



# FIESTA NEWS!

**Business Meeting** Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:30 AM

**General Meetings** Tuesday, December 9, 2014 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:30 AM

Happy Holidays!

December is a fun time for us. The weather has cooled down and often we make time to get back in touch with friends and family... taking a breather out of our hectic lives.

I hope to see you at the holiday potluck party! Our hospitality committee does such a great job every year and it's a time to just enjoy each other and celebrate.

Take time to look at all the small quilts for our various contests and vote for your favorites. And don't forget your holiday blocks! It's a fun exchange.

My sincere wishes for a wonderful close to 2014...

With peace and joy to all of you and yours!

Reilly

**HOLIDAY BLOCK EXCHANGE!** It's almost here - our Holiday Block exchange to take place at our December meetings. It's not too late to get started if you haven't made your block yet!

All members are encouraged to participate and join in the fun. The more the merrier! Make a 12 ½ " x 12 ½ " unfinished block with a holiday theme. It can be appliquéd, pieced, embroidered, fused - you decide. On the back, attach a muslin scrap marked:

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ [your name]

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ [leave blank]

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Roll it around a paper towel or similar tube and wrap it in colorful paper. When you bring a block you get to exchange yours for another. You will vote for your favorites. Winning blocks will be hung at the Quilt Fiesta! Join the fun!

**President's Block** (6½" unfinished size)  
(Shhh! Don't tell Reilly ---it's a surprise!)

It's a TQG tradition to present our outgoing President with a block shower, so next February, when Reilly Zoda finishes her 2 years as President, let's make "Cat in the Barn Door" blocks for her —she loves cats!

Also, her favorite colors are blue and green. Make yours with either a light or dark background, arranging colors as you choose.



**Cut:**

2½" square "cat" fabric (center)

1½" x 12" strip **each** "frame" color and background color (for side units)

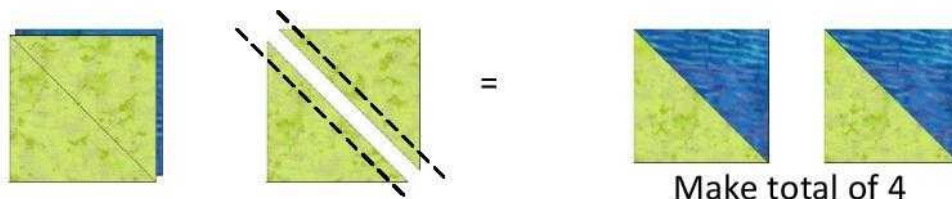
Two 3" squares **each** of background color and a contrasting color (for corner triangle square units)

**Side Units:** Piece the two 12" strips together lengthwise; press seam toward darker fabric. Cut into 2½" x 2½" sections (need 4, for side units).



**Corner Units:** On **wrong** side of the **lighter** two 3" squares, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Place light square on top of dark square, sew ¼" away from drawn line, on both sides of line. Cut apart on drawn line and press open, pressing seams to dark. Square up to 2½", trimming carefully so seam ends remain at corners of the square.

Repeat with second set of light/dark 3" squares, to make total of 4 triangle squares.



To make block, place cat square in center, and position corner and side units so background fabric (light or dark) is on outer edges of block all the way around (see block illustrations, top of page). Sew together in 3 rows, and join rows together to make the block.

Please sign your block for Reilly, and turn it in by the February meetings to Vice President Sally Dickinson or to Evelyn George at the Pattern of the Month table.

# 2015 Quilt Fiesta!

## Quilt Hanging Committee

We still need more people to help hang on Thursday January 22nd, 2015.

You can call me at 297-9576 or e-mail me at [quilt362@yahoo.com](mailto:quilt362@yahoo.com) if you can help us hang.

Mary Bazzano  
Hanging committee

## DVD's

A DVD of all the quilts will be available again this year. The DVD can be pre-ordered for \$10.00 at the December and January Guild meetings. The DVD will then be \$12.00 at the Quilt Show.

The 2015 Tucson Quilters Guild Show DVD will contain a high resolution photo of all quilts in the show and a special set of lo-res photos that can be E-mailed if desired.

