



FIESTA NEWS!



Business Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2012 9:30 AM
General Meetings Tuesday, April 10, 2012 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 9:30 AM



April Speaker Carol Taylor

Before I introduce our April speaker, I would like to take a moment to reiterate how thrilled I am to be one of your new Program Chairs. An anthropologist by education, a marketing manager for a technology company by profession, and a desert rat at heart I hope to bring this eclectic mix of experience to finding you an interesting variety of future speakers. At this time I also would like to thank Joline and Judy for their generosity in helping Mary and me through this transition.

Now onto business! Carol Taylor is our featured speaker for April. In her website biography it states that she “approaches her quilt making with intensity and a seemingly boundless energy”. I can assure you that this energy also extends to her thorough preparation for her visit to Tucson since I just completed filling out a 3-page form with details on equipment, lodging, meals and class logistics. No wonder Carol has won 6 Best of Show Awards in her career – with 6 different quilts! One of them was even inspired by Arizona...Sedona: Red Rocks and Blue Skies.



She has created over 500 quilts since she began quilting in 1993 and currently serves on the board of directors for SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates). Carol's lecture “Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time” will show us how she does all this. Carol's quilts are distinguished by vibrant colors, striking contrasts, and the use of value. That is the subject of our 2-day workshop, “The Value of Value” and the quilt shown below.



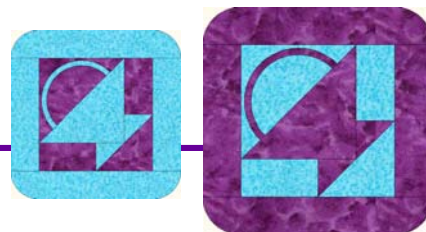
Carol has graciously opened up this workshop to a few more people... You still have time to sign up by contacting us before the general meeting.

Kathy Barton / Mary Blount
Program Chairs

President's Message

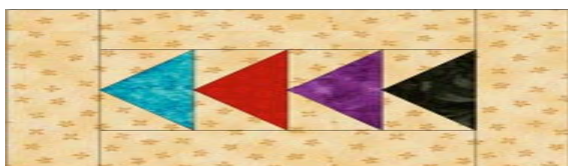
Happy April! It's so fun to see all the plants waking up and the birds are all so happy. Time to start a new year! What wonderful quilting projects do you have in mind? I would like to encourage all of you to get involved in something. Not just with the guild, but there are so many organizations needing help.

Take care,
Mary Meserve, President
marymes@aol.com



Welcome to our **New Members** (as of 20 March 2012)!

Cathy Biggers, Joyce Christenson, Stephanie Consalvo, Bette Cundiff, Carolyn Emmons, Terry Enfield, Linda Erickson, Gale Giebner, Karen Herhold, Norma Kindseth, Cheri Kinney, Connie Lopez, Susan Ritter, Rachael Roberts, Pat Sanchez, Gale Tuoti, Donna Viitanen, Janet Windsor.



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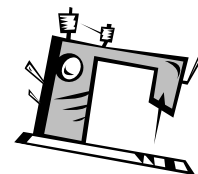
- 100 classes on a variety of machine-quilting topics
- \$27,000 in awards for judged quilt competition
- Hundreds of quilts on display, special quilt & garment exhibits, quilt challenges, and exclusive presentations
- Vendor Mall of 200 booths with the latest to see, try & buy

There are 2 openings in the April 2-day workshop with Carol Taylor, "The Value of Value." If you are interested, please contact Mary Blount at 520-818-6409, maryblount2@gmail.com or Kathy Barton at kathrynbarton@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Workshops

May – Karen Eckmeier "Happy Villages" and "Circle of Friends" – Space available
June – Sherrill Kahn "Painting Pizazz" – One spot available
Sept – Karen Buckley "Ocean Sunrise" and "Garden Medley" – Space available
Oct – Jane Davila "Outer Limits" and "Fiber Post Cards" – Sign ups begin next month
November — Margaret Miller

For further information, check out the information on our webpage:
<http://www.tucsonquiltersguild.com/programs.html>



Registration opens six months in advance of each workshop before the start of the Business Meeting. The member fee for workshops is \$50. The fee for non-members is \$75. More information on class policies and fees is available on the website.

