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Door Prize Winners

Cynthia Roach
Charlene Adam
Debbie Gillard
Esther Rowe
Ann Wind
Cindy Taylor

Door prizes supplied by:
Quilted Raven - fat quarters, and
North of 60 Quilting - gift card

Next Meeting

April 8, 2021 at 7:30pm via
Zoom

2021 March Guild Meeting

Members who joined us at March's Guild meeting were the first to hear of our exciting news of an upcoming online class. Information on the class was emailed to members on March 15th.

We also announced that work is being done on organizing a Quilt Retreat that will take place in May. Stay tuned for more information.

Attendees at the Zoom meeting shared show and tell items, participated in the door prize draws and the mini mystery bag draws.

Mini Mystery Bag Winners

Teresa Watson – Charm Pack
Alecia Callahan – set of 3 dishtowels with measuring tape along edge.

Mini Mystery Bag prizes are supplied by the Yellowknife Quilters Guild

2021 March Guild Meeting continued...

Discussions took place on COVID vaccines and who has had theirs already and whether or not they had adverse reactions. We also discussed the possibility of holding in-person guild meetings once again. At our next Executive meeting we will discuss in-person meetings and determine if we can have these again in May and/or June.

Watch for the April Zoom meeting invite a day or two before the meeting. Remember to check your junk mail or spam folder.

Christine
President



Show and Tell Online

Charlene – from Feb



22" x 11" Cindy



The 30-year UFO

By Charlotte Babicki

I finished at 2 pm on March 8, 2021. Do not know exactly when I started, but I'm guessing it was about 30 years ago. Does anyone remember when this style of fabric (the backing) was in fashion?



The Backing



I had a lot of fabric, maybe I bought it to make clothes. So, I cut some of them into strips for the 9-patch and some into squares. Then I machine-stitched a quilt top! I wanted it to be big enough to go over my bed, and it is.

The quilting is by hand, though. I started on the bottom row. When it came to the light blue square, I used my rose template to fill the space. However, after several rows of quilting, I folded up the quilt and put it away for a few years. Hand quilting takes a long time, especially on a big quilt, so it did not get much attention. After a few starts and stops, the extra backing fabric and loose batting around the edge got annoying, so I trimmed some of it off.

When I picked up the quilt to work on in 2015, I could not find the rose template, so I switched to a seashell. The quilting was done in at least 4 sessions, stretched over the decades. The final fun was using the backing for binding on 5/8 of the edges and using a scrap for the other 3/8 where I had trimmed away. And now it is done! Hurray! I think of it as a utility quilt, not quite folk art, but folksy?



*Do You Know Quilting Acronyms?
PIGS - Projects in Grocery Sacks*

Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to:

leslie06thomas@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is the 3rd Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.

Fat Quarters - What do you do with them? (Part 1)

By Christine Hoiland

I do not know about you, but a bundle of fat quarters calls to me. The pretty colors and patterns, sometimes folded in fancy ways, tied with a pretty ribbon - the shops know how to bundle them to make them look so attractive. So attractive that I usually cannot resist buying those pretty fat quarter bundles!

Some of you may have a large stash of fat quarters building up. Maybe you buy single fat quarters, or like buying the bundles like me. Maybe you have been gifted them, or possibly you have been winning them at our Guild Meetings? However, you have accumulated them, what are you going to do with them now?

There are many fat quarter friendly quilt patterns, so that may be the place to search for a fabulous quilt idea. While you search the internet for these patterns, you may come across a number of "Ways to cut a Fat Quarter".

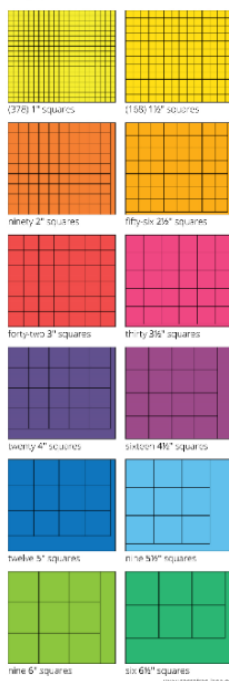
I found "12 Ways to Cut a Fat Quarter" as well as charts for 10 ways to cut them. On the right are the two charts I liked best as they show the layout of the squares to be cut.