## A total of four slideshows

There will be a slideshow of all the quilts (available to watch on television or a computer).

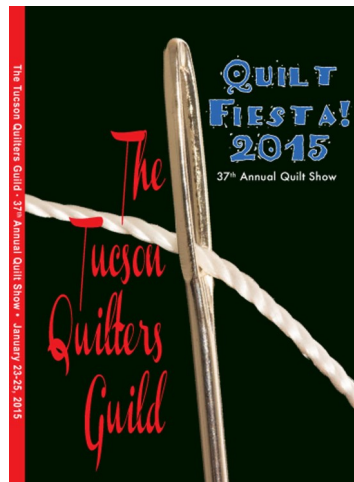
Plus a slideshow of the Vintage Quilt Turning show.

The Presidential Quilts

The Children's Quilts

A PDF book, ready to print out all quilts in the show and a PDF listing of all ribbon winners.

Peg Clampet



**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](mailto:quilter@tucsonquiltersguild.com). Meg Silvern

# 2015 Quilt Fiesta!

## Take Down Committee

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Take-Down. We're about half-way there. In other words, we still need 60+ helpers (you, your spouse, kids, friends, neighbors). There will be no sign-ups at the December meetings, but we'll look for you in January. Especially needed are people who can help with taking down the frames.

If you have questions, please email me. If you want to volunteer now, please email me.

Paulette Claver ([jpclaver@comcast.net](mailto:jpclaver@comcast.net)) 579-1726

Take Down Co-chair (with Barbara Heiman, out of town right now)

## Raffle Tickets

Congratulations to our past three months' winners for the most tickets sold in a month. Ann Marie Skeegen sold 30 tickets in August, Sari Gertsen sold 50 in September. In the month of October Linda Dorsey sold 50 tickets and Sari Gertsen sold another 101. Each of these winners was given a prize bag holding goodies donated from all of our local Quilt Shops, the Door Prize committee and the Raffle Ticket committee.

If you are not around many people to sell to, think of how **you** can use a few more tickets. How about including a couple in holiday greeting cards or tucking in Christmas stockings.

Remember, ALL OF THE PROCEEDS of this Raffle go right into the Guild treasury to make and keep this Guild what you want it to be.

Thanks to all of you who have picked up your tickets and to those who have asked for extra sets. And a special thanks to those of you who have turned in your stubs and monies.

I will be at both of the Christmas Pot Luck parties in December to pick up any tickets and money that you want to turn in and will also have a supply of tickets for those of you who require extra packs.

If you need additional tickets and cannot attend the parties, you may call me and I will be happy to mail any amount out to you.

HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL OF YOU !!!

PATTY KRUSE 885-2069



## 2015 Quilt Fiesta!

### Vintage Quilt Turning

**We have wonderful quilts...be sure to view them in *Quilt Fiesta's* 2015 Vintage Quilt Turning.** These quilts represent varied styles across time, the earliest from 1854. We will present "best" quilts and also utility quilts. We think you'll be pleased with the results. Thanks to each of you who submitted entries.

Also, thank you to those who volunteered to either narrate or turn. **However, we still need turners.** If interested in helping with the quilt turning, please contact either Sue or Sheryl. Attention, quilt owners, Sue will accept your quilts in **January** at either the evening or morning meetings. You'll receive more information and labels via snail mail.

Contact Sue Franklin at 520.490.4721 or [suevette63@comcast.net](mailto:suevette63@comcast.net), Judy Breneman at 520.730.0114 or <mailto:judyanneb@cox.net> or Sheryl Verts at 520.825.9748 or [ksherylv@yahoo.com](mailto:ksherylv@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Small Quilt Auction

We would like to thank everyone who donated a quilt for the Small Quilt Auction. You are all talented, creative and generous! The auction would not be possible without YOU!

As always we have a nice selection of quilts. There are two beautiful Red Work Quilts, three lovely landscape quilts, several Western themed quilts, bright, cheerful, applique floral wreath quilts, a sunflower quilt, a puzzle quilt, and a Mariner's Compass quilt. There is a quilt fit for an Arizona Wild Cat Fan. There are several animal themed quilts. Quilts in beautiful colors, quilts with fun embellishments, quilts with intricate quilting, quilts that will make you smile, just to mention a few.

