



The News-Patch

April 2021

Our Mission Statement:

**To promote
the fellowship
and art of quilting**

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From the President

The “light at the end of the tunnel” is getting brighter. I remember about a year ago writing that we had to hit the pause button, but hopefully will hit restart soon... I am so happy to announce that we will be able to start meeting again in June! What a great start to our new fiscal year. Details to follow in this newsletter. I am also looking forward to our very own guild member’s presentation this month – Lori Dickman. Maybe there is still help for my scraps.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Jennifer

APRIL MEETING

Join us on Zoom for this month's meeting featuring our own Lori Dickman!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88998207497?pwd=ZWU2UVI4U1Jqb293MG1pdURSYWY2QT09>

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Lecture: *"Speedy Solutions to Cut & Organize Your Scrap Stash!"*

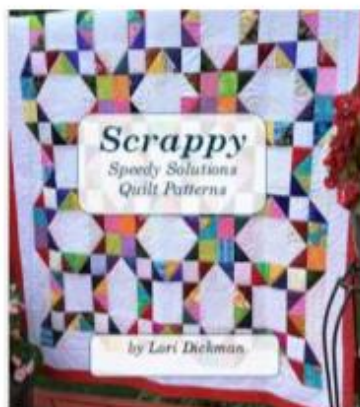
Lori Dickman

QuiltingWithLori.com

Learn Lori's Tools of the Trade, her "Scrapping Rule" how she sorts and identifies value, and all her speedy methods of turning an unorganized stash of wrinkled scrap fabrics into a beautifully organized stash of all your scrap fabric stored by size and value or theme! She has some great ideas for storage solutions. You will learn to quickly turn your fabric stash into fantastic quilts... the Speedy way! Lori will also demo around 25 - 30 of her favorite Scrappy Quilts. Two Free "Designs by Lori Dickman ©" Patterns per attendee in the Free pdf link!

Lori's "Speedy Solutions Techniques" Book includes step-by-step instructions on how to cut, sort, organize & store your fabric stash... the Speedy Way and five Speedy Solutions patterns!

Lori's Scrappy Speedy Solutions Quilt Patterns book is available which includes 12 new beautiful Scrappy patterns designed by Lori! Get this book and dive into your Scrap Stash to create lovely quilts!



Lori Dickman's Bio:

Lori Dickman has been sewing for over 45 years and quilting for over 30 years. She teaches numerous quilting and sewing classes. After spending 15 years concentrating in



the art of garment sewing, her 'quilting journey' began in 1988 when she created her first quilt. She is passionate about working with fabric and color, as well as teaching others to join in on this quilter's love affair. The art of "Making" has been a wonderful journey for her!

Lori is an educator, an author, and a pattern designer. She has numerous books and patterns available on her website. Her quilts and garments have won numerous awards in various contests around the country.

Recently, two of Lori's quilts have been traveling in Exhibits:

[1] Lori's art quilt, "*Owl Sit Under the Light of the Oak Leaf Moon*" was a finalist in the yearly National Quilt Museum contest, "New Quilt from an Old Favorite." Lori's quilt hung in that Exhibit at the National Quilt Museum from April through June of 2019 and has been traveling with the Exhibit around the country until December of 2020.

[2] Lori's art quilt: *Bouquet of Flowers for Mom!* was accepted into the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Botanical Exhibit. Her quilt will be traveling with that exhibit until September of 2022.



Lori is a member of the American Quilters Society, American Sewing Guild/Chicago Chapter, the DeKalb County Quilters Guild of Sycamore, Illinois, and the Sinnissippi Quilt Guild of Rockford, Illinois.

Lori's desire is for others to learn to love the art of quilt-making as much as she does! Join in on the passion and fun of creating!

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FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS

May Salad Supper

We are going to plan to meet at the Sycamore Park's Good Tymes Shelter. This is the entrance off Airport road. Turn left once you enter the park and follow the road (bike path signs) all the way to the end. We'll meet a bit earlier at 6:00 since we will be outside. If someone happens to be in that shelter, the Lions shelter is nearby. Please bring your own picnic dinner, drink, and place setting. We can sit at the picnic tables or spread out on the lawn in lawn chairs or on your favorite quilt – however you feel comfortable. An in-person Show & Tell will be great; nice to see a quilt bigger than my laptop screen. In the case of rain (or snow, this is northern Illinois) we will cancel the meeting, as we do not have an alternate indoor venue.

