



SNIPPETS

The Kenya Quilt Guild Newsletter

April 2015

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A Word from our Chairperson

I am not a trained artist! I can see in my mind what I want to create, but getting it out of my mind and on to fabric has been a struggle. I don't know the formula for proportions – what part of the figure is the head, the torso, the legs. I know what is pleasing to my eye and when it is off it bothers me. But how do I get to what is pleasing? I have turned to my camera and you have seen some of the results during Show and Tell these past months. I started with this photo:

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General Information

KQG's Coordinates:

Address:

P.O. Box 39482, Parklands
- 00623, Nairobi

Email:



And this image:



And ended up with this quilt:



Come to the Guild meeting, this Thursday and I will demonstrate how I went about making these images into patterns and then into appliques that could be quilted.

This meeting is also our Annual General Meeting. Come and participate in celebrating our accomplishments and looking to the future for we are the Kenya Quilt Guild!

kenyaquiltguild@gmail.com

Website:

www.kenyaquiltguild.org

KQG's Meetings:

Venue: Simba Union Club,
off Forest Road

Time: 9:30a.m. to

1:00p.m.

Monthly meetings (every
3rd Thursday of the
Month):

- April 16, 2015
- May 21, 2015
- June 18, 2015

Payment by M-Pesa:

You may now pay for your Kenya Quilt Guild Subscription or your classes with M-Pesa! Our telephone number is 0726 849033. We are all about being convenient!

**Patty Arensen
Chairwoman**

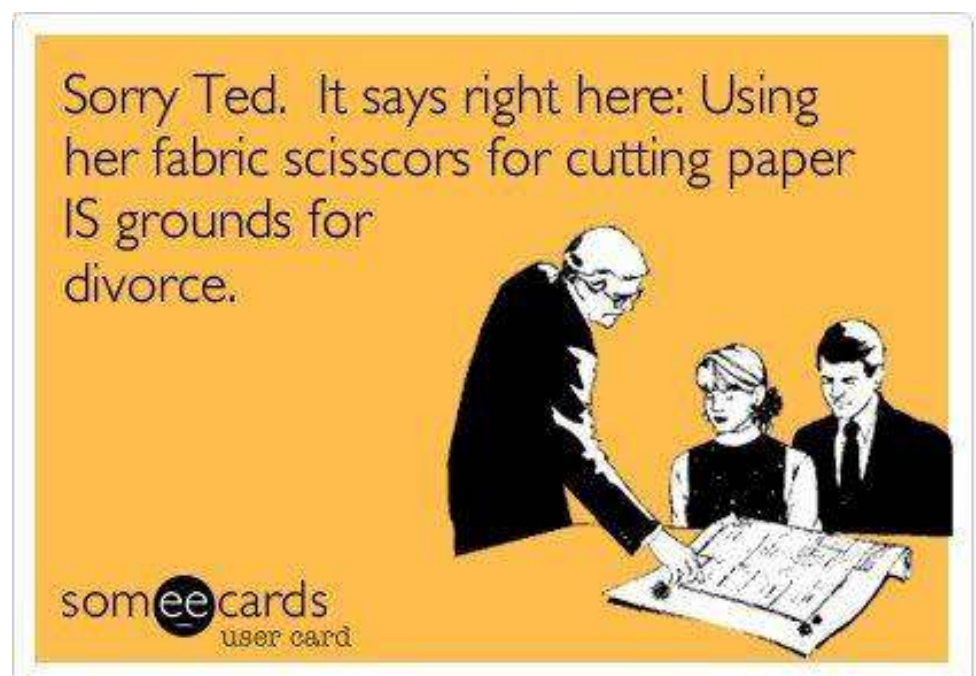
Help! I need a Quilt FAST!

So often as quilter we need to make a quilt quickly, yet we want it to be beautiful. Susan McNeill demonstrates in the following video, a block that the actual seems are straight, but there is a curved line that is a folded under and topstitched. This quilt can be laid out in many ways. The designer states that each block should only take 5 minutes to make! Someone please make this and then demonstrate it for all of us!

<http://24blocks.com/2015/02/learn-how-to-make-this-beautiful-design-using-the-5minute-block-technique-.html>

Patty Arensen

Humour



2015 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kenya Quilt Guild is to be held on Thursday, 16th April 2015, 10.00 a.m. at Simba Union Club, off Forest Road.