Be sure and come visit the Small Quilt Gallery during the 2015 Quilt Fiesta. We are located by the entrance to the Demonstration Area. You may find a quilt that is calling your name, or a quilt that would brighten up someone's work cubical, or is perfect for a grand child's room, or a good friend's home. And if you do, all proceeds from the auction go to Mobile Meals of Tucson, a Tucson based organization that delivers meals to the home bound.

Barbara Heiman  
Betty Anderson

## Vice President

### It's That Time Again!

Every year, just after the annual Quilt Fiesta the Guild holds elections for new officers and Board Members. Each term is for 2 years, so we only need to find new people to work for the Guild for half the positions. Please consider offering to run for one of the open positions this year. Sitting on the Board is a great way to learn about the behind the scenes operation of our Guild, and will give you a say in the operation and future of our organization.

I have held the position of Vice President for the past 2 years. Sadly, my term is ending so it is time for someone else to volunteer for this job. The VP is responsible for an annual review of the Bylaws and Guidelines. You don't have to do this by yourself, but you will need to form and chair a committee for this purpose. Also, an annual audit of the financial records needs to be conducted; it is the responsibility of the VP to recruit members who have expertise in this area to conduct the audit. Another responsibility of the VP is to organize the gift of appreciation for the outgoing President. If the President is unavailable to fulfill his or her duties then you would need to be available to step in to help in that position. A full description of the responsibilities of the Vice President can be found online in the protected area under Job Descriptions. ~ Sally Dickinson, VP



The **5 Year Planning Committee** is seeking input from our Membership concerning the future needs of the Guild. At a recent meeting we developed a survey for you to participate in. Your Feedback will help us understand which services of the Guild are most important to you. Keep in mind all answers will be kept strictly confidential and we won't share any private information unless you are leaving your name and contact information for involvement in a committee under question #42, 'how may we contact you?'

Your comments are always welcome! This survey will only be up for a short time, so be sure to participate as soon as possible!

If you have questions or comments regarding this survey, please email [tqglrp@outlook.com](mailto:tqglrp@outlook.com)  
For survey go to: <http://freeonlinesurveys.com/s.asp?sid=rawaqy9j9of8o7p575571>

Thank you!  
5 Year Planning committee  
Kathy Harris

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Thank you!

5 Year Planning committee

## **Hi Fellow Guild Members!**

I just finished taking the survey that the 5-year Planning Committee sent out. It took about 5 minutes and most of the questions required a straight Y/N response. A few were a little more thought provoking.

PLEASE take the time to go through it and answer the questions. It is completely anonymous unless you wish it not to be. The survey tool doesn't know who answered from which e-mail address.

And, please be honest. We can only have the kind of guild we want to have if we know what it is the membership wants!

Thanks! And thanks to Kathy Harris and the Planning Committee!

Reilly

## **WANTED: SAMPLES FROM TQG WORKSHOPS!**

If you have attended a Tucson Quilters Guild workshop in the last three years, we would like to borrow any completed samples from you for the TQG Quilt Show in January. We are going to have a special display showing samples from previous workshops so everyone can get an idea of what you can learn from these great classes. Anyone who is willing to lend out their completed quilt samples, please contact Mary Blount at [maryblount2@gmail.com](mailto:maryblount2@gmail.com) or call her at 520-818-6409 or (cell) 951-333-2465. I would like to pick them up at the January guild meeting on Wed. January 14<sup>th</sup>. If you attend the Tuesday night meeting, you can give samples to Kathy Barton. Thank you so much in advance!

## Quilting for Others

Come and see us throughout the year; we have KITS for Quilts, Pillow Cases, Heart Pillows, and Stockings. We need the stockings back by November. They are for the Candle Lighters. We also have tops that need to be quilted. There still is a demand for Patriotic Quilts; a good size is 45" x 50" or 60" long.