GUILD NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

2012 HOLIDAY BLOCK EXCHANGE

I just read a post by Cloth Paper and Scissors, an online email I get daily from Interweave, Inc. Today's tip was alternative lettering. How about using different forms of lettering to form a Holiday block? Ideas are children's writing, letter beads, stamps, embroidery, even metal stamping. Can you come up with a way to incorporate words, phrases, or quotes into YOUR special Holiday block? Let yourself go and have FUN!

SAAVI Quilters Need a Sewing Machine

SAAVI is the Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired. Since September the Tucson Quilters Guild Education Committee has been working with anywhere from one to six individuals on Friday mornings to help them hand sew patches for quilts to be used by visually impaired children at the SAAVI summer camp.

The Education Committee volunteers do any machine sewing needed from their homes. The Education Committee will be finishing its commitment to SAAVI in May. SAAVI is looking for a working sewing machine that sighted staff and/or individual volunteers could use to sew the quilt sandwich together. A mechanical machine is preferred to a computer sewing machine, but any working basic sewing machine would be gratefully accepted. If anyone is willing to donate a sewing machine to this group, please contact Ruth Martin, 682-3846 or rmartin46@gmail.com.

President's Challenge 2012: This year the President's Challenge will be "Celebrations." The only requirements will be size at 120" around the perimeter. This means it *cannot* be bigger around the whole quilt than 120"! Also, you need to put a sleeve on the back. They just look so much better hanging at the quilt show with a sleeve. So have fun and show us what you like to celebrate!

Ideas: Family, country, sisters, children, pets... what will you come up with??

BEES, BEES, BEES—Updated!



CENTRAL AREA:

Art Quilters Contact: Barbara Hall, 622-9268, or rbarber21@cox.net

Where: Bella Quiltworks;

When: Third Wednesday at 10 AM

Himmel Park Contact: Ruth Campbell, 792-1639

Where: Himmel Park Library,

When: Third Wednesday at 6 PM

HOW: Help Our Warriors

Contact: Laurie Mullins, 883-3568

Where: Bella Quiltworks

When: Third Monday at 1:00 PM

EAST SIDE:

Eastside Evening Bee Contact: Connie Weigel, 760-7728 or xuxala@msn.com

Where: El Camino Baptist Church 7777 E. Speedway,

When: First Thursday of the month 6:30-9PM

Siesta Bee Contact: Nelle Starr, 886-4123

Where: members' homes (Northeast) call for directions

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1pm

GREEN VALLEY:

North of the Border Contact: Babs Phillips, 393-6557

Where: M & I Bank 270 W. Continental Green Valley,

When: Thursday 9:30 - Noon

NORTHWEST:

Quilting for Others Contact: Mary Meserve, 883-4408

Where: Cactus Quilt Shop,

When: Third Wednesday, 9:30 – Noon

Theme: Tucson Charities

Material Girls Contact: Caroline Schau, 297-9965, CarolineSchau@comcast.net

Where: Rotate Homes

When: First and Third Thursdays at 1 PM

CONTINENTAL RANCH/TWIN PEAKS:

Contact: Merry Putney, 579-3376 (contact Merry for updates)

Where: 9358 N. Sunflower Blossom Pl.

When: 3rd Friday at 10 AM

If you have any updates or changes for our Quilt Bees, please email them to me. I will keep an eye on the Bees until we have a new Bee Keeper. —Margaret Newman, mereridkat@aol.com

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Tuesday Evening Meetings: Open from 5:30 to 7pm only.

Wednesday Morning Meetings: Open from 8:30 to 9:30 and during the break.

To renew books: Call Donata Pfisterer the day before the meeting at 733-9557 or email her at:

donatap@photonengr.com.

QUILT FIESTA! 2013



- 1) We are still looking for someone to chair the Door Prize committee. Let Kathy or Jean know if you are interested in doing this job.
- 2) The date for turning in your entry form has been moved back to the October general meetings.
- 3) The entry forms are not ready yet, but when they are please read all the information carefully before filling them out. The form is being revised and you will be asked to provide information in a slightly different format than in past years.
- 4) A proposal was brought to the Quilt Show committee concerning the ticket price for members who do not work a hostess shift during the show. The proposal was to do away with the reduced price of \$5 for those members and charge the same \$10 fee for everyone who purchases a ticket to see the show. The show committee discussed this proposal and voted on it. The result was a unanimous vote to accept the proposal. At the 2013 show a member who works a hostess shift will receive free entry into the show. A member who does not work a hostess shift will pay \$10. Any member who is 80 years old or older and unable to work a hostess shift may request complimentary ticket to see the show.

