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Kenya Quilt Guild Newsletter



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THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

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By Rose Lewis

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

It's time again for our annual Christmas party! We all come from many different cultures and faiths, but this is one holiday that all our members enjoy celebrating. This year it will be held on 11 December at Simba Union, beginning at 11:30 am.

At the November general meeting, we will have a sign up list to bring food. Simba Union asks that all food that is bought in be vegetarian. We are also asking for volunteers to bring party games for all of us to play. There will be an additional sign up list for this. We hope that all will come to join in the festivities. There will be no other additional meeting in December.

December is a generous month. Where I grew up, outside of every shopping market there are bell ringers who stand next to a large hanging kettle ringing a bell. People then drop their coins into the kettle and the money is used to help people who are without work to have a good meal during the Christmas season. This is pure generosity as it goes between strangers and the giver is unheralded. This month Kenya Quilt Guild member have two such opportunities.

We are making a joint quilt to give to the Kenya Red Cross in thanks for their services during the Westgate tragedy. Fourteen of our members have signed up to help with this quilt and Gretchen has designed the quilt for us. These ladies will be able to pick up their pattern and materials at this month's meeting.

Our other generous project is for Lala Salama –The 100 Quilts Project. The aim for this project is to provide a special quilt for every child's bed in the new Bethany Kids Children's Center at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kijabe, Kenya. This project is scheduled to be complete in mid 2014. This hospital will serve vulnerable children all over East Africa with medical and surgical conditions, especially Spina Bifida and birth defects. So far 5 of our members have expressed an interest in helping to make quilts for the beds at this hospital. If you'd like more information, it is available on our facebook page, or come to our meeting this Thursday where you will be able to join with others on this worthy project.

Until we meet, I will be ...

In Stitches—

Patty Arensen

KQG MYSTERY QUILT 2013

EDITION 2

We hope that you have understood the Edition 1 directions to The Mystery Quilt that were introduced in the October Snippets. Here is Edition 2 ready for your eager hands. There is a minimal amount of cutting directions and some straight forward sewing instructions for you below. There will be samples available at the November meeting for you to see.

Remember that this quilt is suitable for all levels of quilters, no matter how advanced or inexperienced you may be. The quilting experience should be fun. Enjoy.

Fabrics: (The same Fabrics, 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be used throughout this quilt.)
It might be advisable to create a fabric map.

Cutting Directions:

- Fabric 1: C: Cut three strips $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x width of fabric
 Then cut strips again into 32 squares, $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "
- Fabric 3: K: Cut one strip $7\frac{1}{4}$ " x width of fabric
 Cut one strip $7\frac{1}{4}$ " x 23"
 Then cut again into 8 squares, $7\frac{1}{4}$ " x $7\frac{1}{4}$ "

You also have the units and unused pieces cut and pieced from Edition 1.



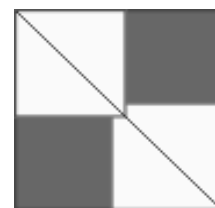
Piecing Directions:

Flying Geese:

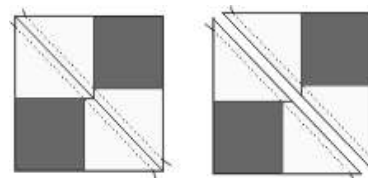
Using pieces C and K, you will be making 'No Waste Flying Geese'.

1. Lightly draw a diagonal line on the backs of all the C pieces.

Lay two C pieces in the opposite corners of a K piece, right sides together.



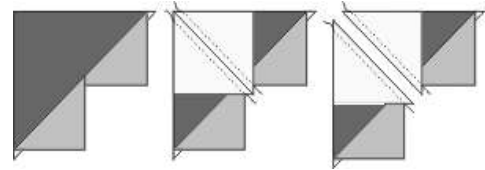
2. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " (a fraction of an inch smaller than $\frac{1}{4}$ ") on both sides of line. You can chain stitch all units. Once finished, cut apart all units on the centre line. If you are not secure with your machine's $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then draw in your stitching lines and sew on them.



