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Next Meeting

June 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm at
Bakers Centre and via Zoom

May 2021 Guild Meeting

Although we had planned for the May guild meeting to be held in person, COVID-19 changed our plans, and we once again had an online meeting.

We had our regular draws, winners – remember to pick up your prizes from the top shelf of our library at the Quilted Raven.

We had our challenge presentation at the May meeting. I am not sure if this challenge was extra hard for members, or COVID-19 caused too much disruption to quilter's plans, but we had a very a small number of entries. Pictures will be posted on our website and then a Survey will be sent to all members to vote on their top three favorites.

We will plan to have the June meeting in person at the Baker's Centre if they are reopened at that time. We will also try to do the meeting online for those who cannot attend. Keep an eye on your email for more information about the June meeting.

Christine

To all On June 20, 2021...

HAPPY
Father's
Day



YK Quilters

AGM Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at the June meeting. During the AGM we will call out for nominees for the executive.

As there are a couple of us that will be stepping down from the executive, we hope that during the meeting we get some others that are interested in joining the executive.

If you have ideas for the guild, and you think you would be interested in being on the guild executive please nominate yourself or have a friend nominate you. Maybe you want to nominate your friend? If you will not attend the June meeting and you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send an email to us at quiltingyk@gmail.com

The guild is also looking for someone to take over the Canadian Quilter's Association Regional Representative. Debbie Gillard is our current representative but will be stepping down from this role.

Thank you,

Christine

Back to Basics: Test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Blog posted Tuesday, January 06, 2015

It is always good to test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to be sure it's accurate. If you change machines or maybe you just never tested it, this is a super simple way to be sure your seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Even if you have a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot for your machine it might need to be adjusted.



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Double Wedding Ring Class.....so far!!

Thank you to everyone who was up to the challenge of taking the Double Wedding Ring class that was virtually taught by Victoria Findlay Wolfe. In a normal situation, we would have arranged for her come to teach for us in person but.....things have changed for this year (and possibly for the foreseeable future) as travelling Quilt Instructors are having to alter the way they teach their techniques to students.

Thanks to the Yellowknife Quilt Guild and the Northwest Territories Arts Council 17 members were able to take part in this class at a substantially reduced cost.

Below are some of the quilts that class participants have shared so far. I am amazed by each one. Looking forward to seeing more. I really would love to have an in-person session in the next little while where people could come to work on their quilts, and I could share some ideas from the class I took at an Empty Spools conference with Victoria in 2019.

Thank you again Double Wedding Ringers. You ladies rock!!!!

Donna



Yellowknife Quilters Guild Retreat

Make and Takes!, Show and Tell!, My favourite things!, Prizes and Bingo!



All took place at the Spring Guild Retreat at the Chateau Nova Hotel with 21 participants on May 21 and 22, 2021.

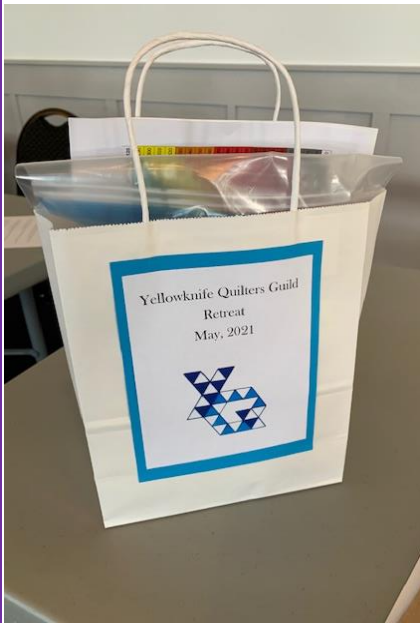
The retreat began with cinnamon buns and set up on Friday night. Many people took the opportunity to visit each other, get organized and maybe even start sewing. Everyone was sewcially distanced, though close enough to chat with our neighbours.

There were people working on the double wedding ring class offered by the Guild (the variety of fabric and themes was really interesting). Others were working on panels, projects from classes taken at the Quilted Raven and Longarm of the North and many beautiful patterns of their own. Retreats are a great way to focus on your project with no family interruptions! Lots of sewing and visiting takes place!

