



Business Meeting Wednesday, September 5, 2012 9:30 AM General Meetings Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:00 PM Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:30 AM

### Introducing Karen Kay Buckley

We know you're out there.... beginning to intermediate quilters who can learn a great deal from our next speaker! There are still spaces available in Karen's Ocean Sunrise workshop. You will be thrilled with how sharp the skinny points will be with paper piecing and how quick and easy it is to machine appliqué the curves. Several blocks will be completed in class and you will leave with detailed instructions on how to finish your quilt. Karen was voted teacher of the year by Professional Quilter Magazine in 1997 so you shouldn't pass up this opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business. By way of proof, here are some other happy students from Archbold, Ohio who just finished this workshop.



Karen entered quilting after graduating from college in 1978 with a degree in Education. Unable to find an acceptable position, she filled her time by taking a quilting class at a local high school. Later, after her husband was relocated to Philadelphia in 1986, Karen opened "The Country Quilt Shop". Although she had to sell the shop in 1989 after her husband was again relocated, this allowed Karen to devote herself full time to developing classes, designing patterns, and writing books about guilting. Karen now has over 250 guilts to her credit, several books, and 8 Best of Show awards. One of her quilts was chosen to hang in the US Capitol. She has also made appearances on Simply Quilts and the AQS show American Quilter.

I will close this introduction with a quote from Karen's website: "My husband, Joe, says I am so passionate about my quilting and he is correct. I love to quilt. I am also passionate about teaching. I enjoy sharing what I have learned with others." Join us for her workshop and you can experience this passion first hand!



Tucson's Quilt Fiesta! is now on Facebook! Since this is FREE publicity for our show, ask your friends to 'like' the page. What can be better than free? <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucsons-Quilt-Fiesta/">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucsons-Quilt-Fiesta/</a>

### **Upcoming Workshops**

September 13, 14: Karen Buckley - "Ocean Sunrise" (Space Available) and "Garden Medley"

(Class Full)

October 11,12: Jane Davila - "Outer Limits" and "Fabric Postcards" - Space Available November 15, 16: Margaret Miller - "Strips that Sizzle" (Space Available) and "Easy Pieces"

(Class Full)

February 14,15: Larkin Van Horn - "Shattered Circles" and "A Touch of Silk",

Sign-Ups in September

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**

Many thanks to all our guild members who made the 16th Annual Quilt-a-thon a major success! We were able to deliver over 100 quilts to Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS) on Wednesday, August 8th. Many people took the quilts that were under construction home with them and will return them to us at the September meetings. We are expecting representatives from TOPS to be at both of our September meetings so we'll have an opportunity to give them some more quilts.

Very special thanks to our local quilt shops that made very generous donations to help make this event such a success. Thank you Phyllis Sirrene from Quilters Desert Patch in Sahuarita, Lynda Luiten at The Quilter's Market, Tucson, and Nancy Landon at Cactus Quilt Shop, Tucson. Please continue to support our local quilt shops as they are a treasure to all quilters.

Thanks to our hospitality committee that kept us in nourishments so that we could continue to quilt over the two days, thanks Chris and Marie!

— Colleen Babcock

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### 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**.

The submission deadline
for articles for the
October Newsletter is
Wednesday, September 19, 2012.
Articles should be sent to:
newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com
Newsletter Editor is Margaret Newman



### BEES, BEES, BEES—Updated!

#### **CENTRAL AREA:**

Art Quilters Contact: Barbara Hall, 622-9268,

or <a href="mailto:rbarber21@cox.net">rbarber21@cox.net</a> 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

**EAST SIDE:** 

Eastside Evening Bee Contact: Connie Weigel, 760-7728

or xuxala@msn.com

Where: Unity Peace Church, 1515 S Eastside Loop 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,

<u>CarolineSchau@comcast.net</u> Where: Rotate Homes

When: First and Third Thursdays at 1 PM

**Quilting After Dark:** Call Karen Fisher at 572-8825 or email her

at <a href="mailto:karen@karenfisherartquilts.com">karen@karenfisherartquilts.com</a> to get more details.

**CONTINENTAL RANCH/TWIN PEAKS:**Contact: We don't have a contact for this bee

**Newsletter game:** Don't tell your friends! Keep it a secret. Five more membership numbers have been hidden in this newsletter. If one of them is yours, let me know at the next meeting or by contacting me if you can't attend, and you will win a prize. Mary Meserve, 520-883-4408,

marymes@aol.com.