As always, members are welcome at the Quilt Show meetings and are encouraged to join a committee. It takes many hands to make things work smoothly for our show. The next Quilt Show meeting will be at 10am April 20th at the police station on the corner of Alvernon and 22nd St.

DEMONSTRATIONS Thank you so much to all of you who participated and attended the demonstrations given by fellow Guild members at the 2012 Quilt Fiesta! Susie Weaver and Evelyn George had *great* presentations, very informative and well received by the Fiesta attendees.

And now it's time now to start thinking about what we want for demos at next January's show. There is so much talent in this guild and our show is such a wonderful opportunity to share it with the larger quilting world attending the Quilt Fiesta!

We'll update you during the year as to the featured speaker but now we need two things from you, our fellow members:



#1. What suggestions do you have for topics of interest/learning?

#2. What can you and/or your bee create as a demo/lecture?

Suggest names to us... areas of interest... *any* ideas you think would be appropriate. We feel strongly that '*Demonstrations*' is an area that should reflect the interests of our membership as a whole. We have 5 slots to fill and would like to see some really 'out of the box' thinking for the 1 hour (approx) presentations.

Please, help us out! We hope to work together making 2013 an even better show than before! (As if that's possible!)

Thanks for your help!

Connie German and Reilly Zoda
Demonstration Committee Co-Chairs
Quilt Fiesta - 2013



MEMBERSHIP THANK YOUS

A big THANK YOU to all of you that have renewed or joined the Guild for the first time during our 2012 Membership Drive!

Thank you *also* for your patience while I've processed the paperwork needed. As I'm new on the job, and I'm having slow learning curve moments, it's taken longer for me to get through everything than you may be used to; but we're finally current with all applications (as of 20 Mar 12). Filling Colleen's shoes is a challenge, but her help with the transition has been unstinting and generous.

Thanks too to my Guild sisters who've been helping during the crazy busy times at the February and March meetings! I won't mention names as I don't want to leave anyone out but you guys know who you are! I'm aware and grateful for your help... you've made this job possible!

Please, *everyone*, check the membership list on the website and get back to me if there are any errors. I've tried to be accurate but if I've made a mistake just let me know and I'll correct it!

Sekmet73@cox.net

I'm looking forward to the next year with our impressive Guild!
Reilly Zoda, 2012-2013 Membership Director



Small Quilt Auction News

It is time to begin thinking about the Small Quilt Auction for 2013, even as we are wrapping up the Hopi Project from our 2012 auction. In the first auction sponsored by the Guild, we had a total of 110 quilts donated by 70 quilters. These quilters represented just about 10% of the Guild membership. This year let's set a goal to increase the participation in the auction to 20% of our membership. Of course we'd like every member to participate!

At the Quilt Fiesta! meeting held last Friday, Quilt for a Cause was chosen to be the recipient of the proceeds from our 2013 auction. Since the Quilt for a Cause auction will be held in March 2013, we will be working in tandem with that organization.

Again this year we are asking members to make and donate a small quilt for the auction to be held as part of the Quilt Fiesta! in January 2013. Quilts that sold really well in our auction included those with a Southwestern theme, and landscape quilts, especially southwest landscapes. Some holiday quilts sold well, though Christmas themes did not do as well. It may be that by the middle of January people are tired of that holiday. These are just suggestions - you are welcome to donate any type of quilt and all will be gratefully accepted. Quilts may be turned in at the meetings in September, October and November, with the deadline being the November 14, 2012 general meeting, or postmarked by November 14 if you are out of town.

Quilt size again should be no bigger than 80" around the perimeter, and each quilt needs to have a 2" hanging sleeve across the top of the quilt. Entry forms with the guidelines are available on the website as well as at the meetings at the Quilting for Others table. All quilts need to have the entry form completed and attached with a straight pin when turned in. — Sally Dickinson, Small Quilt Auction Chairperson

100 Years, 100 Quilts Guild Programs

The Tucson Quilters Guild is presenting programs at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in coordination with the *100 Years, 100 Quilts Exhibition* which opened in February and runs through December 31, 2012.