So, now to test it out! I took a bundle of Tula Pink - Monkey Wrench fat quarters and cut according to the second chart. I did not want to cut 378 - 1" squares, so I opted for the 99 - 2" squares as my smallest cuts.

Note; if you have large numbers of squares to cut - I recommend the large Stripology Ruler. It makes cutting strips into squares easy and quick.

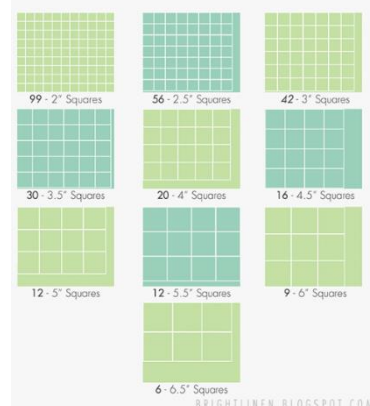


12 Ways to cut a Fat-Quarter



From a Fat Quarter

(18"x22") You Can Cut:



Here are my pretty fat quarters. Aren't they lovely and bright? There are more than 10, so I will have to choose which ones I use.

Fat Quarters continued...

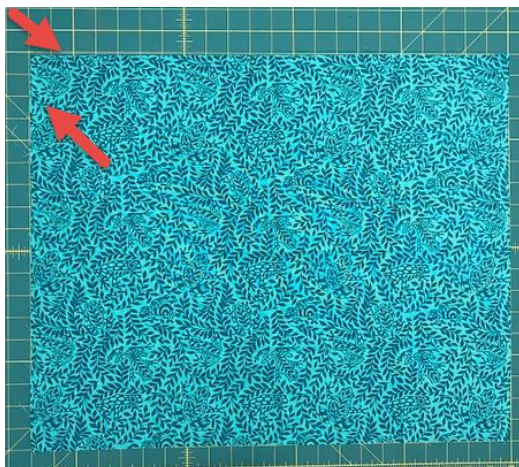
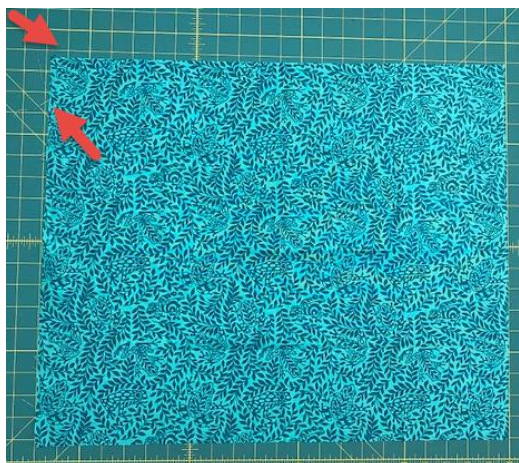
Now, as fabrics are not always folded on the bolt evenly, you may find that your fat quarter is not “square”.

Press your fat quarter and lay it out on your cutting mat to check the “squareness” of it before making any cuts.

You will see in the first picture on the right that my fat quarter is off quite a bit.

I took it back to my pressing mat and used some sizing spray and managed to get it a bit squarer.

After pressing each fat quarter and checking for “squareness” I was ready to cut!

