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August

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Quilting Times

Join us!!

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Meets at 9:00 the second Saturday of every month at the Arts Center at the Imperial Centre for Arts & Sciences 344 Falls Road, Rocky Mount, NC. 27804

From The Leadership Team

Greetings Quilters,

It is definitely SUMMER here in Eastern NC! Hope you are taking advantage of the natural Vitamin D outside but also taking time in the air conditioning to be creative and do some quilting.

We went over a lot of things last month at our meeting so going through the whole newsletter will help you be informed and not miss anything. We will have a brief meeting in August before the Barn Quilt Painting Class and we will have a couple of things to vote on regarding the leadership team. Shellie Currin will present a trunk show and tell you about her fabric art. Here are a few reminders for those of you participating in the class:

1. Everyone participating in the Barn Quilt Painting Class August 8th will need to bring a ruler and a pencil with an eraser. You will be taught how to draw your design on the canvas.
2. Feel free to also bring some food to share with the group so that we do not have to go out for lunch. Bring your own drink.
3. The class will last a few hours depending on how long it takes to finish your painting.

Nadia, Lori and Julie – Your Leadership Team

Welcome new members!

Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page

Our Next Meeting

Saturday August 8, 2026

9:00AM Imperial Centre

Bring a Friend

Wear Your Name Tag

Return Borrowed Library Books

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2026

Julie Green called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:30 am and welcomed everyone. Julie wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in July.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for June was made by Ann Ward-Fuchs and seconded by Jette Williams. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June was made by Mary Selecky and seconded by Jette Williams. Both motions passed.

Charity Outreach: No news

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Knapp: No news.

Library: Martha Blount: No news.

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier: No news.

Facebook: Jennie Wright: No news.

Public Relations: Lin Varney and Harvey Sopher: No news.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: Sew Social Bee (4th Saturday of the month) is up for the contract renewal for the space at the Imperial Center. Members were asked to confirm their interest in attending the bee in the following year.

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: No news.

New Business:

1. Call for new leadership team members to replace Lori, whose term is ending in September 2026. The new candidate(s) will be presented and voted on at the August meeting, swearing in at the September meeting.
2. Barbara Myers called for interest in a sew in day at the Englewood Presbyterian Church and a quilt retreat. Members were invited to approach Barbara if interested.
3. Local newspapers published articles featuring Carol Gates & Michele and Duane Carpentier. Members were invited to reach out to Pam Smith if interested.
4. Julie Green advertised a quilting retreat in Pine Knolls NC. The retreat information was received at the guilds email. The retreat is not by TRPQG.
5. Barn quilt class information was provided to the members. The class will follow the business part of the August meeting. Material will be provided. Members were asked to bring in a covered dish for a potluck lunch.
6. Members took home block kits for the raffle quilt and asked to return at the August meeting.
7. Imperial Center is holding an art exhibit until September 2026. Several members quilts are a part of the exhibition. Members were invited to visit the exhibition and vote for the best entries before August 1, 2026.
8. Imperial Center will not be available for the October and November meetings. Instead, these meetings will take place at the Englewood Presbyterian Church.
9. Crayon challenge was announced. The rules are posted on the guilds website and will be included in the newsletter.

Monthly Program: Julie, Nadia and Lori demonstrated no sew Christmas decoration which will be presented at the community classes at the Imperial Center on October 17, 24 and 31. Members were encouraged to consider participating in classes either to assist with the materials preparation or as class assistants. Sign up forms will be available starting from the August meeting. Information about the classes was shared with the Imperial Center for promotion to the public

Drawings:

Donations: Rosalyn Ryers

Sew & Tell: Jette Williams

Membership: (blue tickets) Isabel Adams (Jette's guest)

First time Sew & Tell: Isabel Adams (Jette's guest)

