



The News-Patch

February 2021

Our Mission Statement:

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

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From the President

WOW is it cold outside!

I hope you are all keeping warm under one of the zillion quilts you have made during this past year of captivity.

The board has come up with a few good ideas for some virtual interaction for our next few meetings.

Remember, if there is anything you think may be interesting, please let us know. Some ideas we discussed were a tutorial, revisiting our block of the month Quilt Lotto we started last year, Round Robin and a virtual free table. Some of these you will be able to read about in this newsletter.

Who knows, maybe by this summer we will all be ready to “get the gang back together”.

Keep warm,
Jennifer

FEBRUARY MEETING

We had a speaker lined up for this month but due to illness we had to make a last-minute change. Therefore, this month we will do another show and tell. Plus, if you have had a chance to do some cleaning, let's try a "virtual" freebie table. See below for more details. It's always great to get together with our quilty friends so we hope you can join us!

Join us on Zoom from any computer with an internet connection. You will need speakers to hear or connect via phone (to add speaker and microphone)— if necessary.

Connect in one click with the following link:

<https://kish.zoom.us/j/88172939639?pwd=aGpmRERSMmJkSG5vbHZ2SUtBU3daUT09>

OR

Go to <https://zoom.us>

Click join a meeting and enter: Meeting ID: 881 7293 9639
Passcode: February
Dial in at 1-312-626-6799

If you want to try Zoom before the meeting, send me an email or text and I'm happy to work with you.

Kyra

VIRTUAL FREE TABLE

I suspect many of you have spent time cleaning and organizing your quilting space; I know I have. And, let me guess, you have that pile on the table or bag full of items you were planning to bring to the next meeting to put on the "free table". Well, here is your opportunity!

Please plan to show any items during our February meeting. We will keep a list of shared items. Anything not claimed during the Zoom will be shared in the March newsletter so members can contact one another and arrange for contact-less front porch pick up or delivery! Hey, maybe even throw in a little treat (chocolate for me, please) if you'd like 😊

Jennifer.

BABY QUILTS

If you have any baby quilts to donate for the NICU, please contact JoAnn Russell and she will be happy to pick them up!

A friendly reminder...

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

QUILT LOTTO (RE)INTRO

Quilt Block Lotto was introduced early last year as a fun way to learn a new pattern and maybe win a whole bunch! We had one drawing before Covid restrictions hit, but we did share a few patterns. This month we are reintroducing the three blocks included in the “Sisters Choice” pattern from Jordan Fabrics. Following the directions as to size, and color choice, you may choose to make one or more blocks for the lotto. For each block you contribute your name will be put into a drawing. At the end of the evening, one lucky member will win all the blocks. What a fun way to get a head start on a new quilt! You might like to make one or more blocks for the guild and a few more just for you. For our March meeting we hope to present a plan for counting blocks for the lotto and distributing blocks to winner(s).

BLOCK ONE

Our March 2020 block was from Jordan Fabrics. It’s called the Sister’s Choice Block. The great thing about this block is that it looks completely different when you arrange the colors in different ways. Also, you can use jelly roll strips, charm squares, or candies (two and a half inch minis) for this project.

To create this block, select eight 2-1/2” matching dark squares and eight matching 2-1/2” light squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the reverse side of the light squares. Place a light square on top of a dark square right sides together and stitch on the drawn line. Cut a quarter inch away from the stitching. Open, press toward the dark side. Repeat to make eight half square triangles.

Using the photo to the right, lay out the half square triangles with seventeen two and a half inch squares in a five by five block. This month’s block will look like this. In the next two blocks, I’ll introduce two other variations of the same block so you will end up with a beautiful table runner if you make one block for the lotto and one block for yourself.



To make things consistent let’s use red, white and blue fabrics in prints or print fabrics that read as solids.

BLOCK TWO

For April 2020's Quilt Block Lotto, we presented another variation of the Sister's Choice Block. Remember we are using red, white and blue fabrics in prints or print fabrics that read as solids.

Although this is the same block as last month, construction-wise, it looks completely different due to the color placement.

Remember, if you make a block or two for the lotto and one for yourself, you can end up with a lovely table runner when all the variations come together. Since we're using red, white and blue, it will be perfect for any patriotic holiday or as a gift for that special vet in your life.

April's block layout is displayed to the right.



BLOCK THREE

In May 2020, we presented the third block layout from Sisters Choice. This last variation has the same nine patch center but achieves its different look by placing the remaining blocks in a different arrangement.

It can be done with either blue or red on the outside.

Save those monthly blocks for a lotto extravaganza when we meet again!!

Finally, if like me, you have made some of these blocks for the Quilt Lotto and some more for yourself, you should now have four or five different blocks to make a table runner. You can border the blocks with the same fabric and then use the left-over squares to make a final pieced border.

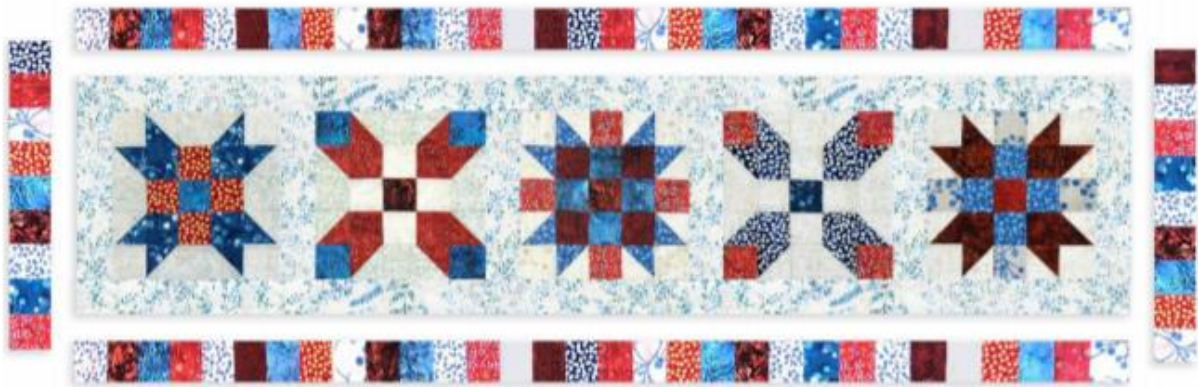


A table runner can be pieced following the diagram below.

Pieced border:

Stitch 31-2 ½" squares into a long border. Stitch onto one long edge of the runner. Repeat for the other long edge.

Stitch 9-2 ½" squares together. Stitch onto short side of runner. Repeat for other side.



Quilt, bind, and enjoy!

(Courtesy of Jordan Fabrics: <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/sisters-choice-runner-free-pattern>)

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

Mailing Address: DCQG
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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
fun!