Mary Bazzano, Quilting for Others Chair

## Quilt For a Cause, Inc.

Quilt For a Cause was really busy in November, raising about \$1800 at 3 events: Civano's Octoberfest, Rusty Barn Quilt, Craft and Sewing Expo and Immaculate Heart School's Craft Fair.

Next month, we'll be at the Tucson Quilt Fiesta, January 23-35. We invite you to stop by our expanded booth and see what we have to show and sell. As in the past 12 years, the money raised will be used in Tucson to help win the fight against breast and gynecologic cancers. As quilters, we are making a difference.

In the very near future, we're expecting to announce the October 2016 auction's exact date, and of course we're seeking quilts any time. We've already received over 30 beautiful ones! Many thanks to the generous quilters who have donated them. They are available for viewing and purchase on our website, [QuiltForaCause.org](http://QuiltForaCause.org). Please tell your friends, and keep watching as we add new ones monthly -- and if you're a Facebook user, please "friend" us!

If you have made a quilt to donate to Quilt For a Cause, please put a 3" sleeve on the back, bring it (and a donation form) to the Quilt For a Cause table at any Guild meeting, or contact any QFaC Board member. Donation forms and more information are available at our table, or on our website.

Note: At the December Holiday Potluck meetings, Evelyn George will be collecting QFaC quilts; we are also accepting quilted table runners and tote bags. Thank you, quilters, for helping to sew a cure for women's cancers!



# Tucson Quilters Guild

## PROGRAM NOTES

Program Co-Chairs are Connie German and Janet Rupp. We encourage you to go to the website under Future Speakers to see all the exciting speakers coming to our Guild for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015. There is information on the dates that each speaker will be lecturing and teaching at the Guild along with the workshops offered. Each speaker's website is listed. You can just click on the website address and it will take you directly to their website where you can look at the workshops in detail. Most websites will also have the Supply Lists needed for the class. The 1 day classes are \$50 and the 2 day classes are \$100. The classes are from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day and they are held at the St. Francis Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio, Tucson, AZ 85716 in the large multi-purpose room (the same location as the lectures). These workshops are a great opportunity for you to learn new quilting skills at a very reasonable price from professional quilters from all over the United States!

## Upcoming Programs:

### 2015

#### February 2015 – [Katie Pasquini Masopust](#)

February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Lecture: "Art Quilts"

February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2-day Workshop: "From Watercolor to Quilt"

[Supply List](#) 1 space open, accepting alternates

#### March 2015 - [Nancy Prince](#)

March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Lecture: "So What is Thread Painting All About?"

March 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop 1: "Creating Realism With Thread"

March 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop 2: "Thread Painted Landscapes"

Sign-ups open October 2014 Business Meeting

#### April 2015 – [Maria Elkins](#)

April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Lecture: Trunk Show with Emphasis on Portraits

April 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop: "Fusible Applique Portraits"

April 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop: "Playful Portraits"

Sign-ups open November 2014 Business Meeting

#### May 2015 - [Lyric Kinard](#)

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Lecture: "Living Lyrically"

May 14<sup>th</sup> Workshop 1: "Abstract-a-Licious"

May 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop 2 - "Surface Design Sampler Platter"

Sign-ups open December 2014 Business Meeting

**Have you made a block for the  
President's appreciation gift yet?**

## BEES, BEES, BEES—Updated!

### CENTRAL AREA:

**Art Quilters** Contact: Laura Steiniger, 465-9100

Where: Quilters Market; When: Third Wednesdays, 10 AM to Noon

**Himmel Park** Contact: Ruth Campbell, 792-1639

Where: Himmel Park Library; When: Third Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

### EAST SIDE:

**Evening Eastside Bee** Contact: Connie Weigel, 760-7728 or [xuxala@msn.com](mailto:xuxala@msn.com)

Where: Unity Church of Peace, 1551 S Eastside Loop

When: First Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 PM

The Evening Eastside Bee does not meet during the summer.

**UFO Bee** (Bring your own UnFinished Objects) Contact: Mary Meserve, [marymes@aol.com](mailto:marymes@aol.com)

Where: Quilters Market

When: Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.