Membership Report: No information recorded

Next meeting will be on August 8th

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

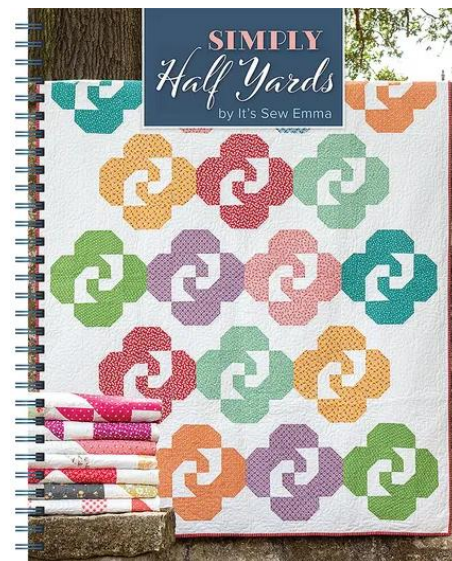
Respectfully Submitted,
Nadia P

Book Review

Simply Half Yards

by It's Sew Emma

I borrowed this book because I was given a lovely collection of fabrics that were all prints. I couldn't decide how I could use them in a quilt with such a variety of colors and prints. This book has blocks that are all different with lots of white in between. They are most attractive. One I examined had 12 ½" blocks. There were sixteen of them. They should go together very quickly. There was a generous amount of white in most of the blocks. The border was also white. This helped to tone down the prints. Another quilt was red, white, and blue lending itself to be a Quilt of Valor Quilt. The red blocks were made from various reds. The same is true of the blue blocks. It too looks as though it would go together quickly. It finishes at 60 ½" x 60 ½." I think it would qualify as a QOV quilt. There are three different stars to construct multiple times. There are five large blocks in red, four medium blocks in red, and twenty-eight small blocks in various shades of blue—light, medium, and dark. We're all about assembling quilts quickly, aren't we?



The book has four quilts that are one block quilts. This means the same block is constructed multiple times. With no sashing between the blocks. Another section is composed of blocks that do have sashing between them. This helps to break up the variety of prints used for each block. The origami quilt is composed of various blue prints and toned down with white. It looks like a great quilt to use up small pieces of blue fabrics or red fabrics or whatever scraps you have from your favorite color. There are also four patterns for one big block quilts. These end up being about 50" square. This book should keep you sewing from your stash plus a large supply of white fabric.

Your Quilt Librarian

Martha Blount

Welcome to our August meeting of the Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild!

As summer begins to wind down, August offers us a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends who share our love of quilting, creativity, and community. Whether you've been finishing long-awaited projects, starting something new, or simply collecting inspiration along the way, we're glad you're here to share your quilting journey.

This month, we look forward to learning from one another, enjoying Sew & Tell, and continuing the friendships that make our guild so special. Every stitch tells a story, and every quilt reflects the talent, generosity, and heart of its maker. Thank you for contributing your time, ideas, and enthusiasm to our guild.

Let's make this another enjoyable meeting filled with inspiration, laughter, and the joy of quilting together. We hope you leave with fresh ideas, renewed creativity, and excitement for the projects ahead.

Happy quilting, and welcome to our August gathering!

Submitted by Harvey Sopher



July Quilt Guild Meeting Notes



Our meetings for October 10th and November 14th will be held at Englewood Presbyterian Church located 100 South Englewood Drive, Rocky Mount (corner of Sunset Ave. & Englewood Dr.).

October Classes

As part of our contract with the Imperial Center, we will be offering classes this fall centered around Christmas ornaments. Classes will be advertised and offered to the public by the Imperial Center. There will be 3-classes - each making one no-sew Christmas ornament. Classes will be on October 17, 24 & 31 and will last approximately 1.5 hours (10am-11:30am). We will have sign-ups at the August & September meetings for volunteers to help with those classes. At that point we will talk about supplies and preparing for each class.

Crayon Quilt Challenge (due in January 2027)

Everyone gets 2 crayons. Those two colors must be the predominate colors in your quilt. You may use a neutral background (white, off-white, black or grey). Quilt must be 40" square or larger and must be complete with binding to qualify. Please keep the crayons to bring back with your quilt.