Only three more meetings before we celebrate the Holidays. DO NOT be left out...make your holiday block today! Stumped for ideas? Please check out our "table bee" at the October and November general meetings. Samples and ideas will be displayed as well as a REAL human to answer any questions or just be a sounding board for your ideas!

Donations of quilts for the Small Quilt Auction 2013 may be turned in at the Guild meetings in September, October, and November. Use a straight pin to attach a completed entry form to each quilt. Thank you.

### QUILT IT: A beginning quilt workshop for boys and girls

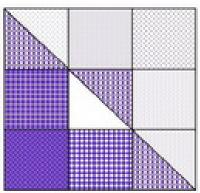
Please join me in giving the boys and girls at the Martha Cooper Library the opportunity to learn basic quilting skills this fall. The class project is a 12 inch square, quilted pillow using the Brownie TRY IT potholder directions, with slight modifications. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me or Ruth Martin. Come for one class or all of them!

Saturdays: October 20, 27, November 3, and 10 Martha Cooper Library 1377 N Catalina Ave Tucson, AZ 85712 10:00 am to 11:30 am Class size 20 Ages 9 and above.

Shari Thompson, rbthompson@cox.net, 520-834-4245

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### President's Thank You Block



It's that time once again to make our Thank You blocks for our outgoing President, Mary Meserve. As we all know, Mary LOVES Purple!

We will be making a 6.5" UNFINISHED block, using Purples and lights (pale lavender to white, your choice)

Blocks are due to VP Kathy Harris by the January

USING SCRAPPY FABRICS:

Cut 3 each of lights and darks, 2.5" square. Cut 2 squares each light and dark, 2 & 7/8"

Using the 2 & 7/8" squares, layer light and darks right sides together, draw a line on the diagonal, sew 1/4" on each side of line. Cut apart on line. Press to the dark and trim off ears. You will use only 3 of the 1/2 square triangles. Assemble as shown. Block should measure 6.5" UNFINISHED



100 Years, 100 Quilts Programs Beginning in September, the program time for the Family Activity (children's quilting project) and "Meet the Quilter" will be changed to noon. Both programs will start at noon and end by 1:00 p.m.

Thanks go to our August Family Activity teachers, Mary Meserve and Arlene Svenson, and our "Meet the Quilter" redwork specialist, Sue Franklin, for their excellent work.

September teachers are Joline Albaugh and Mary Bazzano. Joyce Harrison is our "Meet the Quilter" presenter. Bring your children or grandchildren on the first Saturday (September 1<sup>st</sup>) and join Joyce for a walk through of design and creation of the Arizona Centennial quilt she and Diane Osborne have in the exhibit on Saturday, September 8th.

**CONGRATULATIONS to TQG's Lois Podolny**, a 3-award winner at the 43rd Annual NQA Quilt Show in Columbus, Ohio.

Judges Recognition: Best Machine Quilting 2nd Place
'The Desert's Glory' Small Category: Art-Innovative
'For Love of Garden Green' 'The Desert's Glory'

The time has come to think about volunteering for an office with the Tucson Quilters Guild. The two positions the guild needs to fill are President and Vice-President. We have been very fortunate for the leadership of Mary Meserve, (President) and Kathy Harris, (Vice-President). The nomination committee, consisting of Mary Bazzano, Alice Wilder, and Joan Swanson will actively be searching for volunteers to fill these positions. How fantastic it would be to have more than one person on the ballot for each position?! There are a lot of new members and this would be a good chance for them to become an active part of the guild. If anyone should have any questions regarding these positions, please either ask Mary Meserve, Kathy Harris or someone from the nominating committee.

For Sale: Elna 7300 Pro Quilting Queen, lightly used, excellent condition. 9" throat space for machine quilting, knee lift, 126 stitches, many accessories. \$850.

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Sadly, we must report the passing of Babs Phillips' husband. Sam Phillips passed away suddenly this August.

HOW: Helping our Warriors! We are re-organizing and seeing if we can get more people interested in attending our bee. Typically, only one steadfast person would show up at our bee at Bella Quiltworks.

If you are interested in attending the HOW quilt bee, please email Laurie Mullins at: mlauriel@msn.com and let her know time of the month, day of the week, and time of day is best for you. Options for time of day are either morning or afternoon. First week, second week, third week, etc...

If you do have something to donate to HOW, you can always drop it off at the Quilting for Others table at the monthly Guild meetings. We need knitted items as well as quilts.

