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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays, everyone!!

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or any other winter holiday, I hope that you have a December filled with family, friends, food, and lots of fun! And speaking of fun, keep in mind our Holiday Parties on December 3 and December 7. I hope to see you at one or both of them! And don't forget, after those parties, we won't meet again until after New Year's, so that you'll have even more time to relax and enjoy whatever holidays you celebrate, and hopefully, squeeze in a little quilting, too!

Thursday holiday party: December 3rd at 11:30. Bring your potluck items and plan to arrive at 11:15 for appetizers!

Monday evening group holiday party: December 7th at 7 p.m. Bring your potluck items and plan to arrive at 6:45 for appetizers!

If you never got a chance to sign up, come anyway and bring any food item you'd like to share. There will be door prizes, games, lots of great food and friends with which to share the holiday spirit! Bring holiday themed quilts to decorate the walls!! Contact Maria O'Haver if you have questions.

MEMBERSHIP

From Alka Mital

An update to the 2009-10 membership directory will be made available in late January 2010 with those members who did not make the September cut-off date. If you still have not renewed your membership, please submit your application and fee to Alka Mital or Maria O'Haver by December 31 to have your name included in the January update.

EDUCATION

From Sheva Farkas

On January 9th we will have two classes. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Paula Golden will teach a class in marking quilts. The second class will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will be Fantastic Felines, a class on color confidence and tessellations. Paula will be lecturing at the guild on Monday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. Paula was teacher of the year in 2002, so her classes and lecture should be fun. If anyone is interested in either class (\$30 for one class and \$50 for both) please contact Sheva at sbpowers@verizon.net .



On Saturday, February 13th, our own Debra Gabel will be teaching a class at our guild. Signup will begin in January when the holidays are over.

Finally, we will open enrollment for two classes by Karen Kay Buckley in January. She will lecture on Thursday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m. and will teach a three-hour class on Thursday, March 25th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (class topic to be announced at a later date) and a full six-hour class on her medallion quilts on Friday, March 26th.

Also, I am looking for a space to hold the Sunday, April 11th workshop by Margaret Miller as we cannot use the church. Any suggestions, please let Sheva know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAMPTON ROADS

From Nancy Meier

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXI is coming up Feb 25-28, 2010 and we would very much like to take our raffle quilt there to sell tickets. The catch is that we have to commit to 32 hours of white-gloving on Friday the 26th. I need to know who is willing to make the trip and white-glove. Also, we will have our table for all 4 days, so I need help manning the table with ideally 2 people at a time. Please email Nancy at njmeier@verizon.net and let her know what day and hours you can donate. You guys were great giving your hours at the Philadelphia show and I hope you can help again!

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

From Peg McClelland

I want to thank each of you who participated in the challenge to make Christmas stockings for the church's outreach. We had fun at the sew-in and made many stockings that day. I received donations almost every week at the guild meetings. We even had former members who sent 52 stockings to include. We ended up with 223 stockings.

The church did not need all of the stockings that we produced. They have selected the ones for the children on their list. Rather than store all of the remaining stockings for another year, we have decided to donate some of them to other organizations who also have outreach programs. Some will go to Southwest Emergency Services (SWES) and some to a program called My Brother's Keeper. We are also checking with a couple of other organizations.

The church does Christmas stockings each year. I would be glad to collect stockings during 2010 for donation this time next year. So, as you are putting away your Christmas fabrics, think about making a couple of stockings.

Thanks again!!

BUS TRIPS 2010

From Sandy McDonald



A schedule of bus trips for 2010 will be listed in the January newsletter. Costs of the trips for next year will continue to be \$40.

REMINDER - SPRING RETREAT DEPOSITS ARE DUE!

From Irma Bast

If you are planning on attending the June 2010 FCQ Retreat, please give your non-refundable deposit of \$45 to one of the Treasurers at the holiday party. Irma will also need your name to confirm the reservations.

Retreat dates: June 4,5 & 6, 2010.

Total Cost: \$215.00 per person

Balance of \$170.00 due mid-April 2010

Cost includes:

Semi-Private room (2 beds per room) with private bath

Five meals (Dinner Friday; Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner on Saturday; Breakfast Sunday)

Beverage service Friday & Saturday

Snack service on Saturday

Class by Gyleen Fitzgerald

The class is one that should appeal to everyone with UFO's. Gyleen suggested her "Studio Class". Each person brings in sets of blocks -- between 4 and 12 -- that they have made or won, purchased, inherited, etc., along with any fabric they want to use to finish the project. Gyleen will then CUSTOM DESIGN layouts for each person's quilt. This way, we can learn her design techniques on many different style quilts/wall hangings, as well as have individual advice, and actually finish a quilt top instead of starting yet another class project that won't stand a chance of completion during the retreat. Designing begins after dinner Friday and completes Saturday morning, so the sewing can begin!

**Don't Forget: Pick up your raffle tickets for the
*beautiful FCQ 2010 Raffle Quilt***

Contact: Carol Roberts or Alka Mital

**Proceeds from ticket sales are a major source of funds
for FCQ**



BLOCK OF THE MONTH -- KIMONO BLOCK

This month the block is a pieced block showing a kimono (back view) from 2 fabrics. Choose 2 coordinating fabrics for the kimono and a cream for the background. If your kimono fabrics are very light colored, use a deep red or black for the background.

