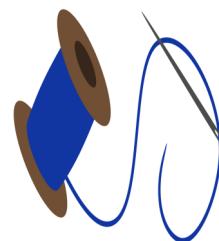


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# THREAD TALES



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July 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Quilters,

It's a bit overwhelming to serve as the President of the guild during this time. We are coming out of a pandemic that has kept us from meeting in person since March 2020 and we have had to be so very flexible. We have learned to 'zoom', to 'fly-by' and to hold a virtual 'quilt-a-thon'. Even in these circumstances you have been fantastic. You have made face masks by the hundreds, and donated hundreds of pillowcases and quilts to the guild. You have completed some of your UFO's and taken classes on Zoom but I know you are eager to meet in person.

Your Board is working on finding a place for us to meet. After several discussions, it appears that our current location, St. Frances Cabrini, will not be available by our September 2020 meetings. The Father is retiring and the Catholic Diocese of Tucson is discussing closing or combining it with another church. The Board is looking for another central location that will allow us to meet and will also allow us to store our library and program materials at their site. Please be patient with us and if you know of a church or organization that we could contact, please email Kathy Barton at: [programs@tucsonquiltersguild.com](mailto:programs@tucsonquiltersguild.com).

A little something about me... I grew up sewing garments, crocheting and doing embroidery, and my grandmother quilted but I didn't. I actually have several of her quilts and love them. In 1991 my best friend, Linda Pearman, called and said she had discovered something wonderful and she was sure I'd love it. I bought fabric, spent the day with her and began my first quilt. I had no idea what I was doing but got the top finished and I was hooked. As I look at that quilt today, the seams don't always match, the backing is crooked and the binding isn't mitered, but I love it.

Marie Morris,  
President



### JULY CALENDAR

#### Business Meeting:

Wed. July 6, 9:30 pm

#### General Meetings:

Tues. July 13, 7:00-9:00 pm

Wed. July 14, 9:30 -11:30 am  
(program and lecture)

#### Fly-By:

Saturday, July 17, 8:30-9:30

### AUGUST CALENDAR

#### Business Meeting:

Wednesday, Aug 4, 6:30 pm

No General Meetings due to  
Quilt-a-thon

#### Fly-By:

Saturday, Aug. 14, 8:30-9:30

*Please note that these are events  
are subject to change due to the  
current COVID-19 pandemic.*

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## TQG PROGRAM INFORMATION

### July Webinar

#### Lilo Bowman



Recently I watched an Alex Anderson interview with our July speaker, Lilo Bowman, and much to my surprise and delight, she actually mentioned her upcoming virtual visit to Tucson. In my original conversations with Lilo, we discussed the dual nature of our Guild, the swollen ranks in winter and the loss of so many members to their summertime homes in cooler climes. And the question arose. How do people manage the problem of 2 studios? So, since hiring Lilo, she has been studying that issue and we should hear lots of tips and techniques that cover the organization of our creative spaces, whatever they may be.

Raised in a German culture, Lilo was always keenly aware of and fascinated with objects (whether utilitarian or decorative) that were attractively displayed while still being orderly. Later, as a military wife, Lilo moved 13 times in 20 years, forcing her to reshape her own creative space for each new environment. And, throughout her own career, she has worked as a floral designer, translator, tour guide, wedding planner, and is now editor-in-chief of TheQuiltShow.com. Her work has been varied, often challenging, but always creative and always requiring a great amount of organization.

Not surprisingly, Lilo's lecture is titled "Love Where You Create: It's Not a One Size Fits All Solution". In her talk, she will teach us how to build a creative place that works for each of us, our differing spaces, budgets, life stages and, she has even added a segment specifically for Tucson – tips for the "snowbirds" in our midst who are maintaining 2 spaces or moving their space from here to there.

