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**MEETING TUESDAY, January 13 at 7:00 PM**

### **Mission Statement**

To promote and encourage interest in the art of quilting through sharing of related information; to work together in harmony with mutual respect; and to continue the education of ourselves and the public in the art of quilting.

### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Allison

Happy new year 2015! I hope your resolutions include doing more quilting! We've got a lot going on this winter - take a look at the calendar online. Sign up for a home sew if you can, make sure you sign up for Veronica's workshop this weekend, and join us for the January meeting on the 13th. I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

### **THE MYSTERY QUILT**

Debby

This year's Mystery Quilt is crib size. The Outreach team will provide the batting. Please sign up at the meeting to donate the baby quilt if you take Outreach materials or if you would like Outreach to provide the batting. As always, you can make the Mystery Quilt without donating the finished product.

Step 5 has been posted on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/mystery-quilt>

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Debby

This year the theme is Stars. Outreach will provide one fabric to coordinate the blocks and fabrics for you to choose for the other colors. As always, you can make the BOM without donating the block or donate a block using your own fabric. List of blocks can be found on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

The BOM due for January meeting is Wonky Star. Instructions can be found at <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

There is no BOM due for February. Outreach is asking for the guild volunteers to make blocks for the Bolton Fair quilt.

## WEBSITE NEWS

Debby

New menus are available under Documents/Links:

Documents/Links -> Blogs and Websites.

Some websites and tutorials our members think are fun, entertaining and useful.

Documents/Links -> Blogs and Websites.

Some of the local quilt shops.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Mailing Address

Please send mail to:

Mothertown Quilters

P.O. Box 223

Lancaster, Mass. 01523-0233

Email for whole guild:

To send email to whole group

mothertownquilters@googlegroups.com

### Refreshments (Michelle)

In all the excitement of last month's delicious potluck, gift exchange, show & tell and all, I neglected to pass around a sign up sheet for refreshments. We'll need about 6 people to bring refreshments and one person to bring a case of water for our January meeting. Please contact me ASAP if you can bring something to share at: michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com  
THANKS!

## HOME SEWS

Vicky

The Home Sew schedule is available on the guild calendar at:

[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=mothertownquilters%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=mothertownquilters%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York).

**Reminder: Contact the hostess of the Home Sew so she can plan for chairs, etc.**

## **RAFFLE**

Christa, Barbara

Congratulations to the winner of last months raffle: Carol M!

Special thanks to Nancy for the handmade embroidered snowflakes and Christa's husband Kevin for the handmade seam ripper and stylus.

This month's raffle will be a basket of heart themed items. If you have anything heart related you would like to add to the basket, let Christa or Barbara know.

## **OUTREACH**

Bonnie, Andie

There will be an "Outreach Sew" during the Open Sew on **March 8, 2015**. The Outreach team will be there with the last 4-5 months of BOM's and welcome help from all of you members to make them into baby quilts for the hospital or women's shelter. Keep the date on your calendar's if you will. Bring your sewing machine and usual sewing tools. Outreach will have fabric, batting, BOM's, irons and ironing boards, cutting matts and rulers etc.

### Scrappy Stars Quilt for the Bolton Fair

The Outreach and Bolton Fair Committttee's are joining to make a queen size quilt, which will be for sale at this years Bolton Fair. Funds from the sale of this quilt will again, go to funding outreach projects. We would love all of your help making the 61 blocks for the quilt!

Sample Blocks and the quilt design will be revealed at the January guild meeting. Block Instructions and packets of fabric for the blocks will be available then as well and we welcome your help in taking packets home to make blocks, returning them at the February guild meeting. Outreach has used donated fabric to make up these packets, but feel free to use your own scraps as well. Instructions for the blocks follow below and will also be on the Mothertown website

Bonnie for your Outreach Committee.

## PROGRAMS

Janice, Cindy

Here are the programs and workshops for the next few months. They are also on the website.