### **QUILT FIESTA! 2013**



Raffle Tickets: A reminder to members: Please pick up your raffle ticket packets for our beautiful quilt, "Hot Salsa", available at the back of our meeting room at Guild. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Included in the packet are 12 tickets, a picture of the quilt and instructions for returning money and stubs. Members can also turn in their stubs and money for tickets already sold and the can pick up ADDITIONAL tickets. Please do your part in helping our Guild raise funds to provide all the wonderful things that our Guild does throughout the year. -Mary and Pam

Kids Row: Are you teaching your child to quilt? Are they taking a class at a shop? We encourage you to start thinking of having your child or grandchildren enter his/her quilt in the Quilt Fiesta 2013. We would like to see more children's quilts entered. What a thrill for them to see their own creations displayed at the quilt show—they will be so proud when they receive their ribbon! Kids should be age 17 or younger. All work on the quilts should be done by the child (adults may help with the quilting and binding). I will have ENTRY FORMS at the guild meetings, at all the local quilt shops this fall and there will be a copy on our guild website for you to print out. Deadline for Kids Row entry in the show is November 14, 2012. For information contact: Pat Morris 749-4806 or Jean Owara 298-6325 or email: morrispc@yahoo.com

Quilt Show Packets: The quilt show packet and the quilt show entry form are available to download and print from our website on the password protected page. Please remember to print the two pages of the quilt show entry form on separate papers as these go to different people. If you are unable to print it either send Joey an email at <a href="mailto:joeyKiomi@gmail.com">joeyKiomi@gmail.com</a> or call her at 502-297-0448 requesting a printed copy to be picked up at the guild meeting. If you want it mailed to you remember to give Joey your mailing address. IMPORTANT: the deadline to turn in entries at the guild meetings is Wednesday, October 10, 2012 or postmarked by Saturday, October 13th if you mail it.

**Bed Turning**: Where are your treasured quilts? Some of you have discussed with me the possibility of sharing your treasured quilt for the 2013 *Quilt Fiesta* bed turning. Now the committee needs applications. Any *Guild* member with a vintage "best" or utility quilt is welcome to submit one. The **registration deadline is on or before October 10**<sup>th</sup> **or postmarked by the 13**<sup>th</sup>. Applications are on the *Guild* web site; also, I'll be at both the evening and daytime September meetings with hard copies. Completed applications, with the required photographs, come to me, Sue Franklin, committee chair.

A new opportunity for owners of bed turning quilts will occur this year; namely, documentation of their quilts. Of course, this will happen only if the owner gives permission. Quilt documentation is the process of photographing and recording the information about the fabrics, style, batting, age, and condition of the quilt. The documentation results will be archived in the *Arizona History Museum*.

Contact Sue Franklin at 520.825.3962 (cell 520.490.4721) or <a href="mailto:suevette63@comcast.net">suevette63@comcast.net</a>, or Judy Breneman at 520.730.0114 or <a href="mailto:judyanneb@cox.net">judyanneb@cox.net</a> or Sheryl Verts at 520.825.9748 or <a href="mailto:ksherylv@yahoo.com">ksherylv@yahoo.com</a> with questions.

**Attention Quilters:** Do you have any new patterns and never got around to making them? How about those three new rulers you bought but you still use the same old one? Don't forget that bundle of flower fabric you got as a gift for Christmas, and didn't really like. If you have answered yes to any of these questions then I have the answer for you! The Door Prize Committee for the quilt show will be happy to take them off your hands. A donation box will be at each meeting starting in September. Please feel free to drop off your donations, big or small. This is a very popular and fun part of the quilt show, one that each of us can participate in. If you have something and you can't get to a meeting, please contact Chris McCollum at (520) 748-9165 during the day, or Marie Luongo at (520) 495-5791 during the day, or Janice Hester at (520) 296-6234 in the evening.

### **TQG BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

### **NEWS**

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**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







President's Challenge 2012: This year the President's Challenge theme will be "Celebrations." The only requirement is size, which is limited to 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??

The Guild Basics	
Who:	All Members
What:	<b>Business Meeting</b> —First Wednesday of every month in the Church Classroom <b>General Meetings</b> - 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
<b>(How):</b> 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. <b>PARKING NOTICE</b> : 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 <i>FUN</i> .

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### **Tucson Quilters Guild**

**Are you an NQA (National Quilting Association) member?** NQA offers for its members the following programs and services:

- •Quilting Quarterly now six issues per year, including the special Show Issue in late summer.
- •Grant and Scholarship Program funds awarded annually to promote and recognize quilting and quilt makers.
- •Quilt Teacher Certification Program certifies a person's ability to teach basic quilt-making.
- •Quilt Judge Certification Program certifies a person's ability to judge quilts.
- •Master Quilt Program awards formal recognition to quilts which have been constructed reflecting a high degree of excellence.
- •Short Course on Quilt Judging a program of instruction to train individuals to serve as fair, responsible evaluators at quilt competitions.
- •Reduced fees for classes and quilt entries in Annual Show for NQA individual members.