## TQG PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please be reminded that this Webinar ***WILL NOT BE RECORDED***. Lilo will be conducting this lecture from her own Zoom account which allows her to accommodate our entire Guild in each sitting, whether you choose to attend the evening or day meeting. So, clear some space on your calendars, grab a snack, and join us for this very informative and helpful talk. But don't be dismayed if you just can't work this into your schedule. Lilo has graciously donated several copies of her book to our library. They should be available shortly after the meeting.



Kathy Barton – Programs Co-Chair





# GUILD NEWS

## Arizona Documentation Report



By Susan T. Franklin PhD

*"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts"* Winston Churchill. Stephanie Howard, my daughter, sent me that quote as one of her "thoughts for the day" that she frequently emails to her dad and me. It struck a chord, for more reasons than one. As someone interested in history, his name, and the strong leadership he gave Britain during WWII is well known to me. When, after Pearl Harbor, our great country was drawn into the battle, Churchill worked with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, forming a bond of friendship as they worked with their advisors to win against Nazi Germany and other world antagonists.

I also like the quote on a personal level, sometime ago, I mentioned working on a *Broderie Perse* quilt. I began this project in the fall of 2020; a pandemic winner as I have put hours of time into it and have many more to go. My quilt is filled with quotations from persons in history that have impacted me, and perhaps you, too. These include Ralph Wal-

do Emerson, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Martha Washington, and now, I plan to add the quote from Winston Churchill that begins this newsletter. The Martha Washington quote I have on our refrigerator door and also in my sewing room. I love the positive approach it offers, and that theme is continued in Winston Churchill's.

To refresh your memory on *Broderie Perse*, it's an old technique used frequently in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. My quilt is made from a circa 1790 *Palampore*, but chintz also was frequently used. Today, any lovely floral fabric could be substituted. If you've never tried it, do so; it may become a new favorite!

If you have questions about anything, quilt documentation in particular, please call or email Sue Franklin at 520-490-4721; [suevette63@gmail.com](mailto:suevette63@gmail.com). Terry Grzyb-Wysocki at 520-904-2218; [terry-gw@mindspring.com](mailto:terry-gw@mindspring.com)



## Quilting for Others

We're almost there! Only one more month (July 17) to turn in your finished Pillowcase Kits, Completed Tops and Completed-Ready to Deliver Quilts for the Quilting for Others Drawing. The Drawing is tightening up for 1st-3rd Place and we currently have a tie for 4th!

Remember that along with 1st - 4th Place ALL member entries are eligible for the Grand Prize! We'll pull the Grand Prize Entry in August and announce the winners. We haven't worked out the details yet, but we will have Holiday Stocking Kits coming soon.

I want to Welcome Susie Voss and Susan Burns to the Quilting for Others Core Team. Our Team is complete and together we will continue to work for you, our fellow Quilters.

Thank you to all of you for your participation and support of our efforts!

On behalf of the Quilting For Others Core Team,

Shellie Whitman





# GUILD NEWS

## Quilt-a-thon

Our first meeting for 2021 is planned for September. We will not be able to meet in August for Quilt-A-Thon again this year. Quilt-A-Thon tops that have not already been turned in will be collected at the August Drive-by August 14 and/or at the meeting in September. All quilts that are part of Quilt-A-Thon will have batting and backings provided and be available at our regular meeting to distribute to members who are able to complete them. In the meantime, please continue to complete tops for Quilt-A-Thon. There will be kits ready to sew for Quilt-A-Thon at the scheduled Drive-by as well as many patterns that are Quilt-A-Thon standard size (width of Fabric by about 56 to 60 inches long) to hand out. You can pick fabrics from the Guild collection available at the Drive-by. You may also schedule an appointment to select the fabric from the Guild Storeroom. To schedule an appointment, go to our website, click on the "About US" tab and send an email to Quilt-A-Thon, Linda Begega. You can certainly use your own fabric but please be mindful of the size of the quilt. It should be no more than WOF wide and about 56 to 64 inches long. There are a few patterns available on our website as well.

See you in September,

Linda Begega,

Chairperson Quilt-a-thon 2021



## Membership

It is not too late to renew your 21-22 membership. You can do this on the web site either through the USPS with a self-addressed stamped envelope or through PayPal.