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EDITION 2– Continued

3. Press seams toward C pieces. With rights sides together, lay one of the C pieces on the sewn unit and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the line (see below). Cut apart on the line.



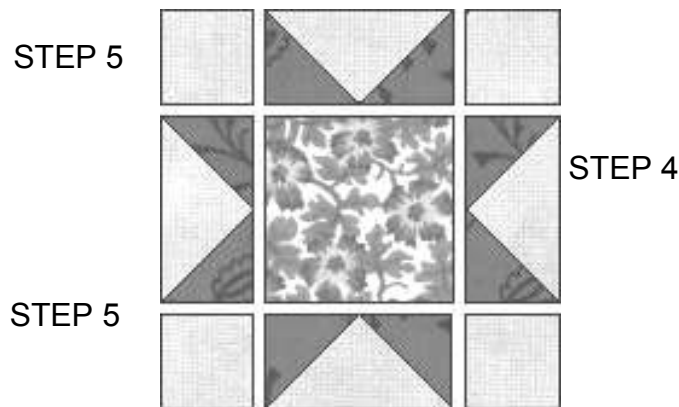
Repeat with remaining units and the remaining C pieces. Press towards C.

This process will make 32 units, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". You may have to trim your units to the correct size.

4. Sew a Flying Geese unit on each side of a D piece. Press towards D. Makes 8 units. (see diagram below)

5. On the remaining 16 Flying Geese units, sew a J piece on each $2\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Press towards J.

6. Sew block together as illustrated below. Make 8 blocks each measuring $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



This is it for this month's edition. See you next month for the grand finale when the quilt top will come together and the mystery will be solved.

You will also be given a variety of options to embellish and creatively quilt your piece of work.

TRAPUNTO!!

FOLLOW ME

Good day,

My name is Rose Lewis and I am from Australia. I am an award winning quilt / textile artist.

I have a blog/website and I was wondering if there is anyone from your guild that would be interested in following someone from Australia.

It is often nice to learn about the different way that people live and do things in other countries. If anyone is interested then they are able to just log on for a look, or if they choose to join up with me for FREE, then they will receive a FREE E-BOOK for "HOW TO DO TRAPUNTO", followed up with a weekly e-mail each Wednesday.

This is a technique that I master in, and Applique is my other big love.

If you feel like you would like to pass my address on or easier still, just forward this e-mail onto to fellow members then that would be greatly appreciated.

I will leave you to make that decision.

Here is my web address:

www.roselewisquilting.com.au

Thanking you and,

Have an absolutely brilliant day

Editors Note: Here are some of the pics picked from her web address/blog



"This quilt *"Feather Delight 2"* is the second quilt of this design that I have made. I used a different wadding within this quilt and also a Gold metallic Aurafil thread. The thread enhanced the quilt and allowed there to be more focus on the actual design. The pattern for this quilt was something that I drew up over the course of a week-end. Once again, I love to work with fabrics that are within the cream family. It will always enhance any 'Trapunto' work. "



A CATERPILLARS DREAM

This quilt was something that just grew around me. I normally just need to get an idea in my head, and then it can just grow. I don't need to draw it up much, and although this is a very basic way of doing a pattern, my quilts will normally turn out as I originally imagined it.

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Meetings

Venue:

Simba Union Off
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Time

9.30am– 1.00pm

Monthly meeting date

November 21, 2013

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I can't believe it! Only 6 KQG members have unfinished projects hidden away! We met at Simba Union on the 7th of October. What a wonderful time we had!! We were inspired, encouraged and wowed. Sometimes those unfinished projects are not as hard to finish as you think!

One of our new members, who had never sewn before, made a 9 patch block and was taught how to make half square triangles. It was a very successful day for each one of us and we all want to do it again!

Come on ladies, own up- you MUST have some UFOs. Don't miss out on a great opportunity. Join us the next time we meet and have fun!

Gretchen



"Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart." - Washington Irving.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU
ALL AND PROSPEROUS 2014**

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