On March 3rd, seven youngsters enjoyed making a “Little Quilt” at the First Saturday Family Activity. Six teens and one five-year old girl participated as Shari Thompson presented the project.

Cathy Dargel led the Second Saturday “Meet the Quilter” program. Cathy showed photos and described her inspiration and creation of her quilt, “100 Years of Tucson Landmarks” displayed in the Exhibition. Guests learned about sketching, fabric selection and quilting tips as well as some Tucson history and stories.

The Guild’s next programs at the Museum are May 5th First Saturday when the children will make a small Southwestern Wall Hanging and May 12th when guests will have the opportunity to “Meet the Quilter”, Ann Adams. All programs start at 11:00 a.m. and are free with admission to the Museum. We encourage you to bring your children or grandchildren to enjoy a bit of quilting craft and to come hear about some of the lovely quilts in the Exhibit.



Shari Thompson works with teens making a “Little Quilt” designed by Evelyn George at the Arizona Historical Museum’s First Saturday Activity, March 3, 2012.



Riley learns to pull the needle through her quilt sandwich at the Arizona Historical Society Museum during the First Saturday Activity presented by the Tucson Quilters Guild on March 3, 2012.



March’s “Meet the Quilter”, Cathy Dargel, stands by her Arizona Historical Society Museum Exhibition entry, “100 Years of Tucson Landmarks”.

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NEWS

EMAIL LIST: The Guild now has an email list for easy communication with the members. Please log into the protected area of the website and put your name and email address into the box at the top of the page. After doing this, you will receive an email. You must click on the link after making the link into one long line. If this works, you will receive another email saying you were successful. If you have any problem with this, email me at quilter@tucsonquiltersguild.com. Meg Silvern

The submission deadline
for articles for the
May Newsletter is
Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
Articles should be sent to :
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Newsletter Editor is Margaret Newman



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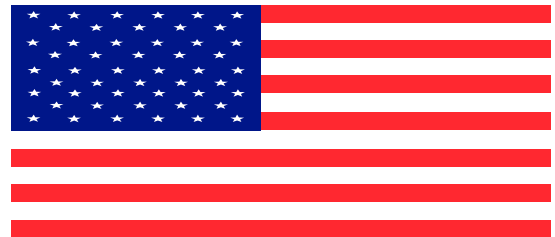
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Remembering Anne Berry: Gathering for Anne Berry's family and friends will be Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Tohono Chul Tea Room 2:30 - 4:30PM in the "Wilson Room" Anne's quilts will be displayed around the room on tables.



HOW: Help Our Warriors: Our next meeting is on April 16, 2012, from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Bella Quiltworks. We will meet there the third Monday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Mullins at home: 520-883-3568 or cellphone: 520-252-5216. Look for us on Facebook!

Come help our warriors! We need people to make twin size quilts, lap quilts (3x5), baby blankets (3x3), heart pillows, shawls, and tote bags. Many people in the guild also knit or crochet. We could use socks (white), baby blankets (3x3), knitted or crocheted caps, and shawls. Remember, these days not all soldiers are men.

Collection of Supplies for Hopi Quilters

We have begun collecting quilting supplies to send to the Hopi Reservation for the quilters there. On the reservation there are six community centers supporting the residents who live in the nearby villages and in the outlying lands. We are making a total of 42 'kits', each bagged separately, to be given to individual quilters. In addition to the 'kits' we will provide supplies to the community centers to be used by all the quilters.

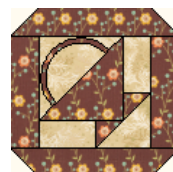
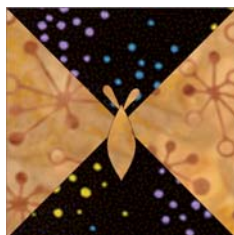
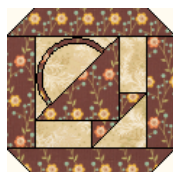
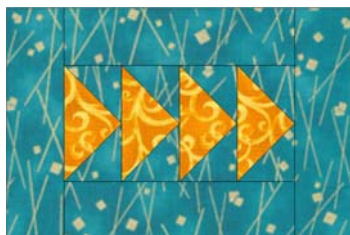
To help supplement the budgeted \$4,000 that we raised with the Small Quilt Auction, I am asking each of you, as a Guild member to donate extra supplies that you may have, but do not plan to use. Here is a chance to clean out your stash. We are purchasing 42 cutting mats, rotary cutters, 3"x18" rulers, scissors, needles, pins, batting, and thread. Money left after this purchase will be used to fill in with other supplies as needed after the April Guild meetings.

