



May 2026

snippets

CHAIRLADY'S REPORT

Dear members

As we reach the halfway point of the year, our focus has been on making meetings more engaging by introducing educational sessions and informative programmes for members. Thanks to everyone who took part in the group feedback activity about meeting formats. I believe strong crafting communities are shaped not only by formal gatherings, but also by everyday conversations, practical help, and sharing expertise. This is the spirit I aim to nurture.

Upcoming Activities

Foundation Paper Piecing Demonstration

- This month, **Rohini** will demonstrate the **Foundation Paper Piecing technique**, keeping us on track with the sampler quilt project.

French Braid Quilt Workshop

- **Sheryl Fowler** is excited to lead a workshop on creating a table runner using the **French braid quilt block**.
- Scheduled for **July at Village Market** on a Saturday.
- Open to up to 14 members, with a full kit included in the cost.

Drawstring Bag Making

- **After this month's meeting**, we'll be making drawstring bags for Arama Charitable Trust.
- This activity offers a chance to learn a new skill and spend quality time with fellow quilters.
- It's a wonderful opportunity to socialise while contributing to a noble cause.
- All materials will be provided; we simply ask for your valuable time and company.

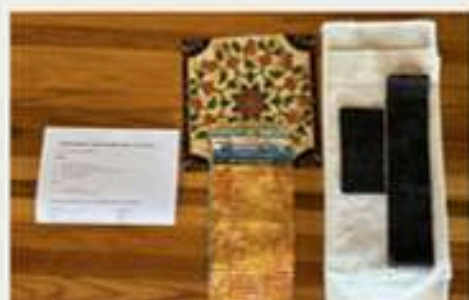
A good day is a day spend quilting with friends.

Love

Amber

*Quilt used for Border and
Background throughout Snippets by
Veena Sennik*

FRENCH



BRAID

TABLE RUNNER QUILTING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE

9:30M - 3:30PM

TRADEMARK HOTEL, VILLAGE MARKET

MEMBERS | NON MEMBERS

7,500/-

8,500/-

Workshop Includes: refreshments & snacks, kit with all fabrics, batting, backing, binding and detailed directions. Each table runner will be unique! This class is suited to confident beginner sewists and above.

ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED, SPACE LIMITED.
CONTACT SHERYL FOWLER 0722 518210





Do You Need to Make a Quick and Easy Lattice Baby Quilt?

Measures Approximately 40" 50".

Beginner Friendly, Scrap Friendly and Skill Builder Using 5" x 5" Squares

To make this quilt you will need the following fabrics:

- Fifty 5" x 5" print squares
- 1¼ yards solid colour sashing fabric
- 2½ yards backing fabric
- ¾ yard coordinating colour binding
- Batting

Enjoy!





A PROUD MOMENT FOR ALL THE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS REMARKABLE DRIVE.



A Message from Amara Charitable Trust

“For a long time, the streets of Nairobi were the only reality these boys knew. Cold nights, hard pavement, and a world that too often looked right past them.

Recently, during a visit to Kwetu Home of Peace—a sanctuary for rescued street boys - the atmosphere was filled with nothing but pure, unadulterated joy.

We had the absolute privilege of passing forward 68 colorful bed throws, beautifully crafted by the talented Kenya Quilt Guild members. On that day, we did not just hand over a bed throw, we witnessed a tangible reminder to these boys that they are seen, they matter, and they are cared for.

The welcome we received was so warm it left us completely humbled. Seeing the sheer happiness on their faces from such a simple gesture was a reminder of how much a little love means to a child who has had to survive on so little.

Thank you, Kenya Quilt Guild, for putting your hearts into every single stitch. And thank you, Kwetu Home of Peace, for being the safe home to these boys as they rebuild their lives and family connections.

Every child deserves to feel warm. Every child deserves to feel safe.”



How to Clean Your Sewing Machine

Simple practices for machine maintenance will help keep your machine run well.

If something goes very wrong with your machine, it is best to take it to a local sewing machine dealer but before do that, ask yourself the question, “When did I last clean my machine?”

Not that long ago, a friend of mine came over to sew a project with her machine. I asked her this question. She answered, “I have never cleaned it.”

When we opened the bobbin unit, the machine full of lint. We cleaned out the lint. I personally clean out the lint at the end of every sewing session. This only takes a few minutes.