On Saturday, participants had the opportunity to participate in a show and tell, and the projects shown were beautiful and varied. Projects were old and new and stunning! During lunch, everyone exchanged small gifts called "favourite things" and the array of items and the way some of them were wrapped was fun. Some of them were quilting related, though many were not. It was nice to hear what people chose and why it was their favourite.

Everyone appeared to have a great time sewing and visiting. We all went home excited as well as exhausted and dreaming about the next retreat.

Kathryn and Leslie B



Fat Quarters - What do you do with them? (Part 3)

By Christine Hoiland

Well, I'm still working on the fat quarter quilt(s). Hopefully, I'll have something to show at the June meeting.

Christine

Sure, it's all
fun and games
...until the
BOBBIN
runs out



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*Do You Know Quilting Acronyms?
SEX - Stash Enhancing
eXperience*

Show and Tell

Project Bag
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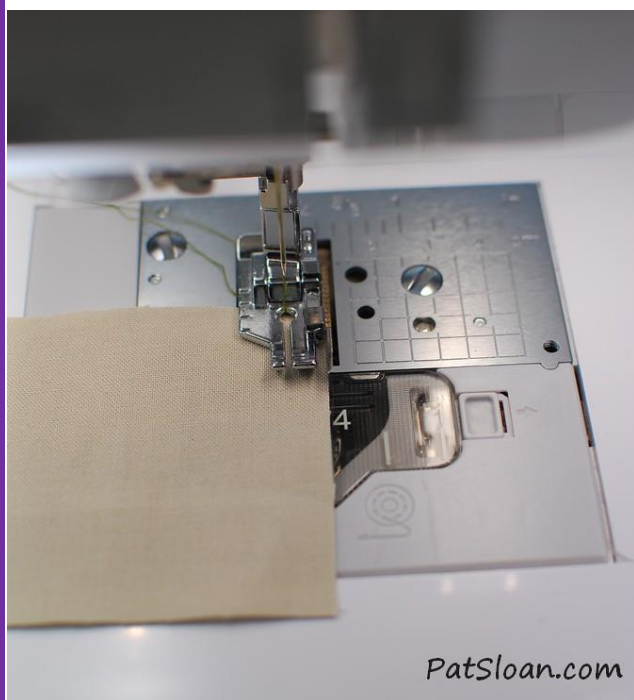
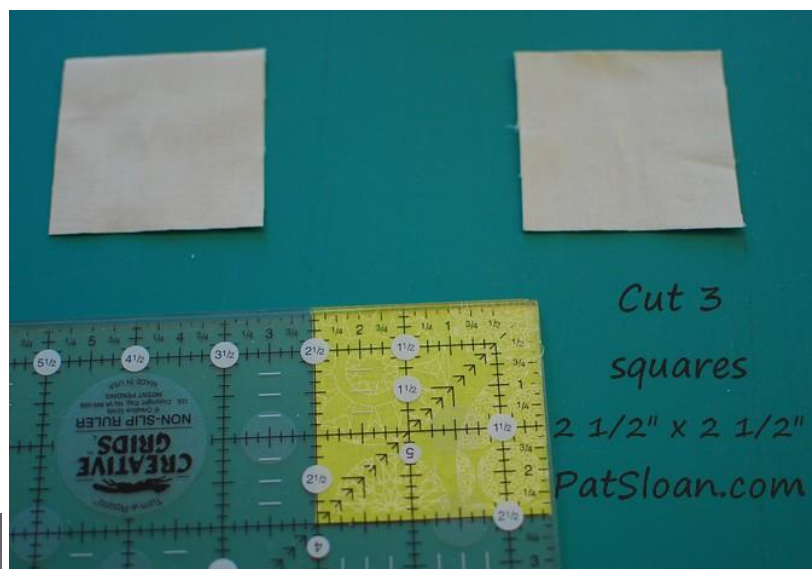
Autumn Pines
Linda Whitford



Back to Basics: Test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

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Cut 3 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2".
Use different color fabrics



This is the 1/4" foot for my Babylock Crescendo. I love the guide on it. Your machine may have a different foot, or no 1/4" foot.