Items needed include: fabric (not scraps) – cotton solids were most requested, fabric with Native American themed prints, other prints, cotton flannel, fleece, packs of bias tape, embroidery thread, crochet thread, yarn (all used for tying quilts), lace, straight pins and T-pins, needles for piecing and quilting, needles with a large eye for tying the quilts, quilt books and magazines, and sewing machines in working order. If you have extra rulers or other cutting supplies you want to donate we would certainly take those as well.

Check out the Pattern of the Month page on our website. There you will find patterns to make little pincushions. We are hoping that while you make one for yourself, you will also make one for the Hopi – we will begin accepting these at the April meetings if you have them made so we can send them in the 'kits'. Why not sign your name on the bottom to personalize the pincushion as well?

I will post a link to this list on our website so that you can refer to it, or have your friends refer to it without opening the protected area for the newsletter. I thank you all in advance for all your help with this project.

– Sally Dickinson, Endowment/Donations Director



The Guild Basics

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| Who: | All Members |
| What: | Business Meeting —First Wednesday of every month in the Church Classroom General Meetings - Second Wednesday of the month in the morning or the Tuesday evening preceding the second Wednesday - in the Parish Hall. |
| When: | Business Meeting — 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM General Meetings: Tuesday Evening—7:00~9:30 PM. Wednesday—9:30 AM~12:00 PM |
| Where: | St Frances Cabrini Church 3201 E. Presidio Near Fort Lowell and Country Club |
| (How): Parking | Guild members are asked to refrain from parking in the spaces in front of the Parish office; the Church wants these spaces to remain open for Church members who have business to attend to in the office. This is the small building to the east of our meeting room. PARKING NOTICE: Tuesday evening attendees: The Church's Family Classes are in session again, so PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT LOT. Use the side or back lot. |
| Why: | Come to get involved with all aspects of the Guild, to make new friends, learn new quilting skills, share, but most of all, to have FUN . |



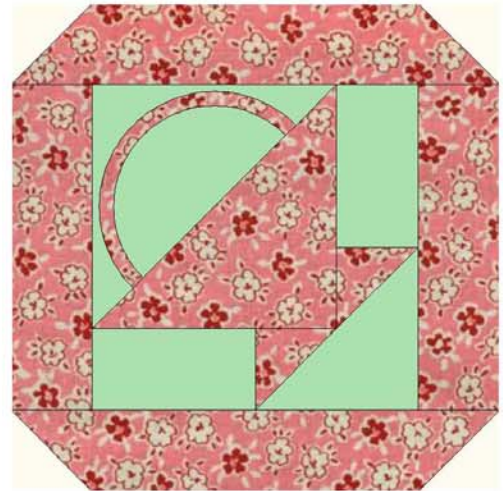
Pattern of the Month

April 2012

"Basket Pincushion" (4 5/8" finished)

by Sally Dickinson and Evelyn George

Sally Dickinson, who was in charge of the small quilt auction at the last show, had a wonderful idea for supplementing the funds raised by the auction. She suggested that for Pattern of the Month, we have a pincushion, and ask that interested members make an extra one for a Hopi quilter. We would like to have at least 40 pincushions to include with the supplies we will be sending them. So, Sally designed a Basket Pincushion (traditional piecing with an appliqued handle) and Evelyn designed a stylized Butterfly Pincushion (pieced) and a Flying Geese Pincushion (paper-pieced). Here's the Basket Pincushion, and please look for the other two in the Pattern of the Month section of the TQG website). These patterns will also be available at the Pattern of the Month table at the April meetings. Why not make one for yourself and one for a Hopi quilter? If you have another pattern you'd like to use, that's fine, too—a variety would be lovely! We will begin accepting pincushions (and other essential basic quilting supplies you might want to share) at the April meetings, because the first trip to deliver them will be about a week after the Guild meetings.