We're Back!

I have just spoken with The Federated Church and we are good to go 😊. With the start of our new fiscal year in June, we will start meeting again at our usual day & time on Thursday, June 24th. The room will be set up a bit differently according to their safety policy, but we won't have to look at each other via Hollywood Squares (that is what I call the Zoom computer screen).

We realize that some people may not be comfortable meeting just yet, therefore we will be offering reduced dues for a second membership sign-up in September.

Sewing Saturdays are also back!

We are scheduled to meet the second Saturday of the month starting June 12th from 10:00 – 4:00. Bring your projects and enjoy the day in the company of your fellow quilting friends once again. They will be setting up the tables to spread us out, so it would be a good idea to bring an extension cord, depending on how tables & outlets will be located. I should probably tell our buddy at Jimmy Johns, too.

Elections – just reiterating what I included last month...

The current board members have agreed to stay on (again) to ensure the continuity of the guild (a huge THANK YOU to our board members).

Of course, if there is anyone interested in a board position, please let me know. In no way do we want to dominate the board positions; just trying to keep the momentum going.

We have had the VP of Programs and the VP of Special Events open for a few years, with no one interested. Kyra has expressed an interest in taking over the VP of Programs, but we would then need someone to step into the Treasurer position, so please let me know if you are interested in the Treasurer position as well.

Jennifer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In March, the DCQG was awarded one of two Excellence in Community Service Awards for 2020. The General John Stark Chapter of the NSDAR (National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution) chose to honor the DeKalb County Quilters' Guild for our work in providing masks to the community. Below is script from the awards ceremony.

During the COVID-19 stay at home order in Illinois, the already established DeKalb County Quilters' Guild quickly stepped up to sew masks for both essential workers and the vulnerable (elderly, homeless, immune compromised) in our county and beyond.

While the group typically meets once a month to quilt together, that was cancelled in mid-March when most had to stay home. However, a Guild member who is a health care worker reached out to the group via their Facebook page that they were quickly running out of PPE and needed some back up masks at the memory care facility where she worked. The Quilters' Guild stepped up and from there, with other requests coming to them, they began working with the DeKalb County Health Department to organize requests, quantities, pickups and drop offs.

Working separately yet together, they searched for and shared the best patterns, figured out the best ways to work around an elastic shortage, and used up their personal fabric stores. Each week brought more documentation for requests and pickups/drop offs of completed masks. In 10 days, the group had made 678 masks and distributed 589 of them already. By April 4th, they were up to 1,305 masks made and 1,163 delivered. To date, the group has made and distributed over 5,000 masks to community members in need all over DeKalb County and neighboring counties as well.

Supporting each other and the community, all with good cheer, the DeKalb County Quilters' Guild deserves to be recognized for their service in helping to keeping DeKalb County and other neighbors safe during trying times.

Pictured are NSDAR chapter regent Mary Pritchard and chapter Community Service chair Angie Brotcke; accepting the award on behalf of the DeKalb County Quilters' Guild is Kyra Rider.



Watch video of the ceremony here: <https://www.facebook.com/30828139/videos/10108629376203019/>

March Meeting Challenge

In March, Madaline Carpenter shared with the group two quilt as you go techniques, the flip and stitch, and raw edge method. To help practice what we have learned, the board would like to challenge you all to make at least one holiday themed placemat by our October meeting. These placemats will then be donated to Meals-on-Wheels or a similar charitable organization. The only requirement is that the placemat be approximately 12" x 18." Have fun and use up some of your scraps!

If you missed the March meeting, video can be found here. Sorry the sound quality got bad when I uploaded the videos to YouTube.

Flip and Stitch: <https://youtu.be/WRhG0Y7HCWY>

Raw Edge: <https://youtu.be/zR3tGniswfo>

Big shout out to Dot who already posted a picture of her placemat on our Facebook page!

We were called on to help...

A member of the PTO of Tyler Elementary School in DeKalb reached out to our guild to find someone who could piece a memorial quilt. In 2019, Ezra Hill Jr (10 years old), was shot and killed in a drive by shooting while visiting his dad's family in Harvey, IL. Ezra (EJ) was in fourth grade at the time of his death. The PTO had a memorial service and asked friends and family to sign squares of fabric. This is where we come in. The PTO is desperate to get these pieced and back to EJ's mother. The board is working on a plan that would allow the group to work on this collaboratively. We will be looking for some volunteers at the April meeting. Thanks for the consideration.

