick

Mystery Fabric: Phyllis Moore evening Ellen Ellis

Raffles: Lillian Charron, Sue Banasky, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Sheila Redel, Elinor Martin-Law, Annie Rauer Bothwell, Heather Henderson and Ellen Ellis
Evening: Laura Beswick, Tuesday Shay, Christine Hustins, Vicki Zoltay

Block of the Month: Lynn Bentsen

Adjourned: at 2:55 pm Valerie Ursulak, Guild Secretary

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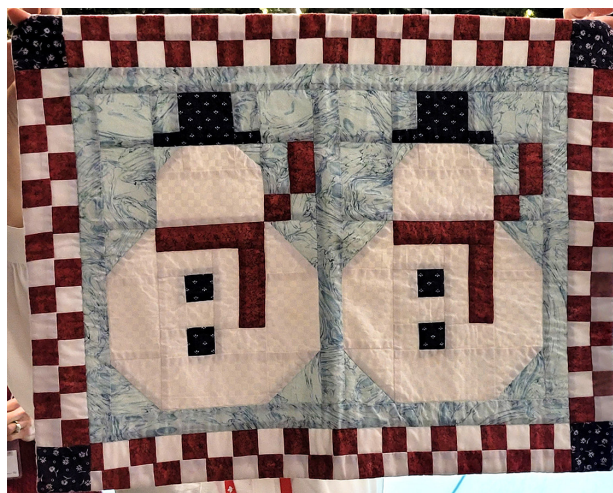


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Above: Cornerstone and Sunfield Manor Housing.
Left: Barney Ellis-Perry CEO Hospital Foundation Below: NRGH Paediatrics Unit, Crossroads, Eden Gardens.
Right: special gurney quilt for Eden Gardens, made by Nadine Lindstrom and completed by Lynn Bentsen and Bonnie Eaton



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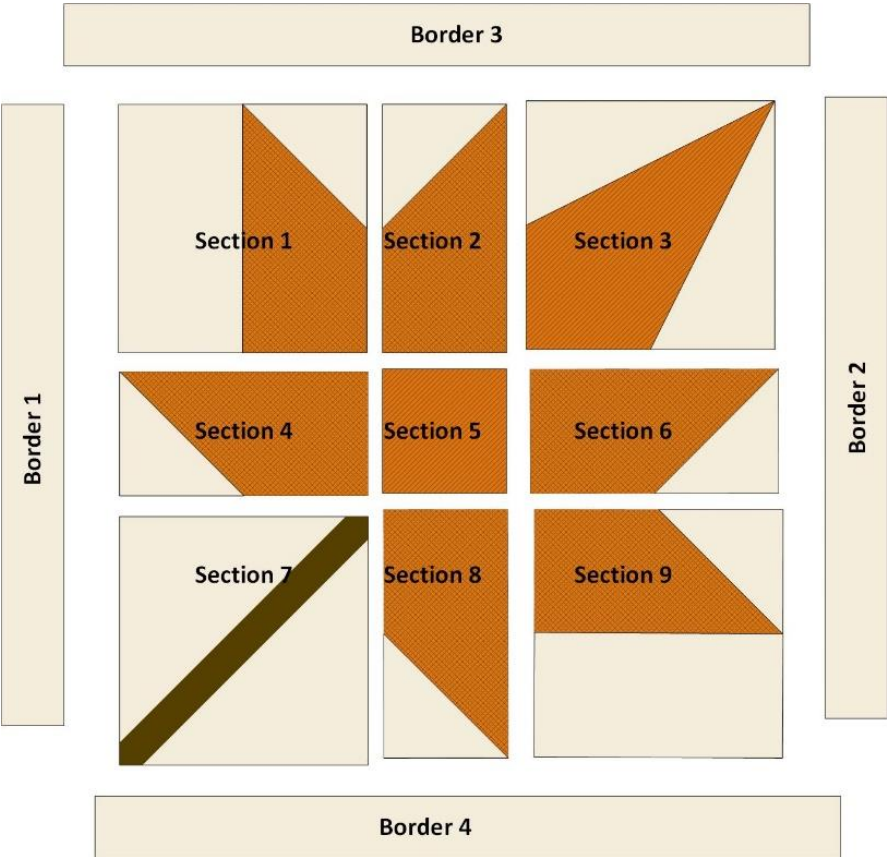


Block of the Month Update

September Ruby block: 13 blocks were submitted and were won by Lynn Bentsen. The October leaf block will be submitted in January, due to November cancellation and December party. So if you haven't made one yet, you now have time! Happy holidays, Lidia lidia.hak@protonmail.com

Block finishes to 12" (12 ½ x 12 ½ raw edges)

Colours: Beige background, Leaf in fall colours (eg rust, dark orange,red,etc)