As all the Membership forms come in, I enter each and every name into an excel spread sheet so Guild Board Members can use this list for emails, contacts, and maybe even a phone call to you.

What I have noticed as I have typed in every name, address, phone number, email address is that many of us live in close proximity to each other in our neighborhoods around greater Tucson. Neighborhoods from, Eastside, Downtown, Midtown, Foothills, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, Vail, Maricopa, Oro Valley, Marana, green Valley, Saddlebrook, Casa Grande, Sahuarita, and points farther like Scottsdale, and Chandler. We come from all over the greater Tucson Area. And not just the Greater Tucson Area but from Alaska, Maryland, Colorado, Arkansas, South Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin, plus many Snowbirds. Doing Zoom has brought the guild many new members who join us on Zoom for meetings and workshops. Yes! Our guild is touching quilters across our country.

As we are in the process of switching locations for our Quilt Fiesta to the Pima Country Fair Grounds and hopefully by September meeting in person, it has occurred to me that the distance for some does not have to be an issue - wonder of wonders we can CARPOOL. It has benefits - like getting to know each other better, making new quilting friends, and not missing our great Quilt Fiesta.

*Joyce Holley, Membership*



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## Quilt Fiesta

Hope you all are keeping cool and sewing new quilts for the Fiesta! The entry form is now on the website and the rest of the information is being updated as we speak. Remember you need a separate form for each quilt you plan to submit. Check the boxes to designate your quilt as a Pandemic quilt, or for judging. Or both! There is also information on the website on submitting your vintage quilt for the Vintage Quilt Turning, and for the Small Quilt Auction. Kids row is also coming up. If you have grandkids or children who want to participate, get them signed up. Don't forget to bring wonderful new items for the raffle baskets as well. That was a huge success at the last Fiesta. Bring them by the Drive-by at the St. Francis Cabrini church on July 17th.

*Pam Golliet*

*2022 Quilt Fiesta Chair*



# GUILD NEWS

## President's Block

### President Blocks for Karen Fisher

Karen Fisher has served as our President and we need to show our appreciation. In previous newsletters you were ask to make blocks for her. As of July 1, 2021, I have only 8 blocks. There are about 300 members of the guild so let's get more blocks for her. Here's the information you need.

Your block will contain the letter 'K' and will have a maximum distance around the block of 36".

Examples:

6" x 6" finished block = 24" around

9" x 9" finished block = 36" around

6" x 10" finished block = 32" around

You may embellish the block with embroidery, rick-rack, lace, etc. Remember that she loves buttons but don't sew them on because they may interfere with the quilting. If you want to include buttons, put your block in a zip lock bag and include the buttons in the bag.

Karen loves bright colors so use a bright color for the background and a second bright that contrasts with your background piece for your 'K'. Get creative!!

They can be turned in at the next fly-by or mailed to:

Tucson Quilters Guild  
President Block



## Basket Bonanza!

We are well on our way planning items for the show in January of 2022. We have the baskets...we just need your help filling them. Kate will be at the next drive by on July 17th 8:30 to 9:30 AM at the St. Francis Cabrini Church to receive your items. Remember they don't all have to be quilt related... we hope to construct baskets that can appeal to non-quilters aka husbands (golf, fishing, coffee, tea, etc.) too!!! Use your coupons to JoAnn's or Michael's or Hobby Lobby to purchase items so we can make this a Huge Bonanza of Baskets.

*By Kate Verbecke, basket chair*



## Dress a Bear



New bears were ordered and received; we now have (70) 12 & 13-inch bears to be dressed. I will be at the July "drive by" or "fly by" with bears ready to be adopted. I am in the process of making outfits to verify our current patterns will work.

If you have been storing a dressed bear, I will be most pleased to find loving arms for them.

I am looking for a **co-Dress A Bear person who attends the evening meetings**. Duties are easy . . . distribute undressed bears; keep record of adoptions; share patterns and then collect the beautifully dressed bears. We will work together on distribution of dressed bears.





