

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting Christmas Potluck

December 11, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 4:30 pm

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

Newsletter Deadline

December 21

Refreshments:

For our December 11 potluck, please bring a dish of your choice together with any serving utensils. A card with ingredients listed is welcome, for members who may have allergies. More info below right.

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

Merry Quilting Season! We are sure that many a machine has been busy preparing for the coming holiday season. With the short time remaining small projects are the best laid plan. Ellen is working on a large pile of fabric Christmas tree ornaments for family and friends. Every year brings a new project, each ornament a reminder of those who are special in my life. We hope you are successful in completing all your holiday projects on time!

Thank you to everyone who prepared for the November Guild meeting. The cancellation was made to keep everyone safe, as limited communication made it difficult to access the situation. Messages were sent out by email and the phone tree, but some intrepid members did make it to the Curling Rink. When we are faced with these difficult weather situations it is best to check your email/phone messages before heading out. That, of course, assumes your email and phone service are working! We apologize to those who didn't "get the memo", and admire your determination to beat the weather and make a Quilt Guild meeting your top priority. To help us keep you informed of cancellations or any other important Guild news, please keep your contact information up to date with Membership.

And since we missed you in November, we are especially looking forward to seeing everyone at the legendary Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11 at 4:30 pm, a week earlier than our usual meeting day. It will be a time for fun, food and laughter and a great way to launch our holiday season.

Finally, if you have made a donation of a quilt, placemat, bag or Christmas stocking, please bring it on December 11 for distribution this year.

Happy Holidays one and all. *Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, your Co-Presidents*

Christmas Potluck Wednesday December 11

Our Christmas Potluck party starts at around 4:30, for at least an hour of socializing. The Curling rink bar is available for a beverage and we will have an non-alcoholic punch on our side.

For new members, in addition to your potluck offering, you need to know you must bring your own plate, cup and utensils, and a plastic bag for your dirty dishes.

There will be four door prizes so please remember to pick up your ticket at the front door. We will be having a show and share of your Christmas projects. If you want to dress in your Christmas finery, please do so. We should be done by 7:30 or so if you need to be picked up. Any questions please email me at quiltyjan@gmail.com

Library

We are sorry we missed each other in November. The good news is that everyone will definitely have had enough time to go through their selections with a fine-tooth comb. We are keeping our fingers crossed the weather cooperates in January. (There is no Library in December). *The Library Team*

Placemats

So disappointing to miss the November meeting. That was quite the storm and I was without power for 2 days and email with Shaw was very sketchy.

I was hoping to get a boost in the placemat donations prior to our December donations to Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army.

If anyone has a number of placemats ready, just give me a call at 250-468-5527 or email heatherhenderson@shaw.ca and I can pick them up from you.

I will also be accepting placemats at the December meeting at the Christmas party. Let's pray for no snowstorms!

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen

Donation Quilts

We have started delivering donations quilts to the following community organizations:

Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre: 11 baby quilts, 8 tote bags

Eden Gardens: 7 adult quilts, 1 wheelchair quilt, 1 memorial quilt for gurney

NRGH Foundation:

Dufferin Place: 8 adult quilts

NICU: 22 incubator quilts, 60 baby hats

Palliative Care: 5 adult quilts

Paediatrics: 20 kids & teen quilts

Cornerstone Housing: 6 adult quilts

Sunfield Seniors Housing: 9 adult quilts

Since there was no meeting in November, we will accept donation quilts at the Christmas potluck dinner on December 11. In January, we will have batting, backings and labels available

Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags



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Membership

We now have 124 members. If you want to join for this year please do so at any time using the membership tab on the Guild website islandquilters.ca

Cards and receipts continue to be available at meetings and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. An updated list of members has just been submitted and can be accessed on the member only section of the website.

Meanwhile keep the creative juices flowing with whatever you are creating for the upcoming season.

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership Committee
membershipnqg@gmail.com

Raffles

We had no power for 4 days so I was glad that the November meeting was cancelled. Now I have all these prizes so I have decided to add them to the December meeting. Bring your loonies and toonies for lots of prizes.