For example, if your colors are red & blue...your quilt can be any shades of red/blue (brick red, Christmas red, light blue, navy etc...) with a neutral background. When someone looks at your quilt, they should be able to tell you what your two colors were without looking at your crayons.

Barn Quilt Class

Anyone participating in the class on August 8th is welcome to bring a covered dish to share with folks during class. This will allow for more time to learn and paint rather than having to go out somewhere to grab lunch.

Two things participants will need to bring a ruler and pencil w/ eraser to be able to draw on the canvas prior to painting. All other paint, brushes and canvas we will have for you.

Raffle Quilt

Special Thank You's to everyone participated in cutting and those who have already completed the blocks they took home! If you took a kit for a block, please return it at your earliest convenience.

People's Choice Art Show

Remember to support your fellow Quilt Guild members who entered several quilts in the People's Choice Art Show at the Imperial Center. The show includes beautiful sculptures, pottery and paintings. Show your support by taking part in voting for your favorite. Voting ends August 1st...Don't Miss it!!

Leadership Team Changes

At the August meeting, we will be voting on the next person to join Nadia and Julie on the Leadership Team. Anyone who would be interested in joining that team is asked to contact Julie or Nadia before the August meeting. They are happy to talk to you about what/how they do things.





Quilting Retreat!!

Crystal Coast Oceanfront Hotel

Pine Knolls Shore, NC

September 20-24 2026 Retreat fee \$225

(separate from hotel fees)

This retreat is open sew. Bring your own projects to work on or one you want to start the choice is yours.

Whether it is a quilting, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, Hand stitching or sewing project, this is a great time to meet others to share ideas, get help and make new friends.

Enjoy shopping at some nearby local retailers, restaurants, walking on the beach.

This is a great time to come and just relax!

For more information go to CreateWithJaneRetreats.com

Starting in August, and every third Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., we are having a Sew-in Day. August 20th will be the first day.

Bring whatever you want to work on, handwork, or you can bring your sewing machines—whatever you want.

If you just want to chit chat that is fine too. You can bring a lunch, or if you want, bring something to share; it's all up to whatever you want to do. You can come and go as you please.

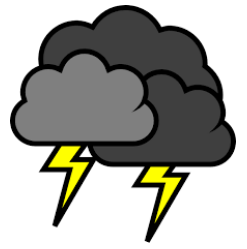
See you August 20th at Englewood Presbyterian Church at 10:00. Submitted by Barbara Myers





Sunshine & Shadow

We don't want you to go through it alone! If you have anyone you want remembered, please email: Nancy Knapp at HUDSONPUPPY@earthlink.net



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jinx Abernathy

Paula Loges

Kathy Bass

Joan Mayo

Carolyn Batts

Barbara Myers

Carol Christman

Frankie Powell

Martha Creech

Pam Smith

Teresa Garrett

Harvey Sopher

Nancy Knapp

Ann Ward-Fuchs



A BIG TRPQG THANK YOU

Everyone who sews for Outreach

Everyone who contributes to the TRPQG Newsletter

Everyone that shares at Sew & Tell

The Queen Bees

Harvey for mailing the newsletters & taking pictures at the meetings



Beginning Balance

Add Membership Dues

Add Barn Quilt

Less Ck 2118 Nadia P

Balance as of 7/15/2026

QOV Grant Beginning Balance

Ck 2117 D Carpentier

QOV Grant Balance 7/15/2026

Total Bank Balance 7/15/2026



Charity/Outreach Update: Donation deliveries were made to:

7/15/26 1 adult quilt to Danny Talbot Cancer Center Rocky Mount and 2 lap quilts to The Gardens in Nashville

7/16/26 7 infant/children quilts with mother's block to Christian Adoption Agency in Rocky Mount

7/22/26 2 children quilts and 16 knitted caps to ECU Hospital in Tarboro

JULY HOURS REPORTED: 174

Facebook TRPQG Members Only Update

If you would like to join the TRPQG Members Only Facebook page.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/475820599214904> and request to be added.