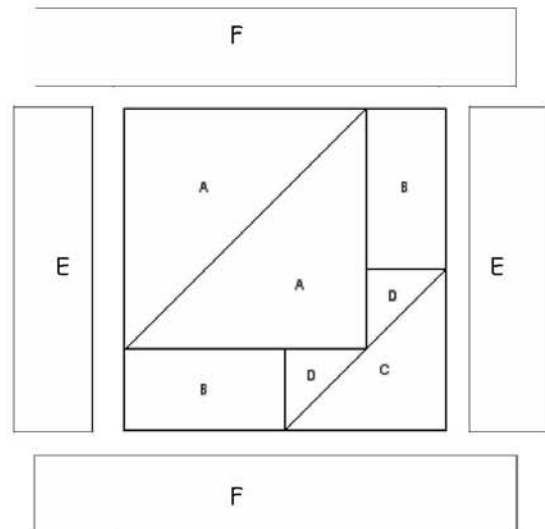
Cutting (for 2 pincushions with colors reversed from each other, layer two contrasting fabrics together and cut both at the same time, as follows.):

- One $3 \frac{1}{4}$ " square; cut in half diagonally (A)
- Two $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $2 \frac{1}{8}$ " rectangles (B)
- One $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally (C)
- One $1 \frac{5}{8}$ " square, cut in half diagonally (D)
- One bias strip $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" (handle, see below)

Borders and underside can be cut from a contrasting fabric, or one of the first two fabrics.

For each pincushion, also cut:

- Two border strips $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $3 \frac{5}{8}$ " (E)
- Two border strips $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $5 \frac{1}{8}$ " (F)
- One $5 \frac{1}{8}$ " square (underside of pincushion)



You'll also need polyester fiberfill or other suitable stuffing.

Use good, strong thread that doesn't break easily, and shorten machine stitch slightly. Don't skimp on the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, and make sure all stitching is secure, so it will withstand the stuffing process!

Lay out basket and background pieces, arranging them to shape the basket as shown. (If you have cut two different colored fabrics at the same time, you will be able to make two baskets, one of each color, with opposite backgrounds.)

Make handle first. Fold bias strip into thirds and press lightly. With a long stitch, baste down center of folded strip, keeping an even width. On the ironing board, shape strip into a handle and with tip of iron, coax and press it into a curve to fit onto the large background triangle (A). Pin handle to triangle at middle and ends, leaving about $\frac{1}{2}$ " of handle extending beyond lower edge of triangle. Remember to allow room for seams at upper edges of triangle. Go slow, and stitch handle in place (inner edge of curve first, then outer edge). Press gently. Stitch the triangle with handle on it to the basket triangle (A). Press seam toward basket. (Handle might also be made from rickrack, bias tape or other trim, or use your favorite method.)

Stitch basket "feet" triangles (D) onto side rectangles (B), taking care to keep them in the correct position so they make a flat bottom for the basket, and sew them to left and right sides of basket. Add the (C) triangle of background fabric to the bottom edge of basket, keeping it centered. (You will have a C triangle of each fabric left over, which you do not need for either basket.)

Add the shorter borders to two opposite sides. Press seams away from basket. Add the two longer borders and press. The corners can be left square, or they can be rounded or trimmed off slightly to make the pincushion easier to stuff. Mark around a spool to round off corners, or use a ruler to make a diagonal line across each corner.



Lay basket block on top of plain square of fabric, right sides together, lining up edges (they should be the same size; if not, make adjustments). Pin together, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from edges, leaving an opening about 2" on one side, for turning and stuffing. Trim off any excess fabric if corners have been remodeled; also trim off any loose threads. Turn cushion right side out, making sure corners and seams are coaxed out evenly. Press if needed. Stuff firmly, pushing stuffing tightly into corners first, with your finger or a stuffing stick (a chopstick works fine). Keep adding stuffing until it is evenly full and firm enough. Pin opening closed and stitch by hand. Embellish as desired!

Don't forget to check out the paper-pieced Flying Geese Pincushion, as well as the Butterfly Pincushion, in the new Pattern of the Month section of the website: tucsonquiltersguild.com