Sew the 3 squares in a row.

Back to Basics:

Test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

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My Babylock's $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam foot sews a 'scant' $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Do you see how the seam is to the RIGHT of the line? When you fold over fabric it takes up a little space, so sewing with a seam just 'shy' of $\frac{1}{4}$ " is what works for most people.

I have this little $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide ruler that I keep by my machine to check things.



Press the unit so the right sides are up for all 3 squares. Do you see how the seam allowance creates a ridge?

This is before i pressed it. when you press you need to have it flat. That way as you sew the units together they all are at the correct size.

Now let's test it!

First, I measure JUST the center block. It should be 2" wide.



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Test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

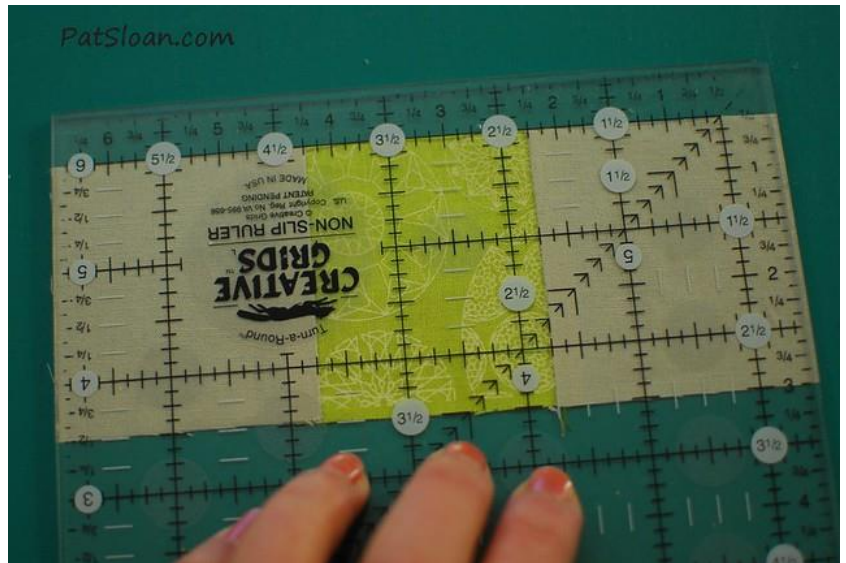
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Now I measure the entire unit. It should be 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. When I test, I like to shift that ruler down and have a straight line across the top and bottom of the patchwork. There is a bit of a shadow on the top right, that's even.

If your block is not accurate, then you need to work on things to find that $\frac{1}{4}$ ". You can shift your needle to the right (although not with the foot I'm using). You can check your

$\frac{1}{4}$ " foot to be sure you HAVE the $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot. Maybe you are using the wrong foot. If you don't have one, shifting the needle position should work for you.

My 6.5" rulers are the very best size for so many things.



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Quilter's Wordsearch



by Wendy Borchert

Q	A	M	N	D	S	L	L	A	W	N	G	I	S	E	D	B	G	Y	I	N
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This is a word search puzzle designed just for quilters! Words go right, left, up, down, and diagonally, but cannot bend at right angles.

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces).

- ☐ Piecing
- ☐ Batting
- ☐ Sewing machine
- ☐ Stitch
- ☐ Fat quarters
- ☐ Jelly rolls
- ☐ Layer cakes
- ☐ Color

- ☐ Needle
- ☐ Border
- ☐ Rotary cutter
- ☐ Mat
- ☐ Quilting
- ☐ Thread
- ☐ Bobbins
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Ruler

- ☐ Yard
- ☐ Charm
- ☐ Guild
- ☐ Binding
- ☐ Design wall
- ☐ Pins
- ☐ Longarm
- ☐ Iron
- ☐ Seams

- ☐ Scraps
- ☐ Trim
- ☐ Applique
- ☐ Notions
- ☐ Knot
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Squares

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QAYG - Quilt as you go*

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