Please send an email to rite1@mindspring.com and let me know that you have sent a request. Occasionally the name in the TRPQG Membership Directory is not the same as your Facebook name. If you will let me know your name in the directory and your name on your Facebook page you can help me speed up the approval process.

Jennie Wright



**National Sandwich Month ~ August 2026
Ice Cream Sandwiches**

Yields: 1 Sandwich Total Time: 5 mins

Ingredients:

2 Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 scoops Ice Cream

Rainbow Sprinkles

Directions:

Step 1: Place ANY flavor Ice Cream on one Cookie, TOP DOWN.

Step 2: Top the Ice Cream with the 2nd Cookie, TOP UP.

Step 3: Roll in Sprinkles & freeze until firm, 20-30 minutes.

!!! HAPPY EATING !!!





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We are thrilled to announce the Sandhills Quilters Guild 2026 Quilt Show and invite you to share your beautiful creations with our community! Whether you are a master quilter, a beginner, or a modern textile artist, we want to see your work on display.

Show Details:

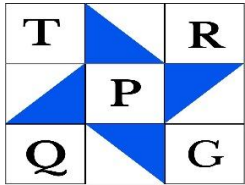
- Dates: Friday and Saturday, 9/25 and 9/26 from 10 AM to 5 PM
- Location: Historic Pinehurst Fair Barn, 200 Beulah Hill Road South, Pinehurst, NC.

Submission Guidelines:

- Eligibility: All skill levels welcome! All submitted quilts must be clean, completed, and feature a hanging sleeve. See <https://www.sandhillsquilters.org/s/2026-Quilt-Show-Rules-Final.pdf> for quilt show rules.
- Entry Limit: Up to 4 entries per person.
- Entry Fee: The fee is \$7 per entry for guild members and \$12 per entry for nonmembers if submitted by August 18, 2026. After August 18 2026, the fee is \$10 per entry for guild members and \$15 per entry for nonmembers. There is no fee for Junior Entries.

How to Submit: Complete and submit the official registration form online at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260934364826060>.

Please email Patricia Stack at pstack01@centurylink.net with any questions. We can't wait to celebrate your craftsmanship and creativity.



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Leadership Team:

Julie Green
Lori Mann
Nadia Pshenitsyna

Secretary: Sarah Oberlin

Treasurer: Rosalyn Ryers

Sunshine & Shadow: Nancy Knapp

Membership:

Jinx Abernathy

Amanda Jackson

Joyce Kirby

Library:

Martha Blount
Website: Harvey Sopher
Beekeeper: Pam Smith
Newsletter: Michele Carpentier

Facebook: Jennie Wright

Charity Outreach:

Bonnie Przelomski

Carol Gates

Hospitality: Lin Varney

All area codes are 252 unless noted



TRPQG Official Charities

QOV: preferred size 60"x80", minimum size 55"x 65". 100%cotton preferred. Patriotic fabric themes are encouraged, but not mandatory.

Quilts for Christian Adoption Agency: any size

Please include a sample square from the quilt pattern which is given to the birth mother.

Isolette covers for Vidant Hospital: should be no larger than 36 x 36 .

Quilts for Nash Hospital Nursery: Accept any size quilts they use to send the babies home. We will accept smaller blankets that are knitted or crocheted. We can always find someone who has a need.

Additional charities our TRPQG members support

Oncology Department Quilts:lap size quilts and mug rugs

Bereavement wraps: 12" x 12" or 15" x 15" (use pattern)

Mother's Hearts: ask for pattern used for preemies in neonatal

Comfort Bags: For Police department bags

Premie Beanies: (knitted) ask for pattern or Google them

Adult Beanies: (knitted) ask for pattern or Google them

Newsletter Advertising for TRPQG Members

If you are a TRPQG member and have personal sewing related items you no longer want or use and you would like to sell or gift them you can list them in the newsletter. Please send the item description, price and your contact information to michele251970@gmail.com. This section of the newsletter will be removed from the newsletter before being posted on the public website.

