TQG - 2021 Block of the Month - January: Choosing your Options
by Abigail Dolinger

Announcing the Tarheel Quilt Guild Block of the Month program for 2021! Since we will begin the year meeting virtually, rather than making blocks for a drawing, make 8" patchwork blocks for your own quilt, a few each month. **The Block of the Month quilt-along (QAL) begins in January, the month for planning and selecting fabric.** February through November, instructions for blocks will be included in TQG newsletters and will be posted on the first of the month on Aby's blog (abyquilts.wordpress.com). In December, you will finish your quilt top by combining the blocks you made throughout the year with sashing or alternate blocks.
Instructions available at Abyquilts.wordpress.com Click Here

For this Block of the Month QAL, you have several options. The **first option** is the size of the quilt. You may choose to make a lap quilt, a throw-size quilt, or a bed quilt. The larger the project, the greater number of blocks you need to make per month.

Lap Quilt	52" x 68"	18 blocks	about 2 per month
Throw Quilt	68" x 84"	32 blocks	about 3 per month
Bed Quilt	84" x 84"	41 blocks	about 4 per month

The **second option** is fabric palette. You may choose to use a line of fabric, to use coordinating fabric from stash, or to go totally scrappy. The Lap Quilt and Throw Quilt are layer cake (10" squares) and fat quarter friendly. If choosing fat quarters, you need eight to ten, two or three each of several colors. The Bed Quilt requires at least twelve fat quarters of colorful fabrics.

The **third option** is the block(s) you will make. Each month, February – November, instructions for a primary design will be given as well as suggestions for several variations. You have the option to make all your blocks of the same design, to recolor the blocks, or to make a variation of the primary design.

The **fourth option** is the layout of your quilt. One of the sample quilts uses the "Hourglass" design for alternate blocks; however, another setting may appeal to you more. You may work on alternate setting blocks throughout the year.

Fabric requirements for the sample quilt with "Hourglass" alternate blocks:

Lap Quilt, 52" x 68"

1 layer cake of 42 10" squares **or** 8-10 fat quarters of various colors
1 ½ yd. background fabric, for patchwork and 1st border
1 yd. light solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 yd. medium solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 yd. coordinating solid or print fabric for 2nd border

Throw Quilt, 68" x 84"

1 layer cake of 42 10" squares **or** 8-10 fat quarters of various colors
1 ¾ yd. background fabric, for patchwork
1 ¼ yd. light solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 ¼ yd. medium solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 ½ yds. accent fabric for 1st border and binding
1 ¼ yd. coordinating solid or print fabric for 2nd border

Bed Quilt, 84" x 84"

12-14 fat quarters of various colors
2 ½ yds. background fabric, for patchwork
1 ½ yds. light solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 ½ yds. medium solid fabric ("Hourglass" blocks)
1 ¾ yds. accent fabric for 1st border and binding
1 ½ yds. coordinating solid or print fabric for 2nd border

2021 Raffle Quit - "Home Sweet Home"

Here is our beautiful 2021 raffle quilt, "Home Sweet Home," with matching, quilted tote.

The quilt is needle-turn applique with embroidery embellishments.
The size is approximately 55" x 55".

The quilt was made and donated by Sandy Russell, Kathy Middleton and Pam Barnard. It was quilted and bound by Gladys Pedrojew. Thank you, ladies, for this beautiful masterpiece!

Raffle tickets are $2 each. For the time being, Karen Potts has the raffle tickets, until someone steps up to chair the Raffle Quilt Committee for 2021. She will be happy to mail you tickets.

TEXTILE TALKS

At the December General Meeting Marilyn Murray shared information on the **"Textile Talks"** series.

A virtual lecture series, "Textile Talks features weekly presentations and panel discussions from the International Quilt Museum, the Modern Quilt Guild, Quilt Alliance, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, Studio Art Quilt Associates, and Surface Design Association." -
Click Here
for the playlist of the Textile Talks.
You can also find them by typing "Textile Talks" in the YouTube search box.