To clean out the lint, first remove the needle, presser foot, needle plate and bobbin. If you have never done this before, place each piece in order of removal and take a photo with your phone camera, so assembling will be easy. Next remove the shuttle hook, this is the part that holds your bobbin. Brush out all the lint.

I find that a pipe cleaner, small brush or even an ear bud works well.

Professional servicing is necessary to keep your sewing machine working well. I try and get my machine in once a year. The inside of the machine needs cleaning, oiling and tuning which must be conducted by a qualified person. Do not attempt to do this yourself.

QUOTES

Submitted by Lakhbir Virdee

6 types of quilters

SCRAPPY SAVER



THE GADGET GURU



LAYOUT INNOVATOR



PRECISION PERFECTIONIST



SPEED STITCHER



FABRIC HOARDER



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A quilter who is busy enjoying their own creative journey will never look at your project to search for a flawed seam or a wonky tension line. Keep making your art.



WHAT IS A WALKING FOOT?

The Walking foot is a special sewing machine presser foot with an extra set of feed dogs to handle sewing thick or multiple layers. The Extra feet move the quilt top at the same time as the back of the quilt.

A walking foot is for more than just quilting. It can also be used when sewing silky or slippery fabrics together, which tend to shift when stitching. Fabrics like vinyl that tend to stick and not move smoothly through the machine can sometimes be sewn more easily with a walking foot.

A Walking Foot is adjusted just like the other feet. First, you should know if your machine can support this foot and is compatible with the foot you have. The correct Installation is the key here. Walking foot has a claw like lever or a bar that sits over the needle bar and is synchronized with the needle because it must move with the feed dogs in your machine.

Most machines only go forward with the walking foot, there is no reverse sewing, and it works for straight stitching only.



ADVANTAGES OF USING A WALKING FOOT FOR MACHINE QUILTING

- The Walking Foot keeps all the layers together while sewing.
- The additional feet prevent puckering the top layers.
- It can easily handle thick layers, high loft batting, PVC and even leather.
- Straight line quilting and gentle curves are easy to quilt as it doesn't allow the fabric to shift much.
- Some manufacturers have a small bar to keep the stitch in the ditch.

Don't miss out. Sign up now

Quilting Techniques Series 2: Applique

TRADEMARK HOTEL,
VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 10:30AM



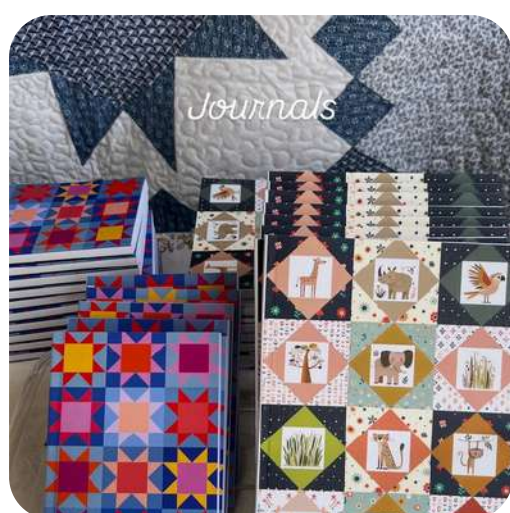
Hand applique sewing has been practiced for many years across many communities. In this class, you'll learn how to sew a small improv bird design.