Items will be limited to space available in the newsletter and first come first serve. The newsletter and the TRPQG are not responsible in any way for any transactions resulting from these advertisements. The newsletter is simply providing what we hope is a benefit for the members of the TRPQG guild.



If you are a member of the TRPQG and you machine quilt for others please send your name, phone number and email address to michele251970@gmail.com In future issues of the newsletter I will list your contact information so TRPQG members can contact you for their quilting needs.

As of 11 JUL 2026:

68 Regular Members
7 Founding Members
2 Honorary Members
1 Junior Members
78 Total Members

2026 Greeters

August – Jerri White
September - Membership

Coffee & Snacks

August – Jerri White

Greeter Volunteers will receive TWO extra Door Prize
Tickets on the day they serve as volunteers!! (See
Membership for details)

RENEWAL REMINDER

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Bylaws
Revised as of August 12, 2023:

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Dues shall be payable by the September meeting or upon joining the guild. Membership will become delinquent if Dues are not paid by the October meeting and the member will lose all privileges until membership dues are paid. Annual Dues amount shall be reviewed each year for approval by the membership at the July meeting. The Executive Board can adjust the amount of Dues if needed but not to exceed what the membership has approved.



Diann Aycock
and
Mary Ellen Arthurs

Coffee/Snack Table Volunteers will receive THREE extra Door
Prize Tickets on the day they serve as volunteers!!!



A QUILTER'S TALE

My name is Anna Grace Niece, my hometown is Rocky Mount, NC. I started quilting in January of 2026. My favorite color is teal, I don't have any opinions yet as far as favorite pattern or style of quilting. I am presently working on applique. I would like to learn how to do everything better!! My favorite thing about the TRPQG is how welcoming and encouraging everyone is. My other hobbies are gaming and star gazing. I'm just a lady starting her quilting journey.





Meet Shellie Currin!

Shellie Currin is a wife of Dennis for 33 years. She is a mom to 3 and mother-in-law to 3. Since retiring she is a foster mom of 8 and counting. She considers herself to be a Fabric Artist. Born and raised in rural North Carolina, she attended North Carolina State University School of Design. She designed furniture for Vanguard furniture for 3 years then decided to stayed home with babies for 11 years. Shellie taught Art at Faith Christian School for 16 years and was dedicated to designing sets for Activate Drama for 11 years. Shellie is now retired and continues to take care of parents. Shellie is devoted to the Lord always.

Shellie will be sharing with us on Saturday, August 8th. She will be sharing her love of fabric and art, combining those two aspects and turning them into beautiful works of art. As you can read in her bio, she has a lot of experience, and we are excited for her to share that with us.

You will not want to miss this event!

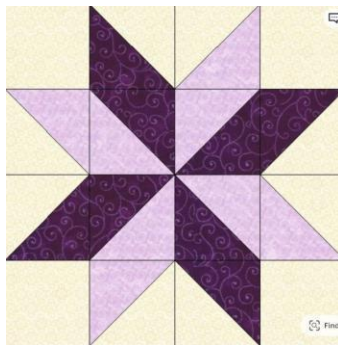
Shellie will share with us during our normal program time and then conduct a class. We will get to paint our own type of Barn Quilt on Canvas. You must register for this class portion of the program. Cost is \$30. You do not need to bring anything with you. We will have all the supplies for you...but again, you must register before the July meeting.

You can select from the following quilt blocks:

