

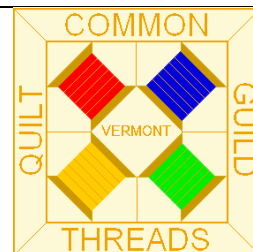
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ON POINT

The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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Issue 4

December 2021

The President's Block

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy! I was really bummed out when I got the email from Jan that we could not meet at the community center for a while again. It was on my mind not to meet because of the rise in COVID cases and a few members had their concerns as well, so it was inevitable. I really wish this virus would go away!

In the meantime we can all continue to make beautiful quilts! I have been working on a couple of them and may have them finished by the time we can meet again. One is another purple scrappy tumbler block and the other is a pineapple block with appliqué in reproduction fabrics.

I really hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Andrea Blaisdell
President



Merry Christmas

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Common Threads Quilt
Guild meets the 1st Thursday
of every month at 6:30 p.m.
at the Sterling View
Community Center
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

August 5th Summer Potluck

September 2nd Trunk Show
with Carolyn Babcock

October 7th Favorite Quilting Tool or
Notion

October 30th Sunshine Quilt
Workshop at Sterling View
9 am – 2 pm

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

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November 4th Wool Appliqué
By Machine with Marion Seasholtz

December NO MEETING

January NO MEETING

February NO MEETING

March 3rd

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

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April 7th

May 5th

June 2nd

July 7th Summer Potluck

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 10/16/2021 **\$5,951.81**

Income

Member Dues \$20.00

Total Income \$20.00

Subtotal **\$5,971.81**

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Ending Balance 11/15/2021 **\$5,971.81**

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lemaire, Treasurer



WOOL APPLIQUÉ



Since the meeting in November was cancelled, we weren't able to hear all the tips and tricks Marion Seasholtz planned to share with us during her presentation.

Listed below are several YouTube video tutorials showing how to do wool appliqué. At least one of the videos shows wool appliqué using a sewing machine.

Wool Appliqué Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djv84iAt-wk>

How to Machine Stitch Wool Appliqué Shapes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUC2umxtvWQ>

How to Appliqué with Wool by Lori Holt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmLej4Khv00>

Getting Started with Wool Applique: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nrq1s18xXRw>

How I Do It "Wool Appliqué the Maggie Way": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmWd-NE3gWs>

Starting with Machine Wool Appliqué: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EPnNY4TLXA>

How to Appliqué on a Machine with Lori Holt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isDkolf-kMk>

Secretary's Report

There is no Secretary's Report this month since the November meeting was cancelled.