# GUILD NEWS

## Quilt Fiesta News

### Opportunity Quilt

We're ramping up for what promises to be a great Quilt Fiesta. The tickets are ready for the Opportunity Quilt sales. This year's quilt is "The Tree of Life," a Navajo rug inspired quilt that was designed and assembled by Lisa Fryxell. Many guild members helped in making the birds. The quilting was done by Brenda Smitley of Proverbs 31 Quilts. We showed the quilt at the last show and had it appraised for \$2250. It's 88" x 93" (Queen/King size).

Tickets were sent out the week of May 24. They cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. There are 12 tickets in each envelope and the cost for all of them is \$20. Contact Lisa ([lisafryxell@gmail.com](mailto:lisafryxell@gmail.com) or 575-590-5472 and leave a message) if you want more to sell. Return your tickets at monthly fly-bys, in-person meeting this fall or mail them to Lisa Fryxell.

As added incentive to selling tickets, beginning with June sales (once everybody has their tickets) Lisa is offering a digitally downloaded pattern from her patterns on Etsy (PreFurred Quilt Shop) to the quilter who sells the most tickets and turns in their money by the end of each month through December. The quilter who sells the most tickets overall will win Lisa's wall-hanging version of the Tree of Life. Yes, you win the actual small quilt (33" x 40")!

Get out there and sell those tickets. If you want color photos of the quilt pick up some of our bookmarks or postcards at the next fly-by or at fall meetings. If you have any questions about tickets, email Lisa.





# MORE GUILD NEWS

## Small Quilt Auction 2022

A huge and enthusiastic THANK YOU! to all those who have donated pieces for the small quilt auction! Numerous pieces have come from members who selected blocks or panels from our collection of "lamentables" at the monthly Drop Offs at St. Francis Cabrini Church. Stop by and see what challenges you can find in the "lamentables" bucket! Other members have donated pieces from their quilting group challenges, from study series they have done, or just from left over blocks. We accept small pieces (maximum 100 in perimeter) in many forms- wall hangings, traditional and art quilts, table runners, doll quilts or anything else you can think of. We ask that wall hangings include a 2- inch hanging sleeve.

Proceeds from the Small Quilt Auction will go to EMERGE! to support the services they provide for victims of domestic abuse. Instances of domestic abuse have increased during the pandemic so the donation of our auction proceeds is greatly needed and appreciated! EMERGE provides an emergency hotline, emergency shelter as well as lay legal services, education and counseling for victims and their families. Please visit [emergecenter.org](https://emergecenter.org) to learn more about the variety of critical services that EMERGE! provides.

The SQA is a silent auction which will run all 2 days of the quilt Flesta. Each small quilt will be assigned a "Starting Bid" amount and a "Buy it Now" price. Bidders who aren't willing to risk being outbid on a quilt they like can buy it outright and take it home immediately.

Please help support EMERGE! by making a donation to the 2022 Small Quilt Auction. An application form is available on the Guild website.

Please see the donation form on the following page...



QFAC is pleased to invite you to see our display of quilts for sale at The Tucson Botanical Gardens.

I saw some pictures of some unique "sewing" items that they have in the gift shop. I can't wait to go there in person and see what quilts are on display. I may have to make more than one trip as QFAC will be changing and adding quilts as they sell.

Raffle tickets for our current opportunity quilt, Forever and a Day, are still available on the website at <https://www.quiltforacause.org>. Remember will be drawing that winner in September. Thank you to those of you who came by the drive by in June and donated quilts and wall hangings. And we will continue to be at the drive-bys until we can meet in person.

Many events are starting to happen, and we hope you will check out our website and view them as well as the new quilts that are constantly being added.

Thank you for reading about Quilt for a Cause and don't be afraid to ask any of us questions you may have about joining us to be on our board. There is no charge to join, and you could be part of this amazing

group that provides support to so many.