Ohio Star



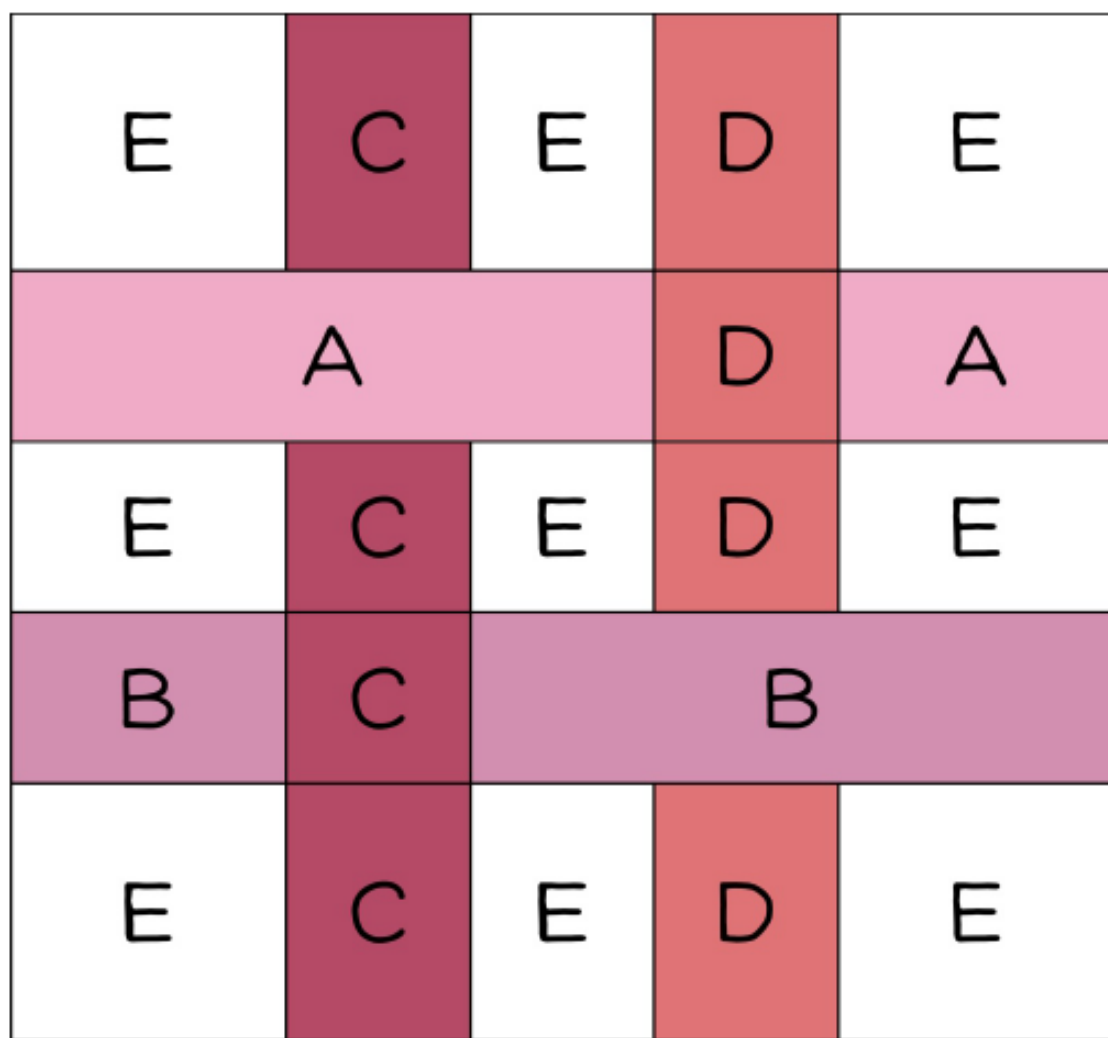
Eight Point Star



Variation Eight Point Star



QUILTOLOGY – August 2026
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ August Giant Quilt Block ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Listed below are cutting instructions for making a 24" or 36" block.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