13 SIMPLE HANDMADE CHRISTMAS GIFT TUTORIALS

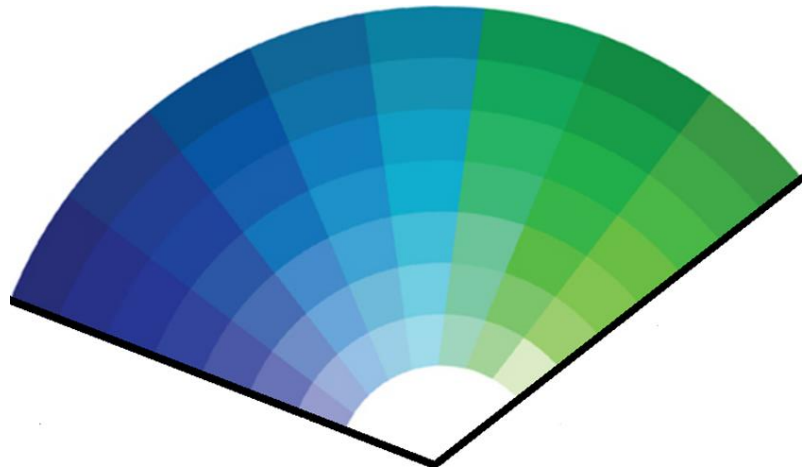
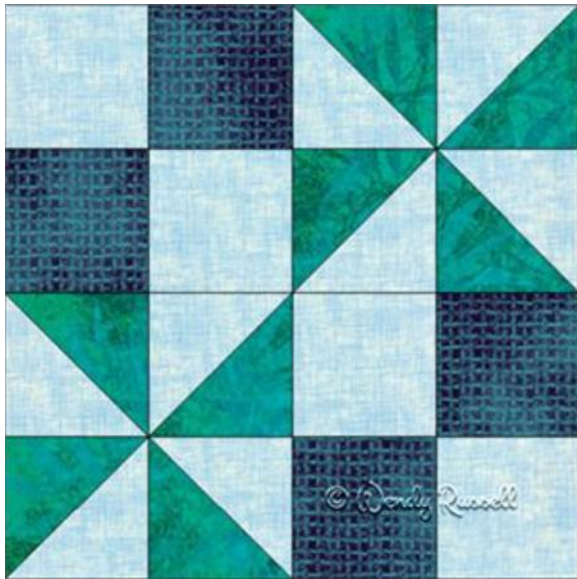
- Snowflake Pillow Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2009/12/snowflake-pillow-tutorial.html>
- Felt Circle Throw Pillow Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2010/12/felt-circle-pillow-tutorial.html>
- Peppermint Pinwheel Easy Dresden Block: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/06/peppermint-pinwheel-dresden-block.html>
- Easy Stocking Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2010/12/easy-stockings-tutorial-today.html>
- Christmas Stocking Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/11/christmas-stockings-tutorial.html>
- Magnetic Pin Dish Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2010/07/magnetic-pin-dish-tutorial.html>
- Easy Fat Quarter Bag Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/07/easy-fat-quarter-bag-tutorial.html>
- Oil Cloth Zipper Purse Tutorial by Sachiko Aldous: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/05/oil-cloth-zipper-purse-tutorial-by.html>
- Pot Holder Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2011/09/holiday-sew-along-pot-holder-tutorial.html>
- Table Runner Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2010/08/table-runner-tutorial.html>
- Scrappy 9-Patch Mini Quilt Tutorial: <http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/02/nine-patch-mini-quilt-tutorial.html>
- Felt iPod Tutorial: <http://www.skiptomylou.org/2012/11/23/easy-felt-i-pod-case/>
- Open Wide Zippered Pouch Tutorial: <http://www.noodle-head.com/2012/06/open-wide-zippered-pouch-tutorial-size.html>
- And for wrapping your gift: <http://blog.peekaboopatternshop.com/2013/11/fabric-gift-bags-tutorial.html>

QUILT TIPS

- Buy coloring books and use stencils for walls as ideas for applique projects.
- Old aluminum foil cardboard tubes work well to hold binding fabric.
- A magnetic wand can be used to sweep the floors for pins.
- Attach leftover batting to the Swiffer broom (or other dust mop) and use to collect loose threads from the floor.
- Make up brushes and pipe cleaners work well to clean out the hard-to-reach bobbin area in your sewing machine.
- Tape a brown paper bag to the table to catch threads while you're sewing.
- Use a sink scrubby to clean your cutting mats.
- Use empty square Kleenex boxes for trash next to your sewing machine.
- A T-Square is 2½ inches wide and is great for cutting strips.
- Put blue painters tape across ruler when cutting so as not to lose marking while cutting. It comes off easily when you're done.
- A picnic utensil holder works well for storing gadgets.
- Use a manicure stick for a stiletto or point turning.
- Dinner plates are a great template to make the curved corners on a baby quilt or on fleece blankets.
- A flannel backed table cover works well as a design wall.

Block of the Month

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Colors: Navy blue to bright green on the color wheel

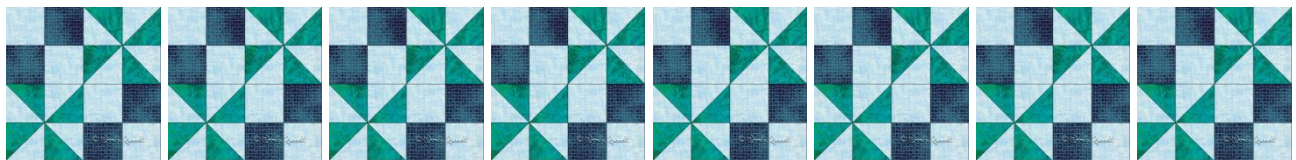
PATTERN: Four Patch Pinwheel

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

If you have any questions, call Lisa Vilord, 802-279-7292.