Connie German, director



## Small Quilt Entry Form

(For Completed Donations, also available on the website)

Quilter's name(s):

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Address:

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Title:

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Quilt width: \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt length:

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Artist's statement about this quilt: (50 words or less)

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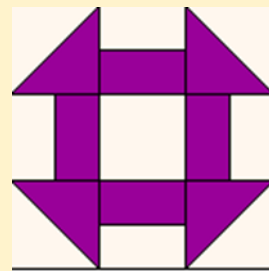
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

QUILT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## Quilt Fiesta 2022 President Challenge



### Rules:

1. The theme is Churn Dash.
2. You may use any colors.
3. The quilt should measure no more than 100 inches around the perimeter. Any rectangular shape of that dimension is acceptable. If your quilt is not rectangular, make sure that it will fit in a rectangle that is no more than 100 inches around the perimeter.
4. The quilt must have a hanging sleeve and a label containing the quilt maker's name and title of the quilt. Quilts must also be contained in a cloth bag (pillowcase) to protect them from dirt or damage.
5. Your application is due by the October meetings and your quilts must be turned in at the November meeting.

Entrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guild Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Quilted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Use this space to provide details about your quilt. Please include information about the materials and/or techniques used or what your quilt represents to you. Please do not use more than 40 words in your description.

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Your quilt will be displayed at the November meetings for a first round of voting and at the December meetings for final voting. Winners will be displayed at Quilt Fiesta 2022.



# TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD BEES

## Eastside

### 1492 BEE

Lisa Fryxell – (575) 590-5472  
Columbus Library  
4350 E 22nd Street  
1st Monday, 10 AM to 2 PM

### EAGLE WINGS QOV BEE

Char Gasker  
Quality Quilterz  
8421 E Broadway Blvd  
4th Thursday of the month

### EASTSIDE QUIET BEE

Vicki Moore  
748-7219, 241-7290  
Ask Vicki for location  
1st Thursday, 6:30 PM

### HIMMEL QUILTERS

Ruth Campbell – (520) 792-1639  
Himmel Park Library  
1035 N Treat Ave  
3rd Wednesday, 6 – 8 PM

### NORTHEAST 9 PATCHERS

Janice Jones  
Members Homes  
1st Friday, 9:30 AM

### PACIFIC RIM QUILTING BEE:

Susan Owara – 520-572-9231  
The Quilt Basket  
6538 E. Tanque Verde #130  
1st Tuesday, 10 am

## Eastside, can't.

### TUCSON ART QUILTERS:

No contact person at this time  
Eastside City Hall  
7575 E. Speedway,  
3rd Wednesday, 10 am – Noon

### UFO BEE

Mary Meserve  
The Quilters Market  
7601 E Speedway Blvd  
Every Tuesday, 9 – 11:30 am

## Northwest

### MATERIAL GIRLS

Cindi Huff – (623) 225-6109  
members homes  
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 – 4 pm

### MONA LISA BEE:

Debbie Sileven (520) 954-9265  
Foothills Community Church  
3301 W Overton Rd  
3rd Monday, 9:30 – 11 am

### PIECE PATCHERS:

Evelyn George  
Members homes

### NORTHWEST NEEDLERS:

Evelyn George –  
Members homes

## Southwest

### MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS:

Marie Morris  
403-6208, 623-0123  
Grace Pointe Church  
2555 W Valencia Rd.  
3rd Monday, 6:30 – 8 pm  
*Sept – Nov and Jan – March*

## Green Valley

### NORTH OF THE BORDER:

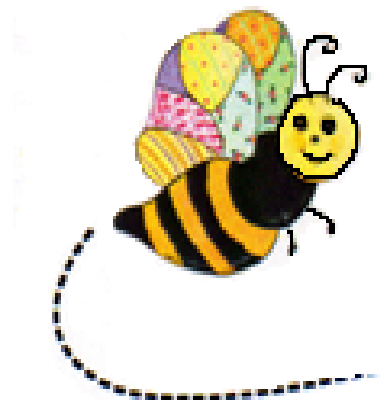
Patty Goodsell – 989-1754  
Ask Patty for location info  
Every Thursday - 9:30 AM – Noon

## Bee Keeper

For more information about any of the Bees listed or how to start you own bee, please contact our personal beekeeper.

