

MOTHERTOWN GUILD BOX SWAP October, 2019 - June, 2020

In a Box Swap, you decide on a block pattern (all blocks alike) or type of block (ie:stars) you would like made for you by members of your group. The box is filled with fabric and your instructions and swapped over the year to all members of the group, each making you a block. At the end of the year you get your box back full of blocks made by your group members, to do with what you wish.

The swap will be made up of two groups, nine members each. Each group will be headed up by either Janice Boutotte or Bonnie Broders. The groups will be revealed at the October guild meeting, where a check list of group members will be handed out. The list must remain with the box swap. The boxes will be exchanged at that time, brought back to each monthly meeting throughout the year to be swapped again and again, until the June meeting. A second check list will remain with each member so she can keep track of blocks completed throughout the year.

Each month when a member has completed a box swap block, she must check off the box next to her name on the list belonging to the box. When swapped to the next on the list, swap down the list. If the next person is not at the meeting, pass it to someone who is and has not yet made a block. Boxes may also be passed outside of the meeting. The boxes will be returned to the owner of the box at the June 2020 pot luck.

Questions? Call or email Bonnie or Janice.

BOX SWAP REQUIREMENTS

- A box, cardboard or plastic, with your name written on top, large enough to contain the blocks, pattern and fabrics.
- The group member check off list, with your name checked off.
- Pattern for your block, with clear and complete instructions for making it. Block pattern size can be anywhere between 6"-18" finished, and not overly complicated/difficult, nor having appliqué requirements; you may however, have an applique block as an optional block. If you have a picture or vision of the completed quilt, include that as well.
- A completed block by you. This will proof the instructions. Pin a piece of paper with your name on it to this block. Check off the box next to your name on the checklist in your box.
- Fabric enough to complete nine blocks. If you want specific fabric(s) used in a particular place in the block, add this to the instructions along with a swatch of said fabric(s). If you want only your fabrics used, or if you welcome other fabrics, let that be known too. It is not a surprise, so it is OK to call and ask the box owner questions.

INSTRUCTIONS WHEN MAKING BLOCKS

Throughout the year as you complete blocks for members of your group, please be careful to return all materials, blocks, instructions and the group list (with your name checked off) to the box before swapping with the next person. Remember to write your name on a piece of paper and pin it to the block you have made for that box. If you know you will not be attending the monthly meeting, swap with a group member before the meeting or as quickly after the meeting as possible. It is also OK to swap boxes ahead of the meetings and to do more than one box during the month if you know you will miss meetings.

Happy Sewing!