Click the link below for the Four Patch Pinwheel block pattern

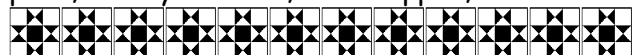
<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/four-patch-pinwheel-quilt-block.pdf>



QUILT TIPS

- To get a distant view of your quilt in a small space before sewing blocks together, use binoculars backwards, or the peephole from a door.
- When you cut several blocks at one time, you can keep track of them by placing the block pieces for each on their own paper plate. They stack and can go to quilt class and stay together.
- Use parchment paper when doing fusible projects. It will keep the iron goo-free.
- In beauty supply stores they sell small plastic disposable razors wrapped with wire used to groom eyebrows. It's a terrific seam ripper.
- Hang quilt blocks on skirt/pants hangers.

- A mouse pad or rubber shelf mat under your machine's foot pedal will keep it from sliding.
- Cut threads with kids' scissors so you aren't as likely to cut your project by accident.
- Hang your small scissors from a lanyard to keep from losing them. They'll always be at hand when you need to snip a thread.
- A large daily medicine dispenser or a three-ring binder designed to hold baseball cards can be used to store your sewing needles.
- A tool bag with multiple compartments or a toolbox is far cheaper than any similar carrying devices made for quilters.
- An armchair remote pocket can be used to hold pens, rotary cutters, seam ripper, etc.



Recipe Corner

FROSTED CHERRY DROPS



- 1 package white cake mix
- ½ cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons cherry juice or water
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg
- ½ cup finely chopped maraschino cherries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, sour cream, cherry juice (or water), almond extract and egg; stir until well blended. Fold in cherries. Drop by teaspoonful 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes, or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. After cooling, frost cookies with cherry frosting (recipe below); top with ¼ of a maraschino cherry.

Cherry Frosting:

- 2½ cups powdered sugar
- ¼ cup margarine, soft
- 1 tablespoon cherry juice
- 3 tablespoons half and half
- Maraschino cherries

Combine all frosting ingredients except the maraschino cherries in small bowl. Add enough half and half for desired consistency. Frost cooled cookies. Top with ¼ cherry.

CHOCOLATE MINT COOKIES



- 2 ⅔ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¾ cup light brown sugar, packed
- ⅔ cup white sugar
- 1 cup salted butter, softened

- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure peppermint extract
- 1 ¾ cups (10 oz.) mint chocolate chips

- 12-oz. box Junior Mints

Preheat oven to 300 degree F. In a medium bowl, combine flour, soda, salt and cocoa powder. Mix well with a wire whisk and set aside. In a large bowl, blend sugars with an electric mixer at medium speed. Add butter and beat to form a grainy paste. Scrape sides of bowl, then add eggs and peppermint extract. Beat at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add the flour mixture and chocolate chips, and blend at low speed just until combined. Do not overmix.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoonful onto ungreased cookie sheets, 1½ inches apart. Bake for 19-21 minutes. Immediately transfer cookies with a spatula to a cool, flat surface and garnish with a Junior Mint.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE



- 4 cups granulated sugar
- ½ cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup milk
- 12 oz. jar peanut butter

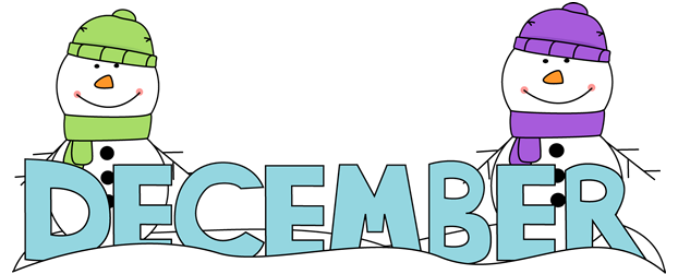
- 7 oz. jar marshmallow crème
- 1 cup flour
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

Mix together sugar, butter, and milk in saucepan. Heat over medium heat until boiling; boil for 5 minutes. Add peanut butter and marshmallow crème; mix well. Add flour and salt; beat well. Pour into buttered 13x9-inch pan. Refrigerate for easier cutting. This is soft fudge.