QUILT LOTTO

If you're like me, since the pandemic hit you've been both happy and sad. Being forced to stay in was probably torture for those of you that love travel and even for homebodies like me, you couldn't help missing our guild meetings and Saturday sew-ins. But...the time at home has been great for creativity and productivity. We had fun exchanging homemade ornaments at the holidays and though our Quilt Lotto activity was temporarily put on hold, it gave some of us the chance to catch up.

Last month we collected all the red, white and blue Sister's Choice blocks and at our virtual meeting drew a name to award one lucky winner of all 30 blocks. I laughingly challenged whoever would win to get them put together by our next meeting. Who knew Dottie would both win and accept that challenge in a matter of days? Those of you who are on Facebook probably saw the beautiful quilt top that she created using those blocks.



While congratulating her online, I wondered what became of the blocks from our first Quilt Lotto, back when we were still meeting in person. Of course she wasn't one of the three lucky winners that night – but she shared this adorable baby quilt she made from that first Lotto pattern.

I must admit that the response to our first Quilt Lotto was far greater than round two. I can only speculate that being together in person was a lot more inspiring. Or maybe it was the limitation in color choice with round two.

Undaunted, I'm reprising the Quilt Lotto again for our May meeting. This block can be done in any colors you like with a white or light/neutral for the background. The original directions appeared in our May 2020 Newsletter (reprised below) and came from a Free Moda Blockheads 3 Pattern by Robin Pickens called "Blooming Love".

It's an adorable block and should make a great quilt for one lucky member. So far, I've received blocks from myself, Chris, and Krista. Since the 8" finished block uses lots of 2-1/2" squares, it should be a great scrap buster. Our May meeting is on the 27th, so you'll all have a while to find the blocks you already made from last year...or to make some new blocks. Hope everyone can join in the fun!



A friendly reminder...

Baby quilts made for the Rockford NICU Center should be 47" x 54"

BLOCK HEADS 3

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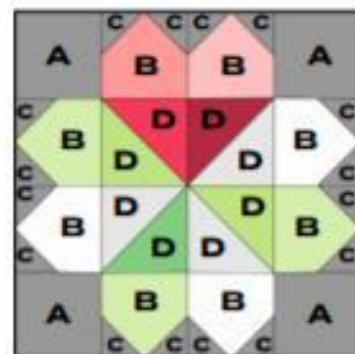
BLOOMING LOVE

BY ROBIN PICKENS

This block is born from parts of my "Full Bloom" block I did for the 18" block "I can do that". The stitch-n-flip block sides that surround the center are from my "Picket" quilt.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

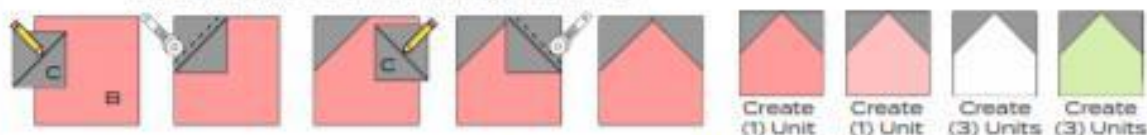


	4" Block	6" Block	8" Block	12" Block
A:	(4) 1 1/2" squares	(4) 2" squares	(4) 2 1/2" squares	(4) 3 1/2" squares
B:	(8) 1 1/2" squares	(8) 2" squares	(8) 2 1/2" squares	(8) 3 1/2" squares
C:	(16) 1" squares	(16) 1 1/4" squares	(16) 1 1/2" squares	(16) 2" squares
D:	(4) 1 3/4" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles. (Please note: to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 1 3/4" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	(4) 2 3/4" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles. (Please note: to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 2 3/4" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	(4) 2 3/4" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles. (Please note: to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 2 3/4" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	(4) 3 3/4" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles. (Please note: to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 3 3/4" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (16) C squares as shown.
2. Place (1) C square onto the corner of (1) B square, right sides together and edges aligned. Stitch along the drawn diagonal line.
3. Trim outermost excess fabric to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press toward the corner.
4. Repeat on (8) B squares as shown.
5. Trim stitch and flip units using the following guide:
 - a. 4" Block: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (1" finished)
 - b. 6" Block: 2" unfinished (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)
 - c. 8" Block: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (2" finished)
 - d. 12" Block: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (3" finished)



6. Begin HST unit assembly using all D triangles and the color guide shown below. Sew the longest edges of the triangles together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press toward the dark fabric.
7. Repeat to create (4) HST units.
8. Trim HST units using the following guide:
 - a. 4" Block: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (1" finished)
 - b. 6" Block: 2" unfinished (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)
 - c. 8" Block: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (2" finished)
 - d. 12" Block: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (3" finished)
9. Using HST units, stitch and flip units and (4) A squares, complete the block as shown in the diagram. Sew units together in rows first, alternating the direction in which you press the seams in each row.
10. Sew rows together to complete the block.



