

The Circular

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President's Message

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and had at least a little time to relax and enjoy. It is hard to believe that December is here. My mother told me that time speeds up "as one gets older." I am finding that this is true. Maybe it is just that we are all busier.

Caring Hands met today. We worked on tote bags and baby bibs to donate to a new charity; one called Mother's Hope. This group provides counseling and supplies for new mothers who are living with incomes below the poverty level.

Last week I was rummaging through the fabric in my cellar looking for bright children's fabric appropriate for bibs. I found many pieces. And, as always, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people. Much of what I have was donated by members of Faithful Circle Quilters. I thought that you might like to know what we have been doing with your "stuff". We have donated 37 quilts and 17 fleece blankets to Project Linus; 255 mastectomy pillows to local hospitals; 72 tote bags and mastectomy pillows to The Breast Center at

Howard County General Hospital; approximately 215 anxiety quilts to St. Agnes Hospital; 157 walker bags to Kernan Hospital and 50 bibs to Mother's Hope. Although we do end up buying some supplies (large batting, twill tape for ties on the walker bags) most of what we use comes from you. Thank you very much for that support!

FCQ Officers

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I would also like to thank each of you for the support you provide to other projects. The FCQ Silent Auction brought in \$2,245 for the Thanksgiving baskets that the Presbyterian Church distributes to families in Howard County. Our members also donated \$2,364 to Love Quilts. FCQ members have supported the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Quilts of Valor and a host of other organizations. I feel very privileged to be a part of this group.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Try to fit in some quiet quilting time. See you in January.

Peg

SILENT AUCTION!

Thank you! Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in November's Silent Auction - we raised a whopping \$2,245 in 45 minutes of bidding, which was donated to First Presbyterian's Thanksgiving baskets program. So, whether you donated items, purchased items, made a cash donation, or just wished us well, thank you!

Thomas Nassau, deacon of The First Presbyterian Church, sent a thank you letter. They "were able to support more than 43 families associated with the Foreign-Born Information Referral Network (FIRN), Congregations Concerned for the Homeless (CCH), as well as the Maryland Food Bank." He wrote, "Your past and continuing assistance in this endeavor makes the Thanksgiving holiday more enjoyable for those in our community who are less fortunate."

EDUCATION NEWS

Lois Smith's class "Binding, Edging, Piping, Finishing Your Quilt" will take place on Saturday, February 2. There is a space left. Barbara Olson's class also has openings in April.

See Eleanor to sign up, or call 301-483-4770.

THE NEW FRIENDSHIP BLOCK

The winner is - Diagonal Sash. Runner up was Linda Bernard's circle. Entries #1, #8, and #9 were all the same pattern, but with different widths and together gained the most votes by far. Combining these into a happy medium, we now have a new, easy to make Friendship block with room for a signature and lots of setting options! Instructions are included in this newsletter and on the web on the newsletter page and the patterns page. The link is: <http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/patterns/FriendshipBlockInstructions.pdf>

Our first member to receive the new design is Julie Rizzello who is moving to Massachusetts. So stitch up a new block in Julie's choice of a white-on-white sash with batiks. Sides can match or be two different batiks. Bring your block to a meeting and we'll send them to her.

HEARTS FOR MEMBERS

From Margaret Ward:

To all who sent me cards and hearts, It was wonderful to open the mail each day and see the beautiful surprises. I'm still in the nursing home and hopefully will be going home soon. I'm not yet back to 100%. I know how important it is to receive a heart, and it does bring a smile to my face. Thank you again for everything.

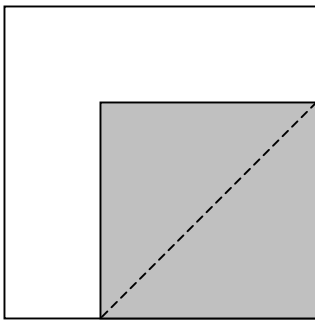
Your friend, Margaret Ward.

Friendship Block Instructions

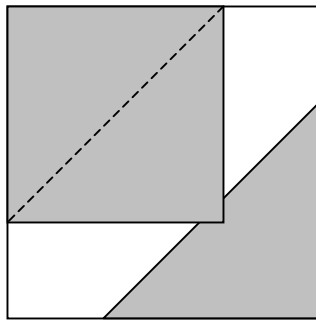
Cut:

- One 7" square of the fabric that you'll sign (signature fabric)
- Two 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of the accent or print fabric

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each accent square.
2. Right sides together, line up one accent square with the corner of the signature fabric and stitch on the drawn line from corner to corner. Fold accent fabric back to corner and press. Do not cut off seam allowances.
3. Align the other accent square, right sides together in the opposite corner, stitch along the line, fold back, and press as for the first.

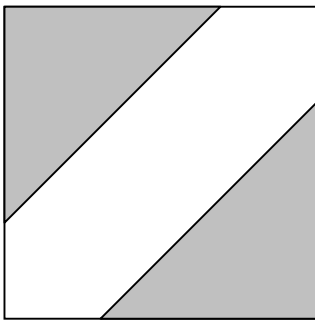


Step 2



Step 3

4. Sign the diagonal "sash" with your name and a message if you like. Press to heat set the ink. Leave the seam allowances for the recipient to cut off or leave as she likes.