Elizabeth Sonnenfeld,

[beekeeper@tucsonquiltersguild.com](mailto:beekeeper@tucsonquiltersguild.com)



# TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD BASICS

The mission of the Tucson Quilters Guild is to perpetuate the art of quilting, encourage the practice of quilting, and to stimulate interest in this art form.

<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 Morning –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 <i><b>FUN</b></i> .
<b>Cost:</b>	Members – \$30/year (due in March)

## TQG MEETINGS ARE FRAGRANCE FREE

Please remember to be kind to fellow members with allergies to scents and perfumes. Please attend the meetings fragrance / perfume free. It means another member can attend.

## USE OF CAMERAS AT GUILD MEETINGS

Due to copyright concerns, photos may be taken before the meetings, during the breaks, and after the meetings.

**No photography or videos are permitted during the guest speaker presentations.**

**Submission deadline for the next newsletter is the Tuesday following the Wednesday General Meeting.** For the July Newsletter, deadline is **Tuesday, July 20.** Please send your articles/ads to the Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com](mailto:newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com).

## SHH-HH PHONE APP FOR TQG MEETINGS

<http://shushapp.com> The shush app allows you turn the volume of your ringer off for whatever amount of time you want. At the end of that time your phone's ringer will be turned on again. It is handy for those of us who forget to turn on the ringer again.

## TQG BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Opportunity Quilt 2021	Lisa Fryxell	
Record Keeper		
Website	Kathy Barton	website@tucsonquiltersguild.com



## July Block of the Month

### “Carpet Squares”

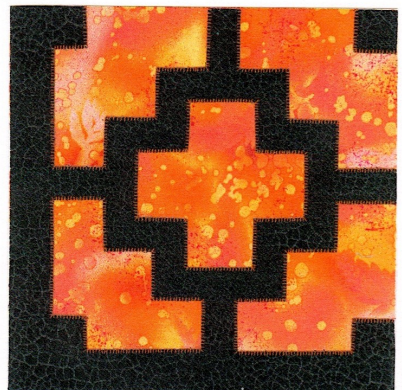
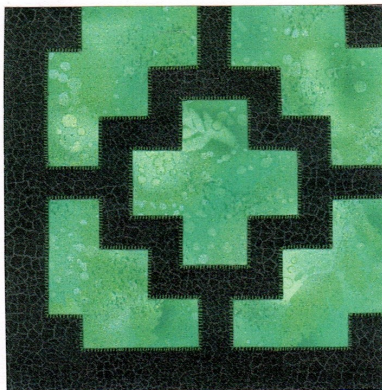
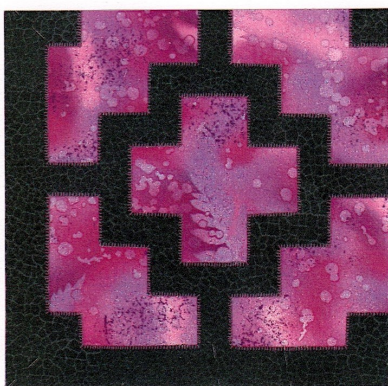
Karen G. Fisher

Where do our ideas come from? We know we'll be inspired by other beautiful quilts, so we go to quilt shows and buy quilting magazines and patterns. But what about finding inspiration in unexpected places: an advertisement in a magazine, or a wrought iron gate? Ideas are everywhere, if we take time to look, then gather and catalog those ideas to develop later on.

I saved this rug pattern from a magazine years ago. The image is rather small, and has already been cut up to eliminate whatever else it showed. But I couldn't figure out how to make it into a quilt once I started quilting. I made a piecing pattern for blocks, but the proportions felt wrong. Then I got the proportions right, but the piecing was too complicated. Then lightbulbs flashed, alarm bells rang, and the answer presented itself: applique!