### GREEN VALLEY:

**Hexies Bee** English Paper Piecing, Contact: Carole Sullivan, 520-762-8652

Where: Friends Indeed Community Center, Green Valley, AZ

When: First Wednesdays, Noon – 3PM

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

Where: M & I Bank, 270 W Continental, Green Valley; When: Thursdays 9:30 – Noon



### NORTHWEST:

**Quilting for Others** Contact: Mary Bazzano, 297-9576

Where: Cactus Quilt Shop; When: Third Wednesdays, 9:30 – Noon; Theme: Tucson Charities

### SIERRA VISTA:

**Days for Girls without Borders** Contact: Donna Viitanen, [drvii3043@gmail.com](mailto:drvii3043@gmail.com) or 520-335-8394

Where: Donna's home, call for directions; When: Second Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., November - March

### SOUTH:

**Quilts of Valor Bee** Contact: Beth Glass, 241-0359

Where: Eagles Wings Quilting, 3949 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Tucson, 85711

When: Third Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

### SOUTHWEST:

**Southwest Side Bee** The fall semester began August 18, 2014 and will continue through October 20, 2014. All are welcome. Contact: Marie Morris, 520-403-6208 or 520-623-0123

Where: GracePointe Church, 2555 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson

When: Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please contact the Guild Beekeeper, Ruth Martin at [saguaroquilter@gmail.com](mailto:saguaroquilter@gmail.com) to add, change or correct information about Bees. Open Bees are listed in the newsletter. The closed Bees list is on the TQG member website.

Respond to me, [sekmet73@cox.net](mailto:sekmet73@cox.net), with a comment, question or thought, with regards to anything in the newsletter and be eligible for one of the great prizes Mary Meserve has at the meetings! You won't get rich, but there are some pretty cool things!

Five (5) winners, random selection...

# Tucson Quilters Guild

The Guild Basics	
<b>Who:</b>	All Members
<b>What:</b>	<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.
<b>When:</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b> — 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM <b>General Meetings:</b> Tuesday Evening—7:00~9:30 PM Wednesday—9:30 AM~12:00 PM
<b>Where:</b>	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.
<b>Why:</b>	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 <b>FUN</b> . But please, <b>do not wear fragrance to meetings</b> .
<b>Cost:</b>	Members (\$30/year, due in March) and Guests (\$5.00/meeting with guest speaker)

**Quilt Fiesta! Quilt Show meetings** are at 10 AM at the Tucson Police Substation at 22nd and Alvernon, NW corner. The upcoming date is December 19th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

We will be closed in December.  
Donata

The submission deadline for articles for the January Newsletter is Wednesday, December 17, 2014.  
Articles should be sent to:

[newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com](mailto:newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com)  
Newsletter Editor: Joey Nakagawa



## TQG BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Quilting for Others	Mary Bazzano	297-9576
Raffle Quilt 2015	Karen Fisher	572-8825
Raffle Quilt 2016	Terry Gallegos	749-3424
Record Keeper	Kathy Harris	370-4323
Website	Meg Silvern	<a href="mailto:meg@silvern.com">meg@silvern.com</a>



## **Arizona Quilt Documentation Project – Tucson**

At its **November Documentation Training session**, the Tucson team had Lynn Miller, the lead *Quilt Index* person for the *Arizona Documentation Project* as its special guest. Lynn provided insight into the process used to get the information into the *Quilt Index*. She told the group how it began with the owner forms and continued with the documentation itself, through the entire system, until finally, the information is housed in the *Quilt Index*.

She has a state wide team of volunteers to help her with this. Lynn works with five documents at a time. First, information goes to Kora, a data base for number, date, location, owner's name, and photo. Kora generates a number which Lynn records on a master sheet and then scans the document as a PDF file in her computer, renames it, usually with the document numbers. Her team is invaluable in helping with the process.

The Tucson team is invaluable, too, and **we welcome new members**. It is a rewarding and exciting experience. If interested, please call or email Tucson liaisons Sue Franklin, (520.490.4721; [suevet-te63@comcast.net](mailto:suevet-te63@comcast.net)) or Terry Gryzb-Wysocki, (520.749.9326; [terry-gw@mindspring.com](mailto:terry-gw@mindspring.com)) with questions about the Tucson team and documentation training. Sessions are held at Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center on Ruthrauff Road.