Kits:

We will be selling kits at the meeting. There are limited numbers left, so please ensure that you have the opportunity to buy whatever you would like. Don't forget to bring money along.

Jewellery Sale:

Ladies, the April meeting will have our long-anticipated Jewellery sale! So don't forget to come with enough money so that you can get some choice pieces, with all the proceeds from the sale going towards a good cause!

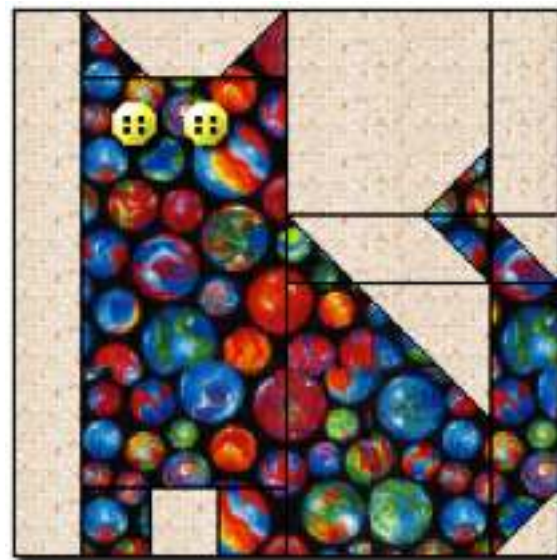
The formal Notice and Agenda for the forthcoming AGM has been circulated. Please note that in order to be eligible to vote at this upcoming AGM, your subscriptions for 2015 must have been paid before the AGM.

Wish List for Classes / Workshops

Dena Crain's recent Class - Reflections - was an immense success, with 19 members in attendance having the opportunity to learn a lot whilst having fun.

Several Members have at various points expressed interest in learning different techniques and skills in quilting. To help us help you, please do send us your 'Wish Lists' for techniques or skills you would like to learn at the Kenya Quilt Guild's email address, and we can then consider making arrangements for the appropriate classes or workshops.

Block of the Month - *Mad Cats!*



Fabric Requirements:

Colour 1: Any

Cut one strip 2" x 21"

Contributors to this month's edition of Snippets:

- Patty Arensen
- Sheryl Fowler

Bright
Medium/Dark
Fabric

Then cut again into seven 2" x 2" squares and one strip 2"x 6 1/2"

One square 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"

Cut one strip 5" x 16"

Then cut again into rectangles: 5" x 9 1/2" and one 5" x 6 1/2"

Colour 2: Tone on Tone
(Provided by KQG)

One square 5" x 5"

One square 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

One square 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"

One strip 2" x 32"

Then cut again into two squares 2" x 2", one strip 2" x 12 1/2" and three strips 2" x 5"

Piecing Directions: Looks like a lot of work, but this pattern is very easy! Press after each step.

1. To make the cat's EARS, place Colour 1, 2" x 2" right sides together, lined up with left end of Colour 2, 2" x 5" strip. On the back of the small square, lightly draw a line from the lower right corner to the upper left corner, and sew ON this marked line. Do the same with another Colour 1, 2" x 2" square on the other end of the Colour 2 strip, but drawing the line from the lower left corner to the upper right corner. Trim off 1/4" from seam on outer edge.



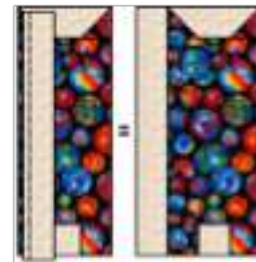
2. To make the cat's LEGS, sew a Colour 2, 2" x 2", right sides together, to a Colour 1, 2" x 2". Add another Colour 1, 2" x 2" square to the other side of the Colour 2 square.



3. Sew the cat's EARS to the top of the Colour 1, 5" x 9 1/2" rectangle, right sides together. Sew the FEET to the bottom of the same rectangle.



4. With right sides together, sew Colour 2, 2" x 12 1/2" strip to left side of cat unit. Set aside.



5. With right sides together, place a Colour 1, 2" x 2" piece lined up with the lower right corner of Colour 2, 5" x 5" square. Draw a light line on the back of the small square from the lower left corner to the upper right corner, and sew ON this line. Trim off 1/4" from seam on outer edge.