The live programs will resume in January. The programs are presented live on Zoom at 2 p.m. Eastern (adjust for your time zone) each Wednesday. Preregistration is required for the live presentations and recordings for all past Textile Talks are available. Click here to learn more at https://quiltalliance.org/events/textile-talks/

Baby Quilts Report

Quilts donated for the month of Dec.2020: 3 from Carolyn Edwards.

On Dec 21, 2020 I delivered 8 girls, 8 boys and 1 set of boy twins for a total of 17 baby quilts.

I took over 79 stockings to the NICU.

We have in storage 35 boy. 35 girl, 5 sets of b/g twins, 2 sets of boy twins, 3 sets of girl twins and 1 set of triplets. **For a total of 93 baby quilts..**

Marlene Brudvig

Committee Chairs Needed

Nancy Moore is still looking for volunteers to fill the Sew Days, Quilt Challenges, and Raffle Quilt Chairperson positions.
Please consider helping to support our Guild by stepping up to fill one of these openings.

VA Quilts

We are ending this 2020 year with 124 VA quilts on hand!!! Since the last newsletter, Carolyn Edwards turned in 3 VA quilts, bringing our total to the 124 on hand.

I have not been able to reach the VA coordinator to discuss distributions, if even allowed this year. As we usually deliver the quilts in February I am very doubtful that this will be allowed; however, I will advise you as soon as I can reach the coordinator.

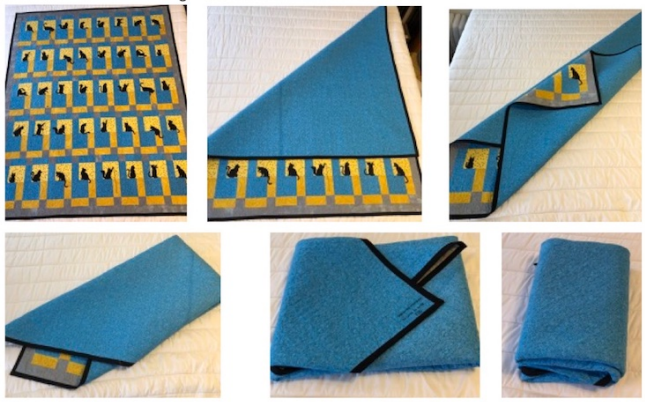
Until someone steps up to the chair for VA quilts, I will continue to coordinate picking up your quilts and delivering batting, if you will call me or drop me an email. This is the easiest job in the guild and a vital part of our services for Tarheel Quilters Guild. Please consider this position very seriously. If you are interested, please contact our new President, Nancy Moore (Yeah and thanks so much Nancy for taking this position this year). I will be glad to deliver the quilts to the new VA Quilt Chair at your convenience. In the past, we often have done this after the VA delivery date, but I am very flexible.

Happy New Year everyone and Happy Quilting!
Thanks to each and every one of you for the beautiful VA quilts!!

Ann Jackson

Quick Tip

Quilt Storage: Fold your quilts on the bias to prevent severe folds from setting in. The fabric fibers will last longer and be less stressed than if folded along the fiber line



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Make checks/money orders payable to: Tarheel Quilters Guild

The Membership year is January through December, New members joining after June 30th pay $12.50 for half-year.

You may turn this form in at a Guild meeting or mail to: Tarheel Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 36253, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Personal Information (This portion to 2VP)

_____ Teach quilting professionally _____ Teach workshops/demos

_____ Judge quilt shows _____ Will quilt tops for others

_____ Collect old quilts _____ Make quilts to sell

_____ Lecture on quilting

Interested in any of the following (mark all that apply):

_____ Machine quilting _____ Miniature quilts

_____ Quilted clothing _____ Fabric dying

_____ Machine applique _____ Hand applique

_____ Block of the Month _____Mystery quilts

_____ Fabric exchanges _____ Challenge quilts

_____ Being a secret quilter _____Other

Level of quilting experience: _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

Quilting experience, special interests: _____

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Would you be interested in holding an office or chairing a committee? _____

Do you have any experience in either? If so, please explain _____

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