### **QUILTING MACHINE FOR SALE**

For sit down quilting: APQS George machine  
20" longarm fixed in sturdy cabinet w/drawers  
accessories, manual & lessons included \$5000  
OBO

Nancy Arseneault (520) 990 4620

### **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

### **FOR SALE:**

18" INNOVA SIT-DOWN QUILT MACHINE with Stitch Regulator. \$4,750  
Contact Shellie Whitman, (928) 970-0687. Tonto Basin (near Payson) AZ

We will deliver to Phoenix/Tucson area.

This is a great machine for the home quilter that wants to have more throat space for their quilting. Stitch regulated! There are no feed dogs. Works on motion sensors. Commercial sturdy table is 30x40". Made in USA by ABM International, Houston, TX. Great for Christmas! Very little space required!

Including Start-up kit: Bobbin Winder, Bobbins, Needles, 1 cone of thread, Manual. Also, including Supreme Slider, Batt scooters.







## Pattern of the Month - December 2014

By Evelyn George

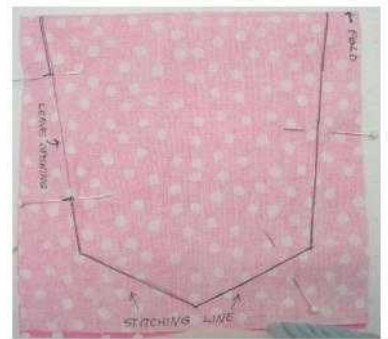
### Recycled Jeans Pocket

Do you recycle your family's jeans into quilts, aprons or other useful things? Here's a fun way to use the pockets. Embellish as much as you want, add a ribbon for carrying or hanging, and you have a cute tiny "purse" for a little girl, a gift card holder, or a holiday pocket to hang in any room.



This method works for pockets which are stitched on the back of jeans, without rivets or flaps: Carefully remove pocket by cutting stitching between pocket and pants with sharp snips or a single edge razor blade. Be sure to cut *away* from yourself, like Mama told you, and put down your sharp instrument whenever you feel the urge to tug on the pocket to loosen the stitching. Once you have pocket safely removed, use an old toothbrush to remove loose threads and any lint or grit hiding inside the folds. A piece of tape is useful to pick up loose bits.

Make a new pocket back as follows: fold a piece of fabric in half, right sides together, and lay pocket, with its outer edges still pressed under, on top of fabric, and upper edge of pocket lined up with fold. There should be at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond pocket around sides and bottom. Mark around sides and bottom, following pocket edge, making it a little bigger than the pocket itself; this will be your stitching line. Pin the two thicknesses of fabric together, marking an opening on one side for turning. Stitch on line, remembering to leave opening. Trim seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and clip corners slightly to reduce bulk. Turn right side out, and press, folding seam allowances inside opening. Set aside.



Embellish the pocket front with holiday appliques, lace, rickrack, doilies, buttons, beads, woven trim, little ribbon flowers, embroidery, etc. Most of this is easiest to do before pocket and back are joined together; just leave yourself room around the edges to stitch layers together. Try not to add any more thickness at the upper corners, as that is already the thickest place to sew through, and the ribbon handle will be attached there, also. (Of course if the pocket was originally embellished, you can add more if you like!)

If you want to insert lace or ruffles around bottom and sides of pocket, baste it in position on reverse side of pocket front before joining front and back together. Lace or trim can also be stitched along the upper edge of pocket. Lace cutouts or appliques can be fused or pinned in place and stitched with matching or contrasting thread by hand or machine. Buttons, flowers etc. can be stitched by hand.

To finish the pocket, cut a length of ribbon or cord as long as you want for handle, stitch ends inside upper corners of pocket front. Lay front on top of back and pin in place. Using matching or contrasting thread, stitch around sides and bottom edges, following original stitching marks and backstitching at beginning and end.