An Individual Membership for 1 year is \$25, 2 year is \$45. You can apply or renew on line at <a href="https://www.nqaquilts.org">www.nqaquilts.org</a>. Our Guild Chapter number is **AZ872**. If you have questions regarding NQA, please feel free to contact me. Kathy Harris, ksquilts@msn.com.

Hopi Quilt Exhibit Culture Craft Saturday, September 22, 2012 The Arizona State Museum's *Hopi Quilts: Unique, Yet Universal* continues through September 24, 2012. The final weekend of the exhibit offers special events including Hopi women demonstrating their craft, an exhibition of a Goldie Richmond (Tohono O'odham) quilt and quilting opportunities meant to introduce visitors to quilting.

The Arizona State Museum is seeking the Guild's assistance with a portion of the weekend's events for Culture Craft Saturday, September 22, 2012. We are looking for six people willing to give 2½ hours each to help with quilting activities during the Culture Craft event.

Shifts are Noon to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Two people are needed each shift to assist children with a quilting craft and one person each shift to monitor the Guild's "Take-a-Stitch" quilt offering visitors an opportunity to try their hands at a quilt stitch or two. All materials will be supplied. You only need to provide yourself and your love of quilting.

If you are willing to take a shift or would like more detailed information, please contact Ruth Martin via email (<a href="mailto:rmartin46@gmail.com">rmartin46@gmail.com</a>) or telephone (682-3846).

This has been a busy year as our Guild has actively supported both the Arizona State Museum's *Hopi Quilts: Unique, Yet Universal* and the Arizona Historical Society Museum's *100 Years, 100 Quilts* exhibits. We thank all who have and will yet participate in the Guild's support activities. If you have not seen these exhibits, they are excellent. We encourage you to take this unique Centennial opportunity to see and enjoy quilts from all over our state portraying history, culture, family stories and love of Arizona. Volunteers always have a special opportunity to enjoy the exhibits. If you can help out, contact Ruth Martin.

### **QUILT FOR A CAUSE UPDATE**

Can you believe we've already received more than 100 quilts for our auction to be held on March 2, 2013. They are all beautiful and the quality of the quilts over the years has improved tremendously.

Please try and get your quilts to us as soon as you can. Our deadline is January 1. In January we will be involved with the Quilt Fiesta, sponsor a bus trip to Road to CA, take down quilts that will be hanging in the community and get quilts ready for hanging at TMC, so we have some very busy months ahead of us.

Some of you are entering your quilts in the TQG's Quilt Fiesta. Please give them to us ASAP so that we may process them. We'll give them back to you in plenty of time for the quilt show.

Be sure to check out our website <u>www.quiltforacause.org</u>. After you click on the Quilt Gallery, you can do a Search by your name or title of the quilt. Each month we will be adding more, so you can preview them before they are hung at TMC.

Thank you for your gift of time and love in making these quilts to help in the fight against breast and gynecological cancers. Jeannie Coleman – 529-5723

### HOPI UPDATE: Report from Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

In late May two community coordinators from Third Mesa people came to Tucson and filled a van with cloth and supplies and sewing machines.

At that time Carolyn learned that the Hotevilla elderly group was hoping to make things to sell because they wanted to raise money so they could go to California and see the ocean. Carolyn was giving some presentations at the Museum of Arizona's annual Hopi Festival, and she told the planners at the museum about the group's wish to see the ocean.

The museum planners arranged it so that the Hotevilla ladies could bring their quilts and aprons and hotpads to the museum and have a table to sell their things--for free. It turned out that the museum gave them a table right in the lobby at the front entrance. They sold everything they brought! Carolyn even heard one man say that theirs was the best booth in the show.

The ladies were so thrilled; now Aldrich (their coordinator who does not know how to quilt--but they tell me they are teaching him) says they almost have enough money and when they do, he is going to drive them to California so they can "see the ocean."

Did you all have any idea how much the guild's donation would do to help the Hopi quilters? They are all so pleased. It is a good thing that TQG did for those ladies.