Cutting instructions

Background	6 @ 2 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches 2 @ 2 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches 1 @ 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches 2 @ 2 ¾ " x ~5 ½" 2 @ 1 ½ inches x 10 ½ inches (Borders 1 & 2) 2@ 1 ½ inches x 12 ½ inches (Borders 3 & 4)
Leaf	6 @ 2 ½ inches by 4 ½ inches 1 @ 2 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches 1 @ 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches
Stem	1 inch x ~7 inches

Step 1: Leaf tips -- Sections 2,4,6,8 and part of Sections 1 & 9

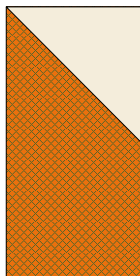
For each of the 6 leaf tips:

Draw diagonal line on the backs of the 2 ½ inch background squares. This is the *sewing line*.

Right sides together line up square with a 2 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch leaf rectangle. Sew along diagonal.

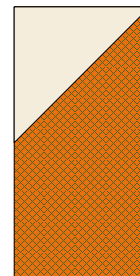
Make 3 with the point to the left

Part of Section 1
Section 6
Section 8



And 3 with the point to the right

Section 2
Section 4
Part of Section 9

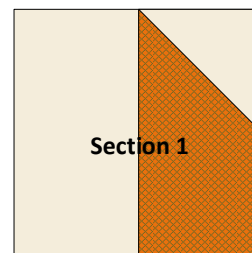


Trim excess, press

Step 2: Section 1

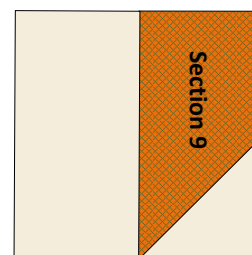
Use 1 Left tip piece sewn in step 1 and 1 2 ½ x 4 ½ background fabric

Sew along 4 ½ inch edge ensuring the background is on the left, tip is at the top

**Step 3: Section 9**

Use 1 Right tip piece sewn in step 1 and 1 2 ½ x 4 ½ background fabric

Sew along 4 ½ inch edge ensuring the background is on the left, tip is at the bottom

**Step 4: Section 7 - stem**

Cut 4 ½ x 4 ½ inch background square along diagonal.

Sew stem to diagonal edges.

Trim to 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches.

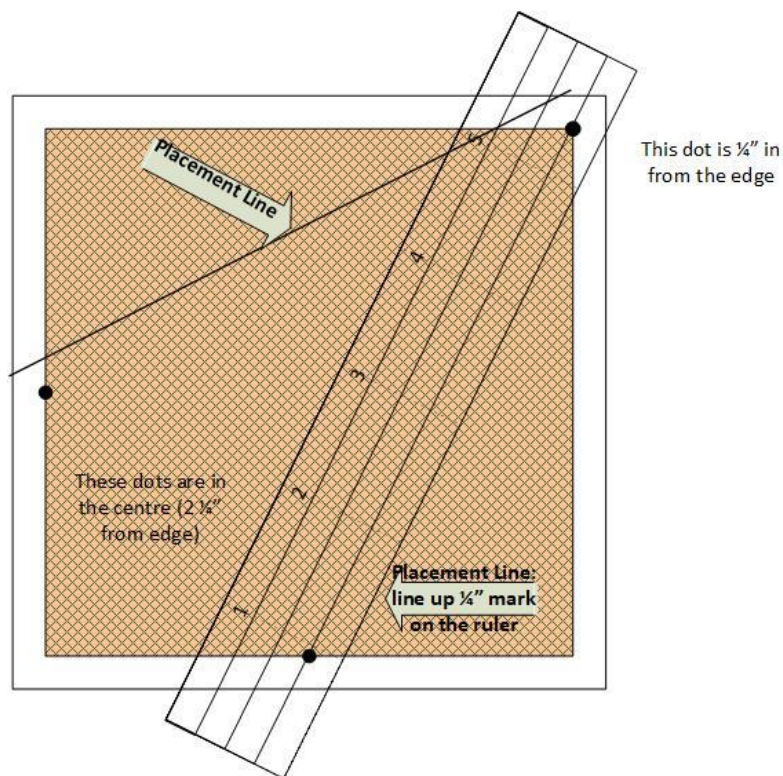
Step 5: Section 3 – long tip

Two methods are shown for drawing placement lines to the *right side* of the 4 ½" leaf fabric.

