



# The News-Patch

May 2021

## Our Mission Statement:

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

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## From the President

I remember saying about a year ago that I felt like we had hit the “pause” button and were just waiting to hit “restart” ... well guess what? We’re hitting Restart! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our May (bring your own) Salad Supper. I also enjoyed Lori’s presentation last month. During this goofy weather we have had these past couple of weeks, I have made some progress on my scraps. Presentations like that can be quite motivational. This leads me to the topic of board members. Kyra would be great at bringing in speakers for our meetings... now if we could just find a new Treasurer... hint, hint 😊

Jennifer

## MAY MEETING

I have reserved the Good Tymes shelter at the Sycamore Park. 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. 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; we do not have an alternate indoor venue.

Jennifer

## SEWING SATURDAYS

We are scheduled to meet the second Saturday of the month starting June 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will bring the tub that Bobbie passed along to me.

## JUNE MEETING

With the start of our new fiscal year in June, we will start meeting again at our usual day & time on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Doors will be opened at 6:00 with our meeting starting at 7:00. The room will be set up a bit differently according to their safety policy, but no Zoom, Yeah!

Membership dues for the coming year will be accepted at the May salad supper picnic and the June meeting! You can find the application at [dcqg.org](http://dcqg.org) or in this newsletter.

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.



**DeKalb County Quilters' Guild P.O. Box 385 Sycamore IL. 60178**

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** Your name should appear as you wish to have it listed in guild publications.

<b>Name</b>		
<b>Mailing Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Year Joined Guild</b>

**E-Mail Address**(Notification will be sent via e-mail when the latest newsletter has been posted)

<b>Please indicate age group</b> 17&under    40-49 18-29        50-64 30-39        65+	<b>Circle one</b> New member Student Renewal/Rejoin*	<b>Renewal/ Rejoins*</b> Renewing- member during the previous year Rejoining-previously a member, but not during the previous year
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#### **DUES INFORMATION**

**Membership dues currently are \$30.00**

**Snail Mail users dues currently are \$40.00**

**In accordance with Guild Bylaws, the membership year runs from June 1 through May 31.**

**DUES ARE TO BE PAID ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Make checks payable to DCQG. DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE U.S. MAIL.**

**Return completed form and payment to the membership table at a general meeting or mail to the above address.**

**Turn the page over to complete form.**

#### **For Office Use Only**

**Today's Date**

**Cash    Credit Card/Paypal**

**Check#**

**Membership packet given/mailed /emailed**

**Member since**

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE DCQG

We are an active group with many opportunities to serve the guild based upon your interests. Below are listed some of the many areas where you can volunteer and with your help, the guild can continue to thrive throughout the year. Circle your choices and a board member or committee chair will contact you with information.

<b>BOARD POSITIONS-DCQG</b> board members serve 2 year terms. They keep the guild running smoothly both legally and socially. I would like to serve DCQG in the following position:	President  VP 1 Programs  VP 2 Programs	Treasurer  Ways and Means  VP Special Events	Secretary  Director at Large
<b>STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS-</b> Committee chairs serve 1 year terms and are responsible for organizing volunteers and reporting progress to the board. I would like to serve DCQG as the chair/co-chair of the following committee(s):	Generosity  Quilt Show	Newsletter  Librarian  Nominations	Website/Social Media  Membership  Public Relations
<b>COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES-</b> DCQG cannot run smoothly without your help in the following areas. If you would like to volunteer for these positions they are 1 year commitments. I would like to serve DCQG in the following area(s)	Quilt show Retreat Library Holiday party Membership table Salad supper Audit Website/Social Media Public relations (mass mailings, press releases etc.) Newsletter Board Nominations/Elections	Workshop Assistant  Teaching a Workshop  Guest Speaker Assistant (taking them to dinner, helping with set up/take down, holding quilts during lecture etc.)	I can help the guild in these other ways:

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES, SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to have my image and all creative material photographed and used on any/all DCQG advertising and social media.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT agree to have my image and all creative material photographed and used on any/all of DCQG advertising and social media.

\_\_\_\_\_ I release and waive any claim I may or may not have against DCQG, its' officers, volunteers, committee members or agents arising out of or related to my participation in any activities of DCQG.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASSIFIEDS

**\*\* SALE \*\*** At our April meeting we had a guest (and I hear new member!) named Carolyn Hutchinson that is located in Elgin and looking to downsize her stash. She said she has many kits, sometimes doubles, that she is selling for 50% or less. She also has a lot of fabric that she is selling for \$5/yard or less. If you would like to arrange for a shopping visit, please text or call Carolyn at 815-703-8301.

**Do you have something you'd like to sell or give away to fellow quilters?**  
Email us at [DCQGNews@gmail.com](mailto:DCQGNews@gmail.com) and we'll add it to the next newsletter.

## MAY QUILT LOTTO

Don't forget to bring your entries for the May Quilt Lotto to the salad supper for a chance to win this month's blocks. Each block you enter gives you another chance to win!