You're done!

HELP WANTED:

Webmaster for FCQ Quilt Show Pages

Do you have some web experience? Would you like to design and maintain the FCQ 2008 Quilt Show pages of our website? Initially we just need a page with the info about the time and place for the show and info about the raffle quilt. As we get closer to show time, we'll probably add info about (or links to) vendor lists, demonstrations, volunteer signup sheets, perhaps a calendar that outlines the schedule for our traveling raffle quilt ticket sales - you get the idea. We already have some graphics designed by Debra Gabel so you've got a head start!

To see the web page from our last show, go to: <http://www.faircirclequilters.com/show/show.html>

If you have experience (and software!) to create web pages, please contact Monica Thomas, and she'll fill you in on the details.

LOVE QUILTS

A special thank you to Seminole Sampler for their generous donation of fabric bolts for Love Quilts. We especially appreciate donations of large amounts of yardage that we can use for quilt backings. The fabric will be put to good use!

This month 60 small Love Quilts were donated to the Howard Hospital Foundation. This is the organization that handles donations for Howard County General Hospital. Your hard work on our Love Quilts so far this year will help make many children's stay at the hospital just a little warmer and brighter. Perhaps you will consider taking home a Love Quilt kit to sew another quilt top over our December break? Kits are always available at our meetings and we'll have some extra available at the holiday parties.

2007-08 MEMBER DIRECTORY

The new directory and membership cards have been completed. Please pick up your copy at the holiday parties in December. An addendum to the directory is planned for early in the year.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

October BOM Block #2

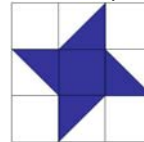
Square in a Square



Nancy Evans won these.

November BOM Block #3

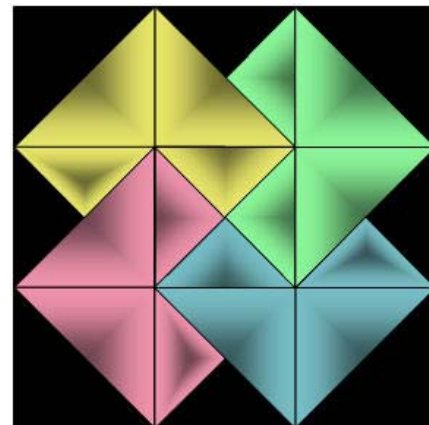
Half-Square Triangles



will be drawn at Thursday party.

December BOM Block #4

Card Trick Block



Block will be done with a background color and four "card" colors.

The blocks are made up of $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ triangles, and an hourglass block.

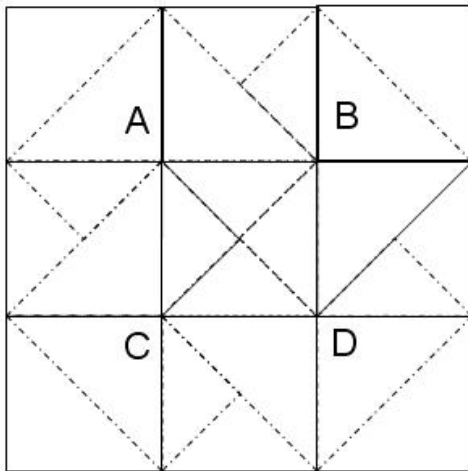
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Background will be referred to as BK.

Card colors will be A, B, C and D. Upper left is color A. Upper right is color B. Lower left is color C. Lower right is color D.

The **color selection for the month is blue and white**. The background will be white. Please select four different blues. These can be different prints, or different values of blue. There may be other colors in the pattern, but the predominant or background color should be blue.



For each "card" color - cut three $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares. From the black background color - cut $12 - 4 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

This will make two blocks.

Draw a diagonal line down the center of each color square. Match a color square with a background square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the center line. These can be chain stitched. Cut on the center line. Press to the dark (color) side. You now have $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles. Do this with 2 squares of all four colors.

Set aside one square from each color and background combination - these will be your corner squares. It would be helpful to put a piece of tape on this indicating A, B, C or D.

Take four of the newly stitched $\frac{1}{2}$ square blocks. Cut them in half on the diagonal - this

cut will bisect the halves into quarters. When cutting, lay your ruler from point to point, but be sure to lay one of the marked lines on the ruler over your seam line. This will insure your cut will be perpendicular to the seam.

Take the four remaining color squares, cut in half on the diagonal. It is helpful to have the diagram handy at this point. You might want to lay these four out on your table in their proper block location.

Take the A color triangle and match it up with the B quarter square triangle that you just cut. Check the diagram for the correct $\frac{1}{4}$ square triangle half. Stitch pieces carefully together to make a square. Press to the solid side.