Method 1-Placement lines

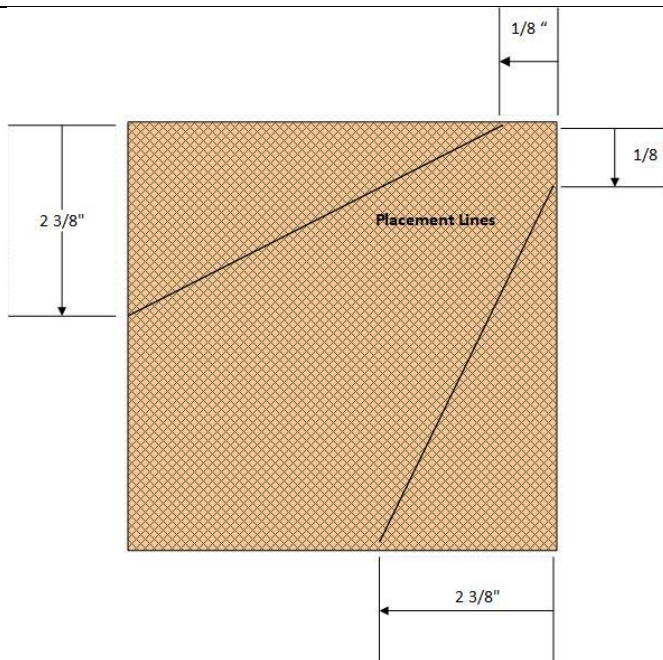
To Draw *placement* lines onto the **right** side of the 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch leaf fabric:

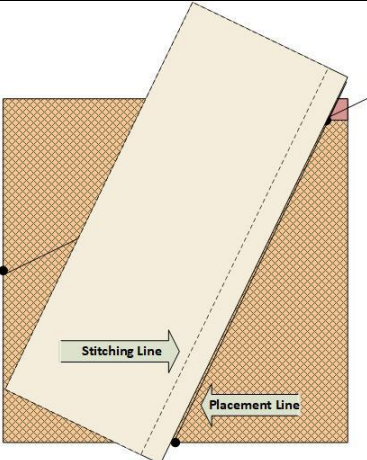
- Identify the endpoints as noted in the diagram
 - ¼" in from the top right corner
 - Midpoint at the bottom and left sides, ¼" from edges
- Using a ruler, line up dots on the ruler's ¼" line (away from center) and draw line

**Method 2-Placement lines**

To Draw *placement* lines onto the **right** side of the 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch leaf fabric:

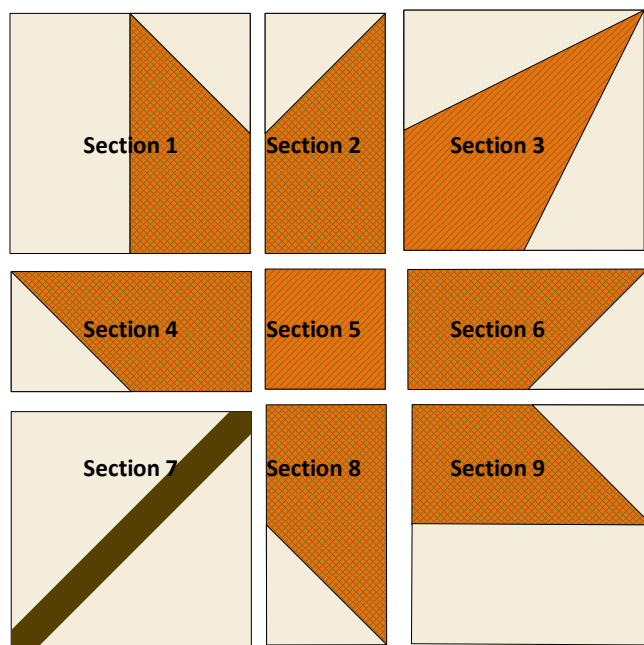
- Measure 1/8" from top right corner raw edge
- On Left edge measure 2 3/8" down from the top
- Draw line using these endpoints
- Measure 1/8" down from top right corner raw edge
- On the bottom edge measure 2 3/8" to the left
- Draw line using these endpoints



<p>Using the 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch background pieces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align 5 inch edge of background piece on placement line. <p>Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam using edge of background piece as your guide</p>	
<p>Trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press</p> <p>Repeat for other background piece.</p> <p>Trim section to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches square being mindful of keeping a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance at the tip</p>	

Step 6: Sew 9 patch

Layout sections and sew



Step 7: Add borders

Add 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch borders to left and right sides

Add 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch borders to the top and bottom

Block of the Month Information

This year six blocks will be presented. For every block made and submitted, your name is added for the draw to win all the blocks for the month. If 3 are submitted, then 3 entries with your name are included. Colours will be recommended for each block. All the blocks will finish to 12 inches, so if you wish to make the block but do not submit, you can make your own sampler quilt. (If not being submitted, colour scheme does not have to be adhered to.)

The guild will offer a prize to the winner when the quilt is completed within 2 months of the submission day AND the finished quilt is donated.

Draw for the blocks will be held at the evening meeting.

October block: Maple leaf (to be submitted in January)

Questions may be directed to Lidia Hak at Lidia.hak@protonmail.com