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Trademark Hotel

THURSDAY 16TH
Sikh Union

AUGUST

SATURDAY 1ST
Trademark Hotel

THURSDAY 20TH
Sikh Union

SEPTEMBER

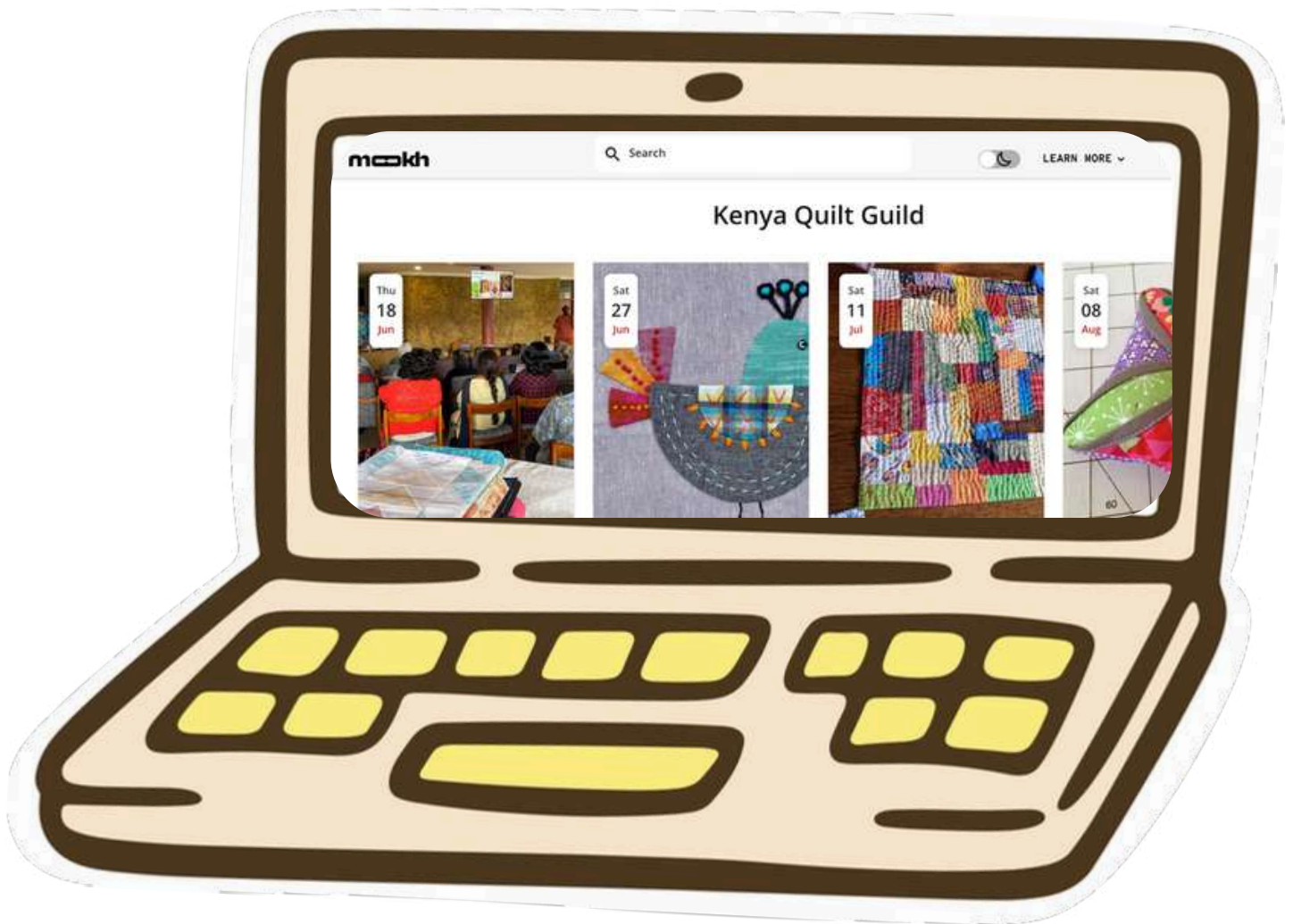
SATURDAY 5TH
Trademark Hotel

THURSDAY 17TH
Sikh Union

10AM - NOON
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BOOK RENTAL: 100 Kes



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RAGHBIR SYAN	NGONG ROAD	0721 372208
RAJI SYAN	NEW MUTHAIGA	0722 362362
AMBER SIDDIQUI	SPRING VALLEY	0717 492210
ROHINI DESAI	BROOKSIDE	0722 840 846
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APPLIQUE CLASSES		
AMBER SIDDIQUI	SPRING VALLEY	0717 492210
ROHINI DESAI	BROOKSIDE	0722 840846
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RAJI SYAN	NEW MUTHAIGA	0722 362362
MACHINE QUILTING/ FREE-MOTION QUILTING		
ROHINI DESAI	BROOKSIDE	0722 840846
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HAND QUILTING & HAND EMBROIDERY		
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Your Name

KQG'S MEETINGS:

TIME: 10:00 AM TILL NOON
(Kenyan Standard Time)

Monthly Meetings:
**3RD THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH
SIKH UNION**

**1ST SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH
TRADEMARK HOTEL**

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