**One piece is larger than the other. Lay the smaller piece on top with the point in line with the piece below it.

Take color B triangle; match this up with the D quarter square triangle. Stitch and press.

Take color D triangle; match this up with the C quarter square triangle. Stitch and press.

Repeat with the remaining pieces for your second block.

You will have $8 - \frac{1}{4}$ square triangles left. Now this pains me to tell you, but remove the stitching from these blocks. Piece together the color sections A to B and C to D. Then stitch the new halves together. Refer to the diagram to be sure of correct placement.

Trim all squares to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ ", being careful to have your diagonals properly placed before trimming. Piece squares together to form blocks. Block should measure $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " square. **Finished block size is 9"**.

Be sure to put your name on your blocks for drawing!

List of members' services

Debra Gabel Business: Zebra Patterns. Lectures, Workshops, Consulting, Trunk Shows. A full line of quilt patterns. Lectures and guild workshops based on my patterns or art quilts. Private studio mentorships in my studio. Consultant to local quilt shops and individuals. Bachelor of Fine Arts from the State NY University-New Paltz. Phone: 410-531-9047 Email: debra@zebrapatterns.com Website: <http://zebrapatterns.com> (under construction)

Julia Graves Business: Special Occasion Quilts LLC. Long-arm machine classes and rental on APQS Millenium in Burtonsville MD. Designing and creating custom quilts; discounted Quilter's Dream batting: cotton, polyester, or blend. Phone: 301 860-1376 Email: juliagraves@verizon.net Website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/juliagraves/>

Jean McDonald Business: A Touch of Class, Laurel, Maryland. Custom quilting using a Gammill Longarm Quilting Machine and overall patterns using a Statler Stitcher. Other services offered: making memory quilts, creating custom quilts, and t-shirt quilts, batting available for customers in my studio. Training: hands-on classes taken with Linda Taylor, Karen McTavish, Marcia Stevens, Pam Clarke, and Kathy Olson. Phone: 301-725-8183 email: mj4mcd@quixnet.net

Maria O'Haver Business: Pangor Quilt Design Studio in Ellicott City. Long-arm quilting; quilt design, construction, basting, top finishing, repair. T-shirt quilts and quilted apparel. Phone 410 750-3866 Email: mohaver@comcast.net and web <http://www.mariaohaver.com/>

Linda Schiffer Store: Seminole Sampler in Catonsville; teach private classes on a wide variety of quilt and sewing topics Call the shop to register. Email: quilter@lhsdesigns.jagunet.com

Susan Schreurs - Memory Patch. -quilt repair and restoration in home studio. Also work on hand-knits and other "treasures" (old and new) to creatively repair, restore or repurpose the treasure so that it can remain in use and appreciated.. Phone: 301-526-3439 or 301-570-0715 Email: schreurs_ss@yahoo.com.

Inge Stocklin - quilt restoration, appraisals and quilt washing. I have a B.S. degree in textiles from Univ of MD, owned the Quilt Studio in Ellicott City for almost 10 years. Phone: 301-490-3544 Email: ingestocklin@comcast.net.

CALENDAR

Dec 1 Board Meeting
Dec 3..Monday Party
Dec 6..Thursday Party
No other Dec meetings
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Jan 3 Thursday meetings resume; Love Quilts
Jan 7 Monday meetings resume; Love Quilts
Feb 2 10 am - 4 pm Lois Smith class, fee
Feb 4 Love Quilts
Feb 7 Love Quilts
Feb 9 Board Meeting 9 am
Mar 8&9 Paula Nadelstern 2 day class, fee
Mar 10, 7pm Paula Nadelstern lecture
Apr 5 Board Meeting
Apr 16-19, 2008 Quilt Show
Apr 27 Barbara Olsen class, fee

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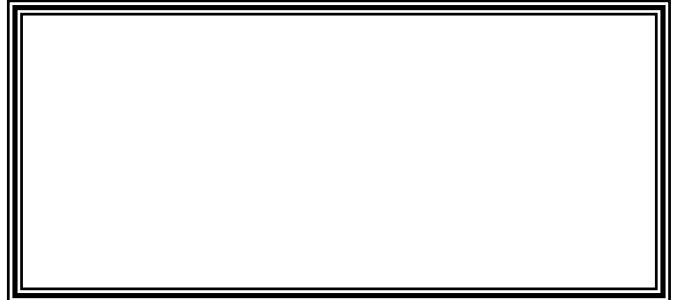
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Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on Monday
evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from
10 am to 2 pm
At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD

Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy Dec Birthday Party

05	Nancy Meier	19	Kathleen Panzera
08	Hikari Nakamoto	23	Sandy Reading
10	Carole Custer	23	Sherry Shane
12	Susan Lutz	24	Carol Petranek
13	Nancy Martin	29	Sheva Farkas
13	Jean Williams	30	Janet Anderson
15	Kay Pappas	31	Marie Kettleberger
15	Joan Thorpe	31	Meghan Newkirk
16	Anne Kelly		
18	Carla Ketterer		
18	Martha Tyree		