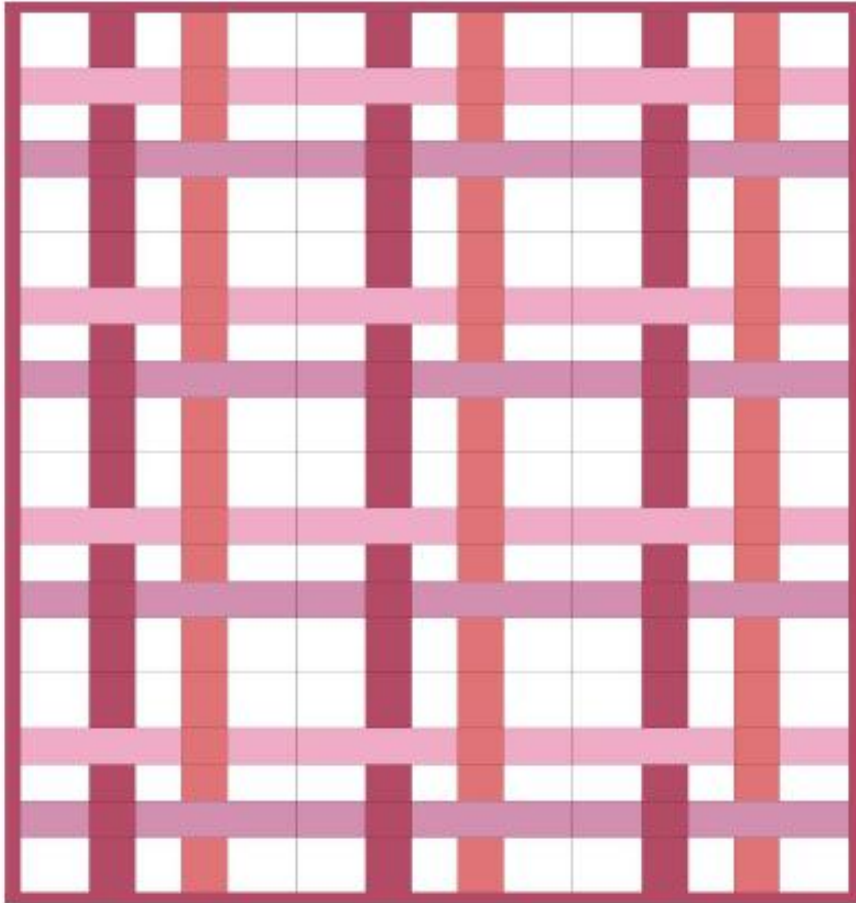
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24" BLOCK	(1) 4.5" X 6.5" (1) 4.5" X 14.5"	(1) 4.5" X 6.5" (1) 4.5" X 14.5"	(2) 4.5" X 4.5" (2) 4.5" X 6.5"	(2) 4.5" X 4.5" (2) 4.5" X 6.5"	(1) 4.5" X 4.5" (4) 4.5" X 6.5" (4) 6.5" X 6.5"
36" BLOCK	(1) 6.5" X 9.5" (1) 6.5" X 21.5"	(1) 6.5" X 9.5" (1) 6.5" X 21.5"	(2) 6.5" X 6.5" (2) 6.5" X 9.5"	(2) 6.5" X 6.5" (2) 6.5" X 9.5"	(1) 6.5" X 6.5" (4) 6.5" X 9.5" (4) 9.5" X 9.5"

