



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter



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MEETING September 9, 2025

**@ Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury,
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DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

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SEPTEMBERS MEETING

In September we will challenge your mind with some Quilting Trivia! It won't be as colorful or as yummy as the Candy Bingo but it will be fun!

There will also be an Autumn Make and Take stitching project. Please bring an embroidery needle, scissors for cutting wool felt and reading glasses if you need them.

Of course, there will be prizes for the Trivia games so put on your thinking caps. Please bring a pen or pencil with you too!

Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell, a group favorite, for everyone to see.

We look forward to seeing everyone! -- Pat Wolf and Catherine Flowers

FROM AUGUST MEETING

Thank you all for the warm reception at our August meeting for our surprise speaker.

Maureen Coulter has been working as a breast cancer adviser for a long time. She is one of those people who also knows how to reach out to those in need. She has been organizing blankets for patients and shelters in our area, hats and mittens for children in need in Alaska and pillows for her breast cancer patients.

I am sure there are other things she does but these are a few samples.

She was thrilled to receive the quilts we gave. Those will be distributed to patients who are receiving chemotherapy in the infusion center. They will use them at the center and can bring them home and to treatments as needed.

She also spoke about pillows. Specifically small pillows approximately the size of a larger eyeglass case to put under the chest binders post op. She also wanted a specific heart pillow. I will have templates for these at our September meeting. If you are inclined to make these, you can bring them to any meeting or leave them in the Sewing Room in a bag with my name on it. Your generosity is truly a blessing.

Thank you all,
Elaine Walsh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN September
17th, Cam Michallyszyn; 24th, Mary Renn; 25th, Pam Meroski; 28th, Elaine Fubel, Louise Kelley and Denise Sawyer.
A very Happy Birthday to all of you!

FOOD PANTRY

Anything you would like to donate would be appreciated. The new donation box is now located in the kitchen.

FALL QUILT RETREAT

I have reserved the week of Oct 27th thru Oct 29th, leaving the center on the 30th, at the Franciscan Center in Kennebunk Maine.

This retreat is different as it is taking place from a Monday thru Thursday.

The rates are as follows:

3 nights double occupancy \$246.00 per person

3 nights single occupancy \$426.00 per person

2 nights double occupancy \$165.00 per person

2 nights single occupancy \$285.00 per person.

There are no meals included in the package deal. If you have any special requests, please let me know. I will need a check (MADE OUT TO TEWKSBURY PIECEMAKERS) to hold your reservation. I will need a check by September 30th. The reservations are done through me not directly to the hotel. We always have a great time and get a lot done.

If you need more information I can be reached at 978-337-0760 (cell) or at mrenn@comcast.net

Mary

QUILTS for the NICU at Lawrence General.

We're still collecting 30"x36" baby quilts. Please bring them to the September meeting and I will deliver them to the hospital.

Thanks, Deb Rauseo

ANOTHER PROJECT FOR CHARITY_____Pattern is on last page.

I am adding another project for you to do at home. This one is for preemie babies. Instructions are on the pattern. They need to be made in pairs.

The 100% cotton flannel scent hearts are given to NICU parents to wear next to their skin, absorbing their scents. The hearts are taken to the NICU and placed next to the infant where they can be soothed by their parent's scent and aid in bonding, even when parents cannot be at the bedside. They are provided in sets of two to allow the hearts to be switched out as needed.

I started tracing out the heart first onto the flannel and then sew it. Then I cut it out and turn. Seems to be smoother edges that way. And I use my walking foot.

Hearts can be turned into Deb Rauseo for washing and arranging dispersion of hearts.

AN INTERESTING DAY OUT

Saturday, September 20th
Needlework Trunk Show & Mini Lectures
Phoenix Room, Newburyport
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Maggie Bonanomi



Stacy Nash



Vickie LoPiccolo Jennett



Join the Essex County Needlecraft Guild in partnership with Blackberry Primitives for a special trunk show and mini lectures. Blackberry Primitives will have their hand dyed wools, linens, and

Phoenix Room, 19 Inn Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

Please note there is no elevator and stairs to enter building

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a Quilting Life

Block of the Month 2024

by

Sherri McConnell

Quilt Assembly

Finished Quilt Size using 8" Blocks:

34 ½" x 43 ½"

Finished Quilt Size using 16" Blocks:

60 ½" x 78"

Yardages and Cutting Instructions are divided according to which block size (8" or 16") you completed during assembly. Find the corresponding Yardages and Cutting Instructions and proceed with Cutting and Quilt Assembly.



8" Block Quilt



16" Block Quilt

Finishing the Quilt Fabric Requirements

8" Block Quilt:

(1" Finished Sashing, 1" Finished Inner Border,
3" Finished Outer Border)

- Sashing: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
- Cornerstones: $\frac{1}{8}$ yard or 1 F8
- Inner Border: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
- Outer Border: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard
- Binding: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard
- Backing: $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards

16" Block Quilt:

(1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Finished Sashing, 1" Finished Inner Border,
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Finished Outer Border)

- Sashing: $\frac{5}{8}$ yard
- Cornerstones: $\frac{1}{8}$ yard or 1 F8
- Inner Border: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard
- Outer Border: 1 yard
- Binding: $\frac{5}{8}$ yard
- Backing: 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards

Cutting Instructions - 8" Block Quilt

Sashing	Cut (5) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut (17) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing rectangles.
Cornerstones	Cut (1) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip. Subcut (6) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cornerstone squares.
Inner Border	Cut (4) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Leave WOF strips whole for Quilt Assembly. Inner Borders will be trimmed using the quilt's actual measurements.
Outer Border	Cut (4) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Leave WOF strips whole for Quilt Assembly. Outer Borders will be trimmed using the quilt's actual measurements.
Binding	Cut (5) 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x WOF strips for binding.

Cutting Instructions - 16" Block Quilt

Sashing	Cut (9) 2" x WOF strips. Subcut (17) 2" x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing rectangles.
Cornerstones	Cut (1) 2" x WOF strip. Subcut (6) 2" cornerstone squares.
Inner Border	Cut (7) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Piece strips for length using diagonal seams to make (1) long strip. Leave the long strip whole for Quilt Assembly. Inner Borders will be trimmed using the quilt's actual measurements.
Outer Border	Cut (8) 4" x WOF strips. Piece (2) strips for length using a diagonal seam. Repeat to make (4) long strips. Leave the long strips whole for Quilt Assembly. Outer Borders will be trimmed using the quilt's actual measurements.
Binding	Cut (8) 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x WOF strips for binding.

8" Block Quilt Assembly Instructions:

1. Arrange Blocks January – December in a 3 x 4 grid as shown. Either place blocks in chronological order or mix them up. Place (1) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing rectangle vertically in between each block.
2. Arrange sashing rows in between each block row. Each sashing row will contain (3) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing rectangles and (2) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cornerstone squares.
3. Sew block rows together, pressing seams toward the sashing rectangles.

Scent Heart Template

Scent hearts should be from 100% cotton flannel fabric, pre-washed in unscented detergent.

1. Use the template below to cut 4 hearts out of the same pattern flannel.
2. Place the right sides of 2 hearts together, and sew around the edge $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, leaving a 1.5 inch opening on the lower side of the heart.
3. Repeat step 2 to sew together the second heart.
4. Turn the hearts right side out and gently iron flat. Sew the openings closed. **
5. Each pair of two finished hearts will be individually bagged as a set.

*** I topstitch because I don't want to hand stitch closed.*