Attention New Quilters! There's only one month left before entry forms for the 2013 Quilt Fiesta! Quilt show are due. Have you been quilting less than 3 years and made a quilt in it's entirety by yourself that you're going to enter? Will this be your first time entering a quilt in any quilt show? Have you heard of the Betty Hayden Award yet? It's an award voted on by the entire guild at the January Meeting that's just for new quilters. For more information please see the entry form packet or contact Alice Wilder (wilderonline@comcast.net). We'd love to see you as our next winner.

### Hall of Fame Weekend Event: Schedule of Events Weekend of September 22-23, 2012

### <u>September 22, 2012</u>

- •Five Year Retrospective of Hall of Fame Award Winning Quilts at the Marriott University Park Hotel 1-4pm free to the public.
- •Finding My Quilt's Story at the Arizona Historical Society at 10:30am free to the public.
- •Goldie Richmond and her Quilts at the Arizona Historical Society at 1:30pm free to the public.
- •The Hopi & Their Quilts at the Arizona State Museum 10am-4pm cost \$5.00.
- •100 Years/100 Quilts Special Viewing Party at the Arizona Historical Society 5-8pm. \$15.00 per person includes Sonoran Sampler and light refreshments catered from the Marriott University Park Hotel. Reservations required available on our website.

### September 23, 2012

Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame Induction Event - 6 Arizona Quilters will be inducted into the Arizona Hall of Fame. One Organization and one Friend of the Year will be recognized. Winners from the Arizona Fabric Challenge will be displayed. The Arizona Commemorative Quilt will be featured.

Luncheon will be served at \$40.00 per person, reservations required. Reservation form available on our website at www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org under the 2012 Hall of Fame Weekend.

Quilt Fiesta! Raffle Quilt for 2015 We have had a new idea for our raffle quilt design. There are so many talented designers in our guild that we thought we would have a design contest. Guild Members can design a quilt beautiful enough for our Raffle Quilt, and we will let guild members vote on which one they want. For more information please call me or send me an email. Mary Meserve, (520) 883-4408 or marymes@aol.com.

Custom-made, upholstered quilting chair and ottoman. Lots of storage. Very comfortable. \$250.00. Please contact Judy Yager at (520) 299-1241 or Kenci Lewis at (520) 954-1657 for more information.

All requests for checks must include the Check Request Form, receipts, and the name of the committee to be charged along with the signature of the committee chair or a board member. All deposits must be accompanied by the Deposit Form stating which committee the deposit is for along with the checks and or cash. The checks must be made out to TQG and not the Treasurer. Both forms can be downloaded from the web site and are available at Guild Meetings.

### **Advertising**

Members: \$5.00 for small want ads for Quilting/sewing related items Quilt related businesses: \$25 business card size \$50 1/4 page \$100 half page

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### Pattern of the Month - September 2012 by Evelyn George

### "Disappearing 9-Patches"

Quick and easy, thrifty and fun -that's the description of a scrap quilt made using the disappearing 9-patch technique! Whether you have plenty of scraps, a stack of charm squares, or a set of 9-patch blocks already made, here's a clever way to turn them into a quilt. Simply make 9-patches (all the same size, of course) and cut them into 4 equal quarters. Then rearrange, mix or match, to make a quilt. Not only do the 9-patches disappear, they are turned into new designs!

#### Here's how:

Start with some squares—4" to 6" charm squares, whatever size you happen to have a lot of, or you could choose some favorite colors and cut a bunch of squares. The larger the squares you start with, the faster the quilt grows. Smaller squares may provide more design opportunities.

Make the squares into 9-patch blocks, arranging colors as you like. If you choose a contrasting (bright or dark) square for the center, it will end up as smaller squares later, and make a nice accent. The 4 corner squares will remain whole and the side squares become rectangles, as shown in the two lower illustrations. A scrappy 9-patch might look something like this  $\rightarrow$ 

The next step is to measure the 9-patch blocks. Hopefully they are all nearly the same size! If not, square them up to the same size before you continue.

Next, lay the 9-patch blocks one at a time on your cutting mat, centering them so a line on the mat runs exactly through the center of the block, both vertically and horizontally. Double-check to be sure you have your

block positioned exactly, then cut in half vertically following the mat line running down through its center. Without moving the halves, cut the block in half horizontally as well. You have made 4 small blocks out of your 9-patch. (And as soon as you move them, the 9-patch has "disappeared"---). Cut all of the 9-patches into 4 equal blocks.



Now the fun begins – play with the blocks you have cut up, rearranging them to make a pattern you like, such as this  $\rightarrow$  and sew them together—

OR, for directions on making a Double Disappearing 9-Patch, please check out the September 2012 entry in the Pattern of the Month section of the TQG website!



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