PIECE TOGETHER ROWS

ROW 1	E	C	E	D	E
ROW 2	A			D	A
ROW 3	E	C	E	D	E
ROW 4	B	C	B		
ROW 5	E	C	E	D	E

THEN PIECE THE ROWS TOGETHER

E	C	E	D	E
A			D	A
E	C	E	D	E
B	C	B		
E	C	E	D	E



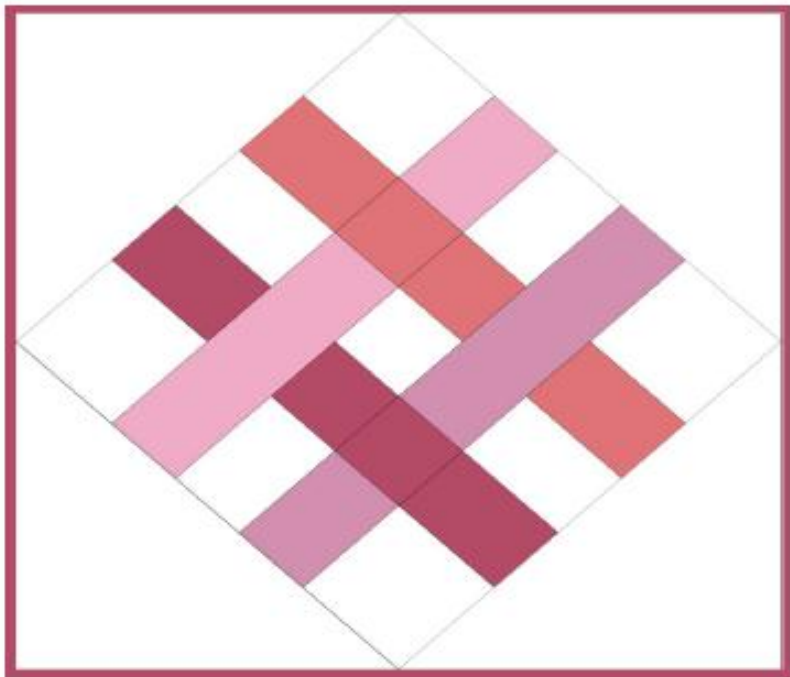
24" BLOCK IDEA

Make (12) 24" Blocks
Finished Size: 72" x 98"

36" BLOCK IDEA

Cut (2) 26.5" squares & cut in half once, along the diagonal to make the corner triangles.

Finished Size: 50.9" x 50.9"

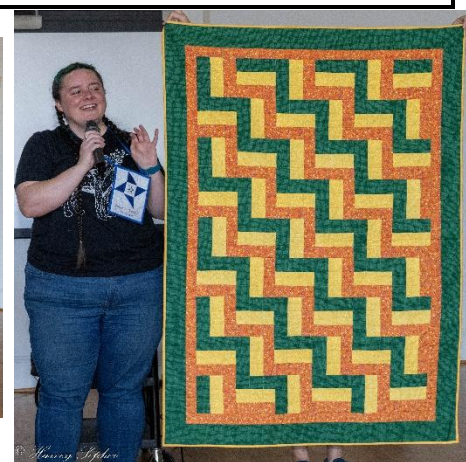


HAPPY QUILTING!



A Quilting Bee is a gathering for quilters to foster creativity, connection, and community so that others feel a sense of belonging.

Busy Bees	Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive RMT Queen Bee is Lisa Clark.
Cutting Corners	Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive RMT Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell.
Happy Hooper's	Meetings 3rd Saturday of each month @ 10 am at the home of Frankie Powell. Queen Bee is Frankie Powell.
Sew-Social	Open Sew Format @ the Imperial Art Centre on the 4th Saturday of each month. Door to the Education Building open at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome – bring your UFO's, or any project you'd like to finish or just come chat and see what projects are being worked on. Please contact Pam Smith.
EQ8 Electric Quilt	Imperial Art Centre 10 am. - 4th Saturday of each month. Queen Bee is Debbie Nivison.
Patriotic	Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive, RMT Bee Leaders are Jinx Abernathy & Duane Carpentier.





TRPQG AGENDA July 11, 2026

SOCIAL/SIGN IN: 9:00 – 9:30

MINUTES OF THE PREV. MONTH APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

COMMITTEE REPORTS/SHORT SUMMARIES

OUTREACH: BONNIE PRZELOMSKI/CAROL GATES

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW: NANCY KNAPP

LIBRARY: MARTHA BLOUNT

NEWSLETTER: MICHELE CARPENTIER

FACEBOOK: JENNIE WRIGHT

BEEKEEPER: PAM SMITH

PUBLIC RELATIONS: LIN VARNEY/HARVEY SOPHER

WEBSITE: HARVEY SOPHER

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bio Forms – Attention ALL new folks!! We want to get to know you! Give those to Sarah Wade or Michele Carpentier.
- Sign up to be a greeter or coffee/snacks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raffle Quilt – If you took kits to make blocks, please return those finished to the designated table
- New Leadership vote
- September Birthday party plans
- October and November meetings will be at Englewood Presbyterian Church

SEW AND TELL

BREAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DRAWINGS

PROGRAM SHELLIE CURRIN TRUNK SHOW

FINAL REMINDERS