### Meeting Programs: .

January 11, 2015 Favorite Tool Night – bring your favorite tool(s) to discuss and/or demonstrate  
February 10, 2015 Quilting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
March 10, 2015 Sashiko program presented by Janet Elia

### Open Sews: Lancaster, 10 – 4 PM unless otherwise stated.

January 11, 2015 Open Sew – Come and work on projects if not in workshop  
February 8, 2015 10 – 4PM Open Sew – Come and work on projects started in workshops  
March 8, 2015 10 – 4PM Open Sew – Outreach - Help put together quilts to sell/donate

### Workshops:

| Date             | Time     | Workshop    | Teacher  | Cost | Place*    |
|------------------|----------|-------------|----------|------|-----------|
| January 11, 2015 | 10 – 4PM | Charm Packs | Veronica | \$15 | Lancaster |

#### Workshop Descriptions:

Charm Packs (January): Learn what you can do with those charm packs! Whether you have a store bought pack of charms or 40 squares you found in the scrap pile, we will take a stack of 5 inch squares and turn them into something spectacular.

The project for this class is a disappearing pinwheel block which leaves you with this scrappy churn dash block when finished or a disappearing hourglass that creates a pretty star effect.

You will need at least one charm pack and 2 yards of background to make one 36" square quilt top or a 66" long table runner.

If you would like to try this technique with one color instead of a charm pack, you should bring 2 yards of your color and 2 yards of background.



Please sign up and pay for this workshop at the next meeting or mail a check made out to MotherTown Quilters Guild to:

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Lancaster, MA 01523-0233

## SCRAPPY STARS QUILT

### A QUILT MADE BY MEMBERS OF MOTHERTOWN QUILTERS, TO BE SOLD AT THE 2015 BOLTON FAIR

The Bolton Fair and Outreach committee's thanks you for helping us construct blocks for a quilt, which will be finished and sold at next year's Bolton Fair. Costs incurred (batting) in making this quilt will come from this year's outreach budget. Money realized from selling this quilt will go into outreach funds for future year's projects.

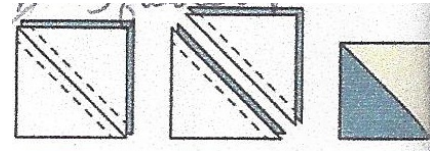
Using a fabric packet provided by the outreach team at the January guild meeting, you will be able to make two 8 1/2" blocks. We would appreciate your returning the finished blocks at the February guild meeting. The pattern is an eight pointed star block. We are using fabrics in warm fall colors of gold, brown, green, blue and red set on an off-white/cream background. Our intent is to make the blocks very scrappy (see block picture). The blocks will be sashed and set "on-point" in an 88"x102" queen/king size quilt. Pictures of four blocks for the actual quilt are here and on the website, as are the directions for the blocks.

**QUILT BLOCK DIRECTIONS;** Each fabric packet contains 20 squares of cream and 20 squares of dark fabrics, which should be enough to make two blocks. Feel free to use your own fabrics, provided they match the color tones and use small prints, batik's and tone on tone prints, as the provided fabrics. Note that the squares are approximately 2 1/2", 2 7/8", or 3". Trim or cut to size the squares for the needed location within the block.

Each block requires

- six @ 2 1/2" squares of cream (corners and center)
- two @ 2 1/2" dark squares (center)
- 8 HST (half square triangles) for the star points.

**For each block:** Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of eight 2 7/8" or 3" cream squares. Layer a dark square, right sides together, with the cream square. Sew together with two seams, stitching a scant 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line to make two HST's. Press each triangle unit (HST), pressing the seams to the dark fabric. Trim each HST to measure 2 1/2". You need eight of these finished units for each block, all different fabrics if possible.



Sew together two HST units to make star points. You need 4 of these, measuring 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".

Sew center 4 patch units using 2 cream and 2 dark 2 1/2" squares. Sew the dark and cream squares together in pairs. Press to the dark fabric. Join pairs together to form a four patch unit, alternating dark/light. Press in one direction. The four patch unit should measure 4 1/2" square.

Using the diagram, lay out block using 4 cream 2 1/2" squares in the corners and 4 star point units on all four sides of the center 4 patch unit. Sew pieces in three rows, pressing seams away from the star point units. Sew rows together to make block. Press seams towards the middle row. The block should measure 8 1/2", including the 1/4" seam allowance. VOILA!