From each of the kimono fabrics, cut:

- Rectangle 2 1/2" X 9 3/4" (body)
- Rectangle 2 1/2" X 6" (sleeve)
- Square 1 3/4" X 1 3/4" (collar)

From the background fabric cut 2 each:

- Rectangle 1 3/4" X 5 3/4" (for top of block)
- Rectangle 4" X 2 1/2" (for below sleeves)
- Rectangle 9 3/4" X 1 3/4" (for sides)

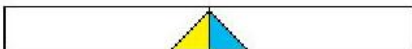
Put the background rectangles right sides up and position the 2 collar squares RST on the lower left of one and the lower right of the other. Stitch the diagonals as shown.



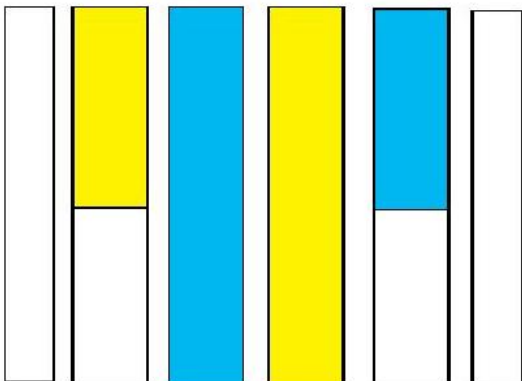
Fold the corners to meet, press fold and cut away excess fabric on the back.



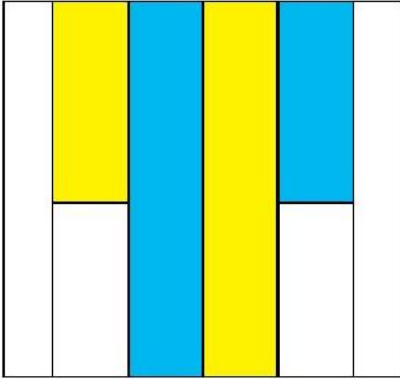
Stitch the two pieces together to form the collar. Press seam allowances to one side. Note that the upper point of the collar will not be at the cut edge of the fabric.



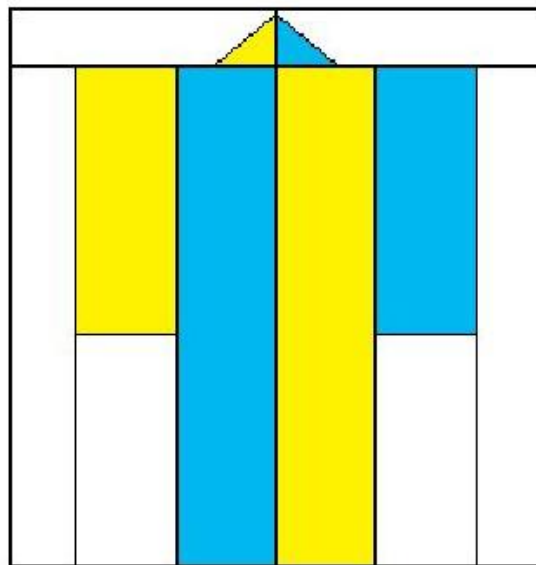
Lay out the remaining pieces as shown below. Stitch the shorter rectangles to the lower edge of the sleeve pieces.



Stitch the vertical seams and press to one side.



Press the center seam towards the same fabric as was done in the collar piece so the seams will nest when sewing the collar piece to the body piece. Stitch the collar piece to the body piece, matching the center seams. Press and square to 11" X 11".



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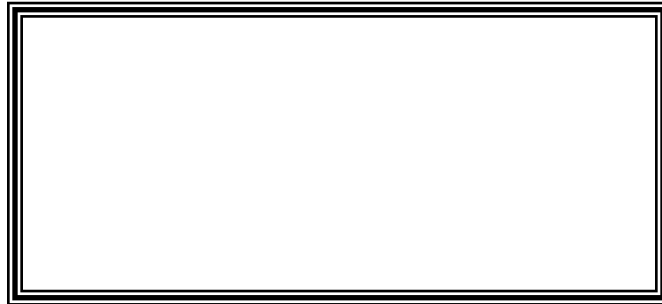
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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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 December Birthday List

03 Nancy Meier
10 Carole Custer
12 Susan Lutz
13 Carol Patterson
13 Nancy S. Martin
13 Toby Weismiller
14 Heather Stewart
15 Patricia Lane
16 Anne Kelly
18 Carla Ketterer
19 Kathleen Panzera
23 Sherry Shane
23 Sandy Reading
24 Carol Petranek
25 Carol Buckingham
29 Debbie Jensen
29 Sheva Farkas
31 Marie Kittelberger

CALENDAR

Dec 2 Caring Hands (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Dec 3 Thursday Holiday Party
Dec 7 Monday Holiday Party

** NO Love Quilts in December
** NO meetings after Dec 7

Jan 4 Monday Love Quilts
Jan 7 Thursday Love Quilts
Jan 9 Paula Golden classes 10-1 and 2-5
Jan 11 Paula Golden lecture 7:30 p.m.