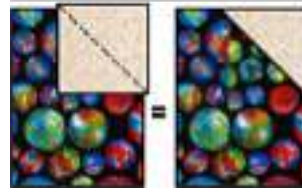


6. With right sides together, place a Colour 1, 2" x 2" square lined up with the left end of Colour 2, 2" x 5" strip, right sides together. On the back of the small square lightly draw a line from the lower right corner to the upper left corner, and sew ON this line. Repeat this with the other Colour 1, 2" x 2" square on the other end of the same Colour 2 strip drawing line as with first square. Trim off 1/4" from seam on outer edge.

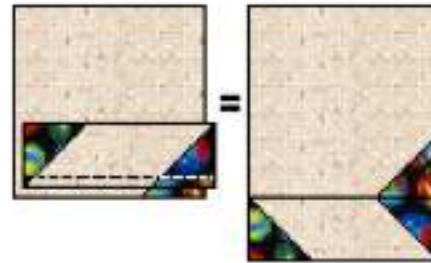


7. Place the Colour 2, 3 1/2" square lined up with the top right of Colour 1, 5" x 6 1/2" rectangle, right sides together. On the back of the background fabric square,

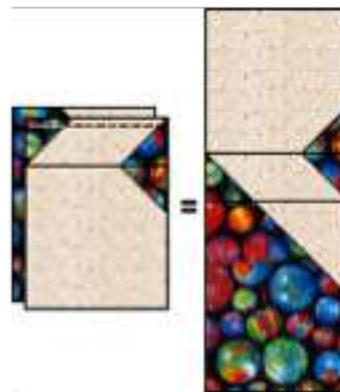
lightly draw a line from the top left corner to the bottom right corner, and sew ON this line. Trim off ¼" from seam on outer edge.



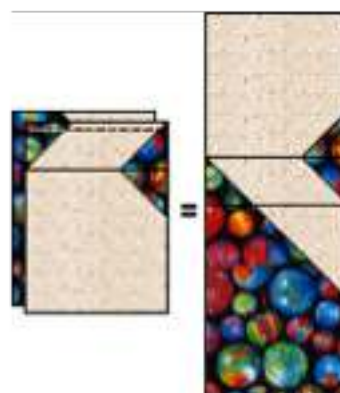
8. Sew the Colour 2 strip with the two Colour 1 ends to the bottom of the square just made, right sides together.



9. Sew the Colour 1 rectangle with the Colour 2 corner to the bottom of the unit just made, right sides together. This is the middle unit of the cat block. Set it aside for now.



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10. Place the remaining Colour 2, 2" square atop

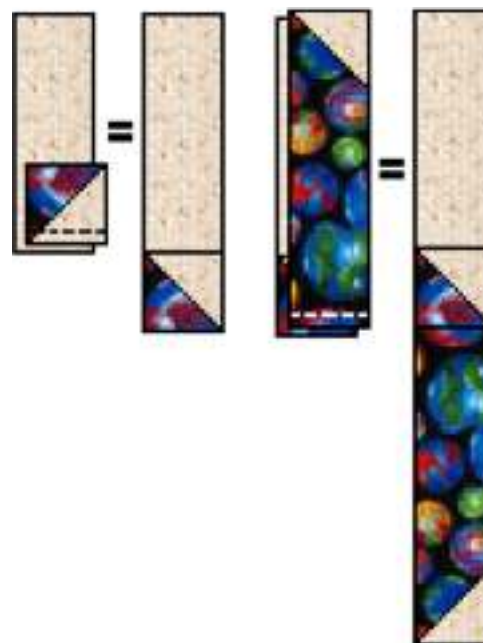
the left end of the Colour 1, 2" x 6 1/2" strip with all edges aligned, right sides together. On the back of the small square, lightly draw a diagonal line from the lower right to the upper left corner, and sew ON this line. Trim off 1/4" from seam on outer edge.