DESIGNER INFO

Tips: By bringing the shapes together and uniting them with HST blocks in the center, the block can play as a flower bloom with petals, or a clover. Using the color play of accentuating a side in reds/pinks brings out the heart in this bloom for LOVE!

Also, when I am making stitch-and-flip blocks I like to sew an additional line $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from my drawn and sewn corner lines. When I trim my corners off ($\frac{1}{4}$ " from my drawn/sewn line) then I am left with smaller HST I can use on other projects.



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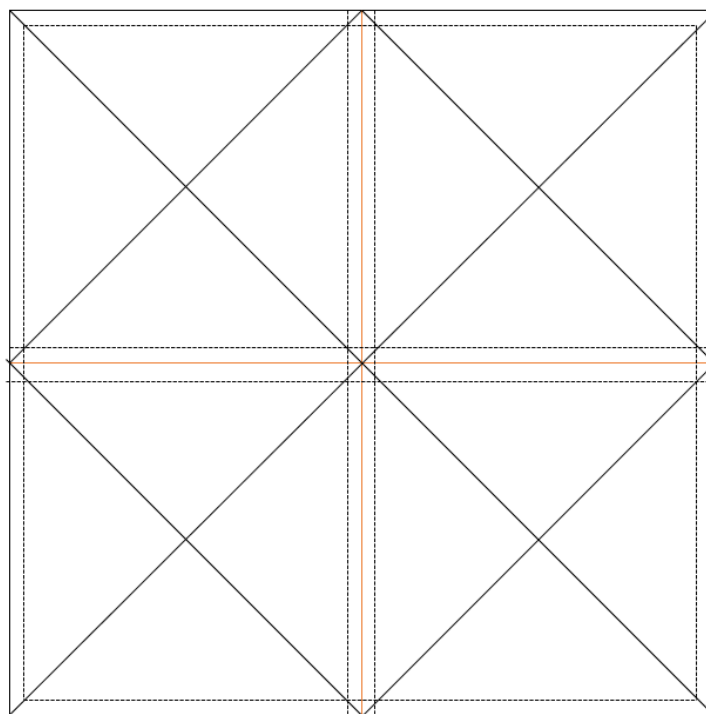
BITS & PIECES

Many moons ago I shared Jenny Doan's great technique for making 8 half-square triangles at a time, which she called the Easy Eight. Well, recently, she demonstrated a new technique to make 16 half-square triangles at a time, which I thought I'd recommend to you. It was featured in her March 4th video tutorial and I just loved it. I hope you will too.

You begin by taking 2 10-inch squares, one light and one dark, drawing two lines at the middle 5-inch point both vertically and horizontally.

Next you sew all around the perimeter and then on both sides of the lines you marked. Finally, you cut on all the drawn lines and then take each section and cut diagonally in both directions.

Viola! Sixteen half square triangles! How cool is that?



Draw orange lines, sew on dotted lines, cut on solid lines (orange and black)

GETTING TO KNOW...

We still have plenty of members to profile but no volunteers! 😞 Please help us introduce YOU to the rest of our guild members. It's a fun way to put a name with a face and get to know each other! If you would like to participate, please email or snail mail Kathy Wells a photo to share as well as your answers to the following questions:

- How long have you been a guild member?
- How long have you been sewing?
- What was your first project?
- Favorite colors?
- Least favorite color?
- Favorite quilting celebrity?
- On what are you currently working?
- Any other hobbies or interests?

GUILD INFO

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New Meeting Location: Federated Church
612 W. State St.
Sycamore IL 60178

Meeting Info:

- Prior to the pandemic closures, meetings were held the 4th Thursday of the month, January through October, with an annual Christmas Party in December.
- Doors opened at 6:30pm for gathering to meet and greet, with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

Find us on Facebook!

**Search for “DeKalb County
Quilters Guild Group”**

**And click join for
conversations, sharing, and
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