**A friendly reminder...**

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



# BLOCK HEADS 3

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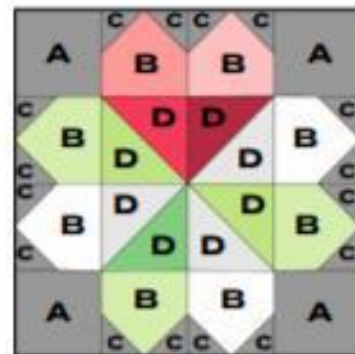
## BLOOMING LOVE

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)

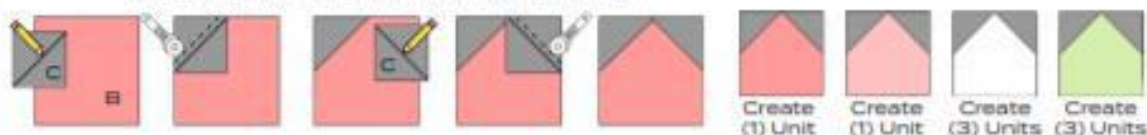


	4" Block	6" Block	8" Block	12" Block
A:	(4) 1 1/2" squares	(4) 2" squares	(4) 2 1/2" squares	(4) 3 1/2" squares
B:	(8) 1 1/2" squares	(8) 2" squares	(8) 2 1/2" squares	(8) 3 1/2" squares
C:	(16) 1" squares	(16) 1 1/4" squares	(16) 1 1/2" squares	(16) 2" squares
D:	(4) 1 3/4" squares; cut each square 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.



Robin Pickens



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## JUNE QUILT LOTTO

For our next block, I have chosen another block which is easy and fun to do! It is a variation of a Churn Dash with a pinwheel in the center.

To make this block, choose any color (patterned or solid) 10" square and pair it with a plain white 10" square. With right sides together, sew a quarter inch around all 4 sides. Then cut across diagonally in both directions. You will now have 4 half-square triangle blocks. Sew these 4 blocks together to make a pinwheel. Your pinwheel block should measure 12-1/2" square.

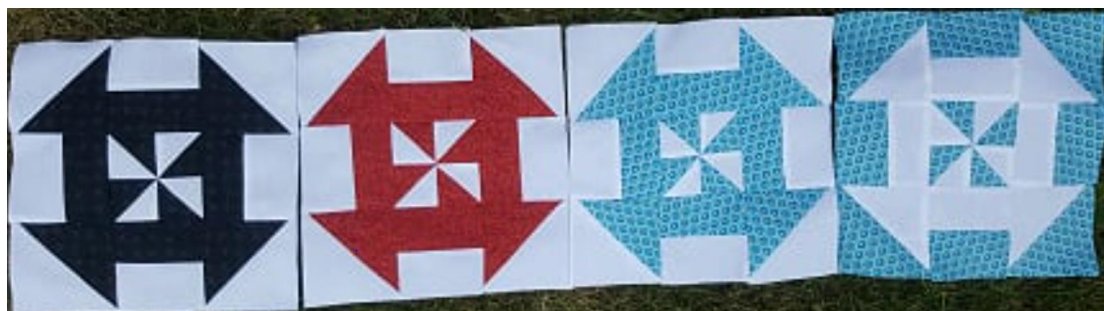
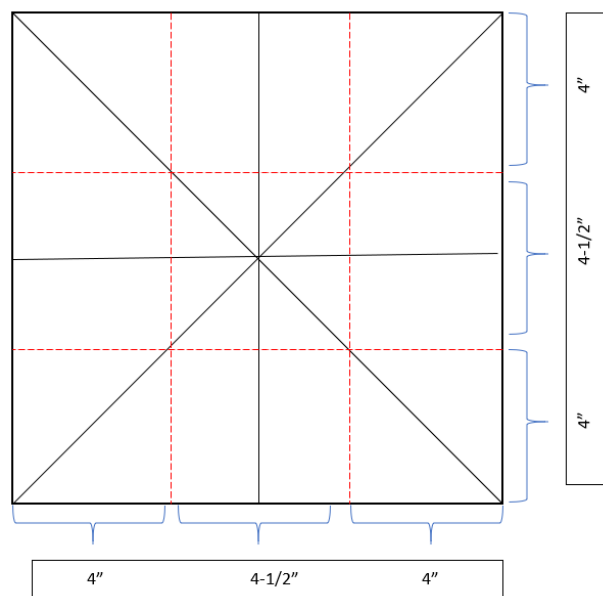
Measuring 4" from each edge, make four cuts, like the red lines in the diagram to the right. These cuts will yield 9 blocks:

- 4 half square triangle blocks that are 4" square.
- 4 half rectangle blocks measuring 4"x4-1/2."
- 1 pinwheel measuring 4-1/2" square.

Trim the center pinwheel down to 4" square by trimming a quarter inch off each side. I did this by centering one of my HST corner blocks on top of the pinwheel and then trimming the edges off.

Next trim all half rectangle blocks down to 4" square by trimming a quarter inch off the dark side and a quarter inch off the light side. Again, I did this by centering one of the HST corner blocks on top and trimming a quarter inch off each of two sides only.

Finally arrange the nine segments and sew to form the churn dash with a pinwheel center.





## 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  
P.O. Box 385  
Sycamore IL 60178

Email Address: [info@dcqg.org](mailto:info@dcqg.org)

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

Meeting Info:

- Prior to the pandemic closures, meetings were held the 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**