With the general solution at hand, I decided to make each block from two fabrics, and had to decide which would be background, and which would be appliqued. If the center and stepped areas were the applique, it could be difficult to get all the spacing just right. But if the dark space divider lines were the applique, it was just one shape, from edge to edge of each block, plus one corner—MUCH easier to keep lined up!

If you look at the single block pattern, it reads as an L-shape, with two sides missing. As four blocks come together, all facing the same direction, there is a big square in the center. To complete a quilt top, you need only make the necessary number of blocks, then add the appropriate size inner (or final) border, to complete all the blocks.





### Pattern:

Enlarge 200% for 9" block

Enlarge 267% for 12" block

Enlarge 178% for 8" block

Select your block size based on the size quilt you are making.

**AFTER ENLARGING PATTERN, ADD ¼" SEAM ALLOWANCE ON ALL FOUR SIDES. IT'S EASIER TO ADD IT AT THIS POINT, RATHER THAN IN THE BASIC PATTERN OUTLINE.**

Draw top layer design on dull (non-sticking) side of Pellon 808 Craft Fuse.

Fuse interfacing to back of top (dark) fabric. Make sure it is completely fused across whole surface.

### To assemble layers:

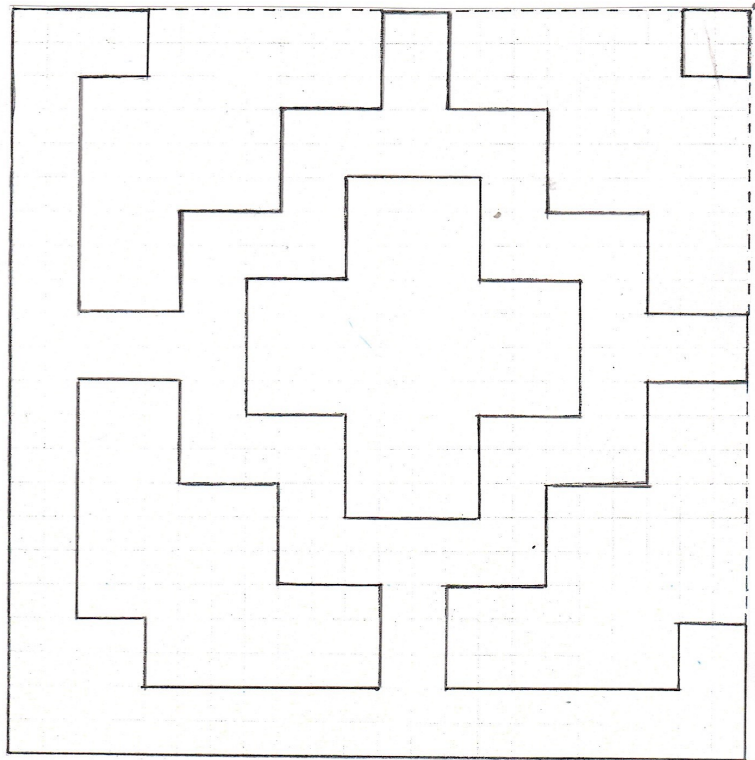
Cut background fabric extra large, about 10" for a 9" block.

Cut out applique. Leave seam allowance on all areas that go off edge.

Lay applique layer on background, and pin in place. Because of the interfacing, you will not need as many pins as you need for more flexible fabric.

Stitch down all edges of applique shapes. I like to use a blanket stitch, but a simple zigzag will also work

Trim blocks to desired sewing size.





Assembling multiple blocks. Sew all blocks together. If all blocks are going the same direction, you will have two sides on the whole quilt top with NO borders..

To add correctly sized border (because it is narrow, this can be a nice-sized inner border), measure the width across one of the small center side areas that extends off the edge. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to this width for a border that will complete the outer edge of the whole quilt. You will get some odd numbers, but make sure to cut accurately (for a 9" block, the outer strip was cut  $1 \frac{3}{8}$ "—I measured it about 6 times to be sure it was right!). Add outer border and quilt as desired.