SUNSHINE CARDS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Donna Merriam, 802-888-3691, rdmerriam@comcast.net. She will send out an appropriate card.



Up, Up and Away



SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Guild members are asked to bring nonperishable food shelf donations to Sterling View, the host site of our meetings. Sterling View distributes those donations to the local food shelf. Please drop your items in the basket near the door.

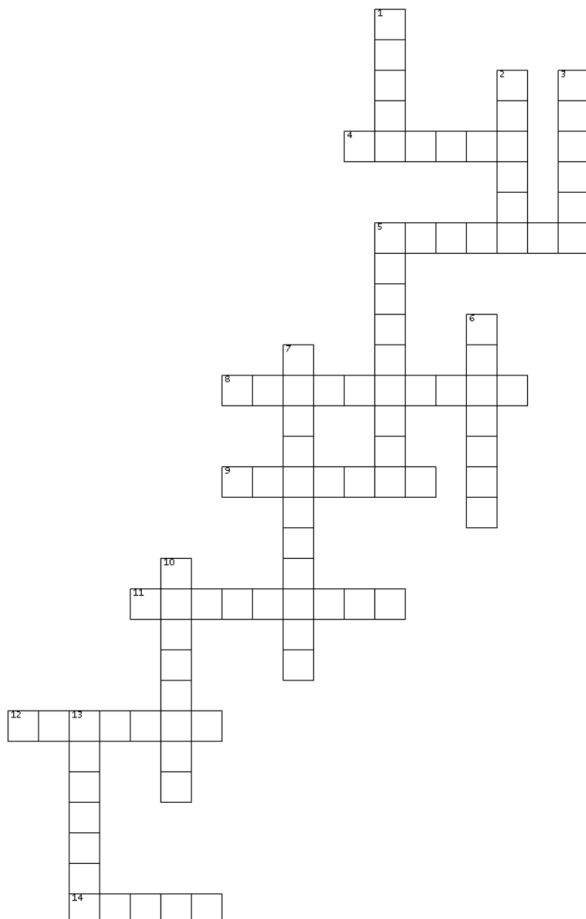


Lisa Vilord

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DECEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

4. A Christmas song
5. A candelabrum used in Jewish worship
8. A plant with red foliage and popular as a houseplant at Christmas
9. A small four-sided spinning top with a Hebrew letter on each side
11. Objects that are decorative rather than useful
12. A length of flowers and leaves hung as a decoration
14. A shrub with prickly dark green leaves, small white flowers, and red berries

DOWN

1. A plump, white-bearded, red-suited, and jolly old man
2. A plunger for agitating cream in a churn
3. An arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems fastened in a ring
5. A plant with pale berries that grows on the branches of some trees
6. A discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder
7. A cake or cookie made with molasses and flavored with ginger
10. Things given to someone as gifts
13. A reindeer with a red nose



A QUILTER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary quilter was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty, even the backs.
Her house how it twinkled; her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles without giving their names.
They boarded the bus and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made; another quilter in distress.
She heard one voice echo as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!*

~Author Unknown



DECEMBER WORD SEARCH

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 VIXEN
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 JINGLE BELLS
 CAROLS
 WREATH
 HOLLY
 CHRISTMAS
 NAUGHTY
 COMET
 ZIRCON
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 NICE
 CUPID

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED: Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com, and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Tuesday, February 15th, 2021

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com,
or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



*"Chill December brings the sleet, blazing fire, and Christmas treat."
~ Sara Coleridge*