You may wonder about the Mystery Fabric. The proceeds go toward the annual bursary that is given to a student planning on furthering their education in fabric arts. Tickets are only \$1.00 and in December there will be 3 mystery fabrics. *Carole Phinney*

Textiles Classroom Project

Our Guild is forming a small group to help a teacher at John Barsby Secondary School who wants to help students learn the value of using textiles for civic engagement. She has some quilting fabric in her classroom and was hoping to get the students involved in creating a quilt they could auction off, with the proceeds being donated to Haven Society.

If you are interested in being involved in this initiative - or would like to lead it - please contact Kathleen Kane at kkane@telus.net or speak to me at the December potluck.



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2024 / 2025 Challenge

In honour of our guild's 40th anniversary, our challenge this year is titled "Time Flies, Celebrating 40 Years." If you missed purchasing a kit in October, several kits will be available at the December meeting for \$2 each. 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

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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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CQA Report

CQA is focusing very strongly on inclusivity this year, with that agenda being reflected in the choice of quilt along they are promoting. For our further understanding of this decision, the rest of this report is a direct quote from the Canadian Quilters' Association. The quilt along begins in January. Learn more [here](#)

"The CQA/ACC **True Colours Quilt Along 2025** celebrates diversity and inclusion, with a focus on support for 2SLGBTQI+ communities leading up to Pride Month in June 2025. The goal is to ensure everyone feels welcome in the quilting circle.

We hope you'll join us in January by making quilts and either gifting them to people you know, or donating them to organizations that supports 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Check [here](#) in January for inspiration and donation ideas.

Why is CQA/ACC celebrating sexual and gender diversity with the True Colours Quilt Along?

The mission of the Canadian Quilters Association/Association Canadienne de la courtépointe, is to promote and celebrate quilting in Canada, both historically and into the future. One of CQA/ACC's objectives is to foster cooperation and sharing between quilt-makers across the country.

Furthermore, CQA/ACC seeks to grow the organization by attracting new members, younger quilters, quilters of diverse backgrounds, including quilters who are Black, Indigenous, and people of colour, as well as members of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. We aim to ensure that CQA/ACC provides a welcoming community for everyone, and for quilters of all types.

One of the ways we do that is to share stories from a diverse community of quilters in Canadian Quilter magazine and on the blog. Another way is to host the True Colours Quilt Along, to celebrate 2SLGBTQI+ communities, to help increase understanding of sexual and gender diversity, and to show support for 2SLGBTQI+ people who face challenges every day with acceptance and belonging.

We also encourage guilds to ensure their meetings are welcoming environments for all quilters. For some guidance around becoming a more inclusive guild, read Bill Stearman's [article](#) on the CQA/ACC blog.

We welcome you to make a True Colours quilt for yourself, for a friend or member of your family, or for a local organization that provides support to 2SLGBTQI+ youth and adults." *Christine Hustins, CQA liaison*



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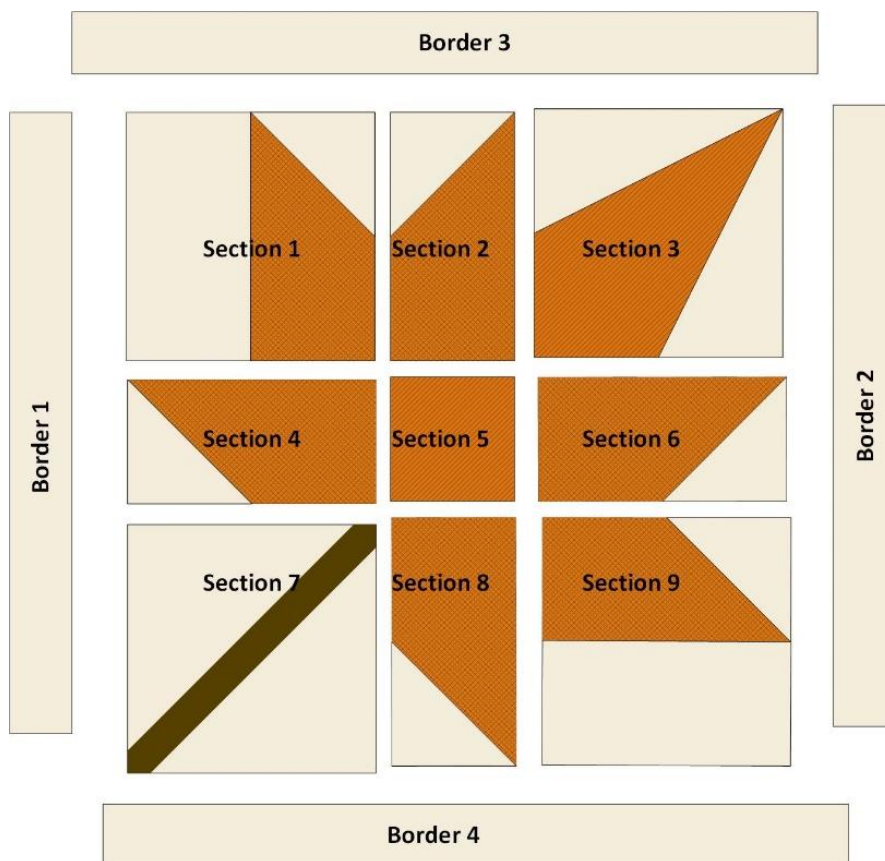