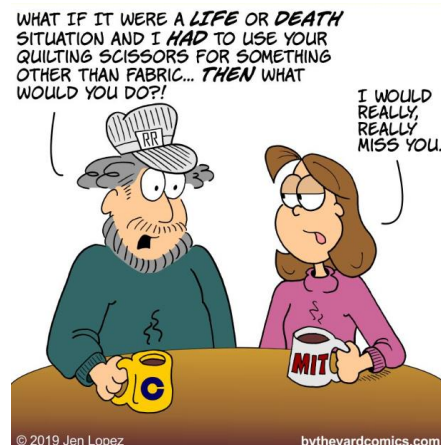


While measuring and preparing my fat quarters for cutting, I realized that the measurements in the charts includes the salvage. So, depending on the width of fabric (WOF) your fat quarter was cut from, you may not get all the numbers listed in the charts, but this did not discourage me. I was determined to cut these fat quarters and see what I got!

By the way, a fat quarter is made by cutting $\frac{1}{2}$ a yard or meter of fabric, then cutting this in half by the WOF. If your WOF is 44", your fat quarter will be 22" long, but 1" of that is salvage.

As Canada uses the Metric system and the United States uses the Imperial system, there is difference between a US fat quarter and a Canadian fat quarter. A fat quarter cut in the U.S. will generally measure 18" x 21" (a quarter of a yard) while a fat quarter cut in Canada will measure 20" x 21" (a quarter of a meter). Keep this in mind when using fat quarter friendly patterns.

After a bit of time at the cutting table.....



Fat Quarters continued...

Here are my ten fat quarters cut into the different size squares following the second chart above. 2" squares all the way up to 6 ½" squares.

You may notice I have two stacks of 2" squares in this photo. I cut two fat quarters into 2" squares by accident – I was really enjoying that Stripology ruler! Oh well, they will not go to waste.



My friend Debbie once asked, can you really cut 99, 2-inch squares from a fat quarter?

Well yes you can, and to the left is what they look like. Okay, this is a close-up shot – it is not really that big of a stack.

I did run into issues with the cuts that required using the full 22 inches, so I used one of my extra fat quarters to get the squares I needed.

Now I must create a quilt top (or two) with all these squares.

As they are different sizes and will be difficult to just sew together as is, I have decided I will add some white into the mix and use a Jelly Roll to assist with piecing the squares together.

Check back in a month or two.....or three, to see what I create with all these squares.



Jelly Roll – 2 ½" pre-cut strips.

Donations for Skills Club in Communities



THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM GUILD MEMBERS, TERESA WAS ABLE TO DELIVER SEVEN BOXES OF SEWING SUPPLIES TO SKILLS CANADA FOR DISTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. THIS INCLUDED NOTIONS, PATTERNS, AND KITS IN ADDITION TO FABRIC. WE PROVIDED MATERIAL AND PATTERNS FOR CLOTHING AS WELL AS QUILTING.

YELLOWKNIFE QUILTERS GUILD

2020/21

QUILTERS' CHALLENGE.....



2020 has been quite the year and we could all use a laugh or two, so this year's theme is:

Make Me Laugh!



The Rules:

Your goal is to make someone laugh when they see your quilt or hear the story behind the quilt.

Your Quilt:

1. Can be any shape, but the perimeter must be between 60" – 120"
2. Must be started and completed between December 11 and May 13 Guild Meeting / Reveal
3. Must be Finished
4. Must be Quilted





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Charlene and the Ravenettes!!



Still Shy About Trying ZOOM?

We've had several online meetings using Zoom and they have been successful. We even have our own Zoom account now, so we don't have to worry about getting shut down part-way through our meeting. We've had door prizes and Mini Mystery Bag giveaways. We even manage to do Show and Tell online!

If you would like to join the online meetings but are just unsure of how to use Zoom, we have someone to help.

Hermina (Minnie) Joldersma has already assisted others with Zoom and is willing to "tutor" people on how to do it. She will do a step by step walk through with you.

This may give you that added confidence to join our monthly guild meeting and any other online meetings/classes you may want to do.

Email Minnie at joldersm@ucalgary.ca or give her a call at (867) 446-1683 and she would gladly give you some support.

Christine, President

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SnW - Stack and Whack*

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