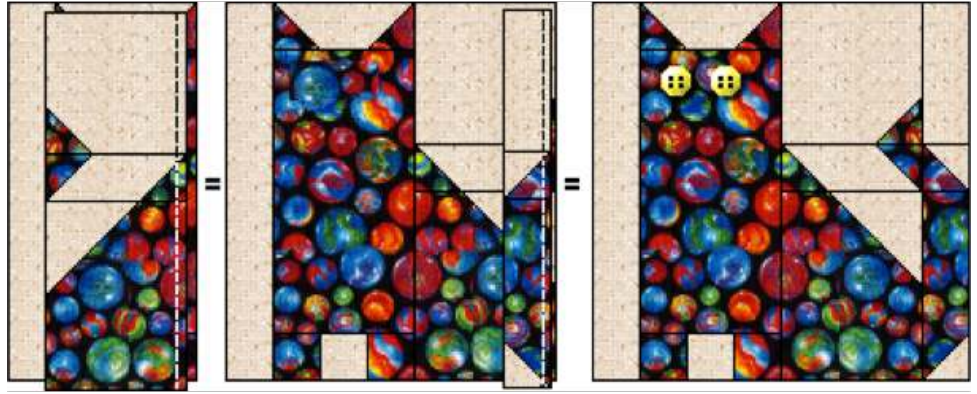
11. To make the two half squares, stack the Colour 2, 2 3/8" square atop the Colour 1 2 3/8" square, right sides together. On the back of the top square lightly draw a diagonal line. Sew 1/4" away from this line, on each side. Trim back to a 2" square if needed. Cut this apart on the line drawn. This will give you two half squares, but you only will need one for this block!



12. Sew the half square to the bottom of the Colour 2, 2" x 5" strip, right sides together. Be sure to sew the half square on in the right direction. Sew the section with the Colour 2 triangle onto to the bottom of the half square, right sides together. This is the right side of the cat block.



13. See illustration below:



Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Walpole Massachusetts

Last month thirty four of our KQG 'Quilts with an African Flavour' wall-hangings travelled to Walpole, Massachusetts where they were part the 'special' exhibition at the Rhododendron Needlers biannual quilt show.

Our quilts caught the eye of the many visitors, especially since our landscapes and art quilts were a novelty them. Out of the 150 plus quilts entered in the main show, only six were classed other than traditional quilts. This was an interesting fact as one would think that coming from such a cosmopolitan area, that there would be more variety.

Quite a few quilts sold, one in particular to the quilt assessor which was quilted by Charu Patel. Another quilt was purchased by a gentleman for his wife's birthday, while another went to a local lady for her son's wedding present. I am sure that each will be cherished.

Some of the quilts were not sold. Quite a few ladies donated them for raffle by Sarah Brewin to support her 'Friends for Kenya' project. Sarah enlists local quilters to offer their time to cut, piece and sew together kits that contain washable sanitary towels. The cost of the materials for each kit is USD \$10. Sarah travels to other quilt guilds to give talks about her project and raffles off a quilt on the spot to raise money for the supplies. She also attends medical conferences where she sets up a display to educate the public about the plight of Kenyan girls and their inability to afford sanitary towels.

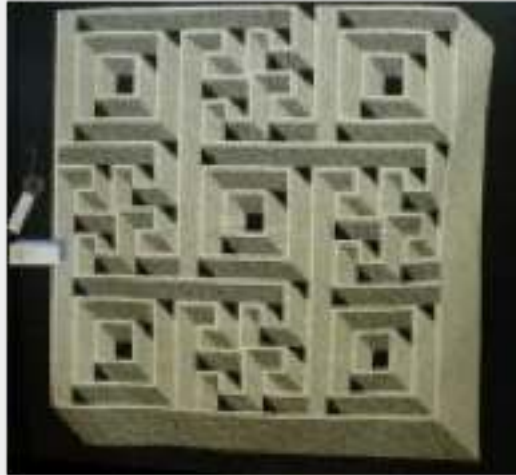
When a family cannot afford to buy disposable sanitary towels, girls often are forced to miss up to a week of schooling each month. Then when it comes time to sit entrance examinations into secondary school, they cannot attain the necessary percentage mark to secure a place and then as a result they must drop out of school altogether.

Last year, Sarah brought 100 kits to Kenya. They were distributed to three different organisations that support girls/women. This year, Sarah hopes to be able to transport 200 kits to Kenya.

Our KQG ladies who donated their quilts have been overly generous. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

Sheryl Fowler





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