Block of the Month Update

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 1/2 x 12 1/2 raw edges)

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



Cutting instructions

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

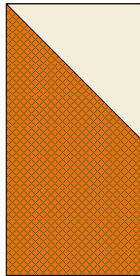
Step 1: Leaf tips -- Sections 2,4,6,8 and part of Sections 1 & 9

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.

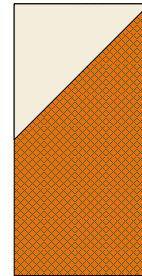
Right sides together line up square with a 2 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch leaf rectangle. Sew along diagonal.

Make 3 with the point
to the left



Part of Section 1
Section 6
Section 8

And 3 with the point
to the right



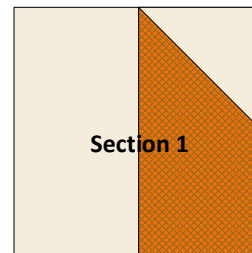
Section 2
Section 4
Part of Section 9

Trim excess, press

Step 2: Section 1

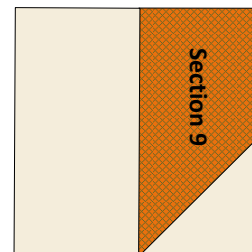
Use 1 Left tip piece sewn in step 1 and 1 2 ½ x 4 ½ background fabric

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.

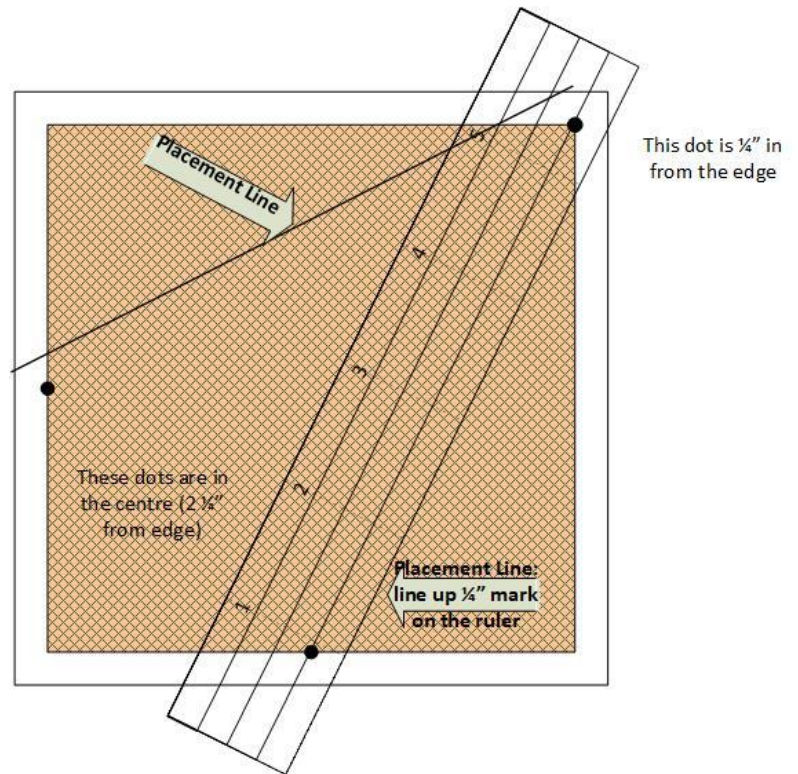
Step 5: Section 3 – long tip

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

Method 1-Placement lines

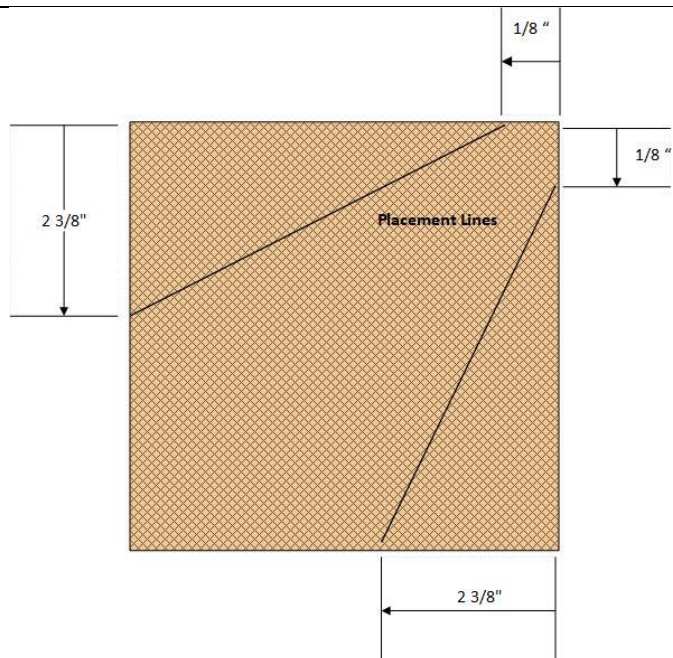
To Draw *placement* lines onto the **right** side of the 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch leaf fabric:

- 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:

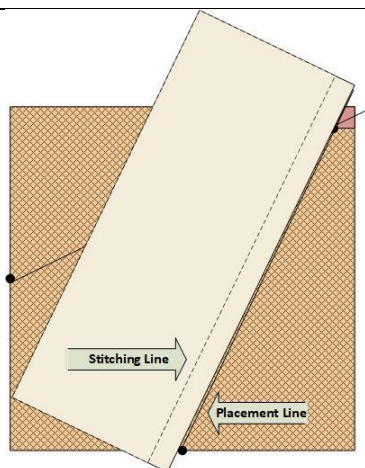
- Measure 1/8" from top right corner raw edge
- On Left edge measure 2 3/8" down from the top
- Draw line using these endpoints
- Measure 1/8" down from top right corner raw edge
- On the bottom edge measure 2 3/8" to the left
- Draw line using these endpoints



Using the 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch background pieces

- Align 5 inch edge of background piece on placement line.

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam using edge of background piece as your guide



Trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

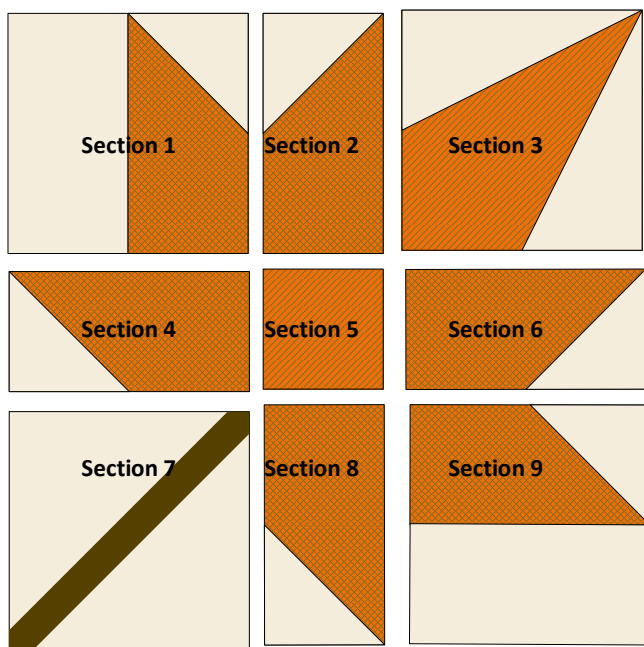
Press

Repeat for other background piece.

Trim section to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches square being mindful of keeping a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance at the tip

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