NEWSLETTER

PROMOTING AND PERPETUATING THE ART OF QUILTING SINCE 1981

November 2026 President's Note:

Lately, I've been thinking about the difference between being a member of an organization and being an active participant. After all, we pay our dues, attend meetings, enjoy programs and occasionally bring home more items than we intended. (Surely I'm not the only one!)

But there's a difference between belonging to an organization and helping it thrive.

Think about everything we enjoy as members of the Tarheel Quilters Guild. Programs, workshops, sew days, community service projects and special events don't just happen. Behind every activity are members who give their time, share their talents and take care of countless details that often go unnoticed.

And quite often, it's the same people doing many of those jobs.

Now, I'm certainly not suggesting that everyone needs to volunteer for everything. We all have responsibilities outside the guild, and many of our members have already given generously of their time over the years. But I wonder what our guild might look like if each of us asked one simple question: "What can I contribute?"

November brings our annual election of officers, and with it comes an opportunity to think about the future of our guild. Perhaps you've considered serving in a leadership position but wondered whether you have the experience or skills needed. Sometimes a willingness to learn and a fresh perspective are exactly what's needed.

And let's not forget Quilt Fest 2027, coming June 11–12! Putting on a successful quilt show takes many hands, and there will be opportunities for everyone to contribute, whether you have a little time to give or a lot.

One thing I've learned as president is that our guild doesn't belong to its officers or its board. It belongs to all of us. And its future depends on what we're willing to put into it.

So, as we prepare for another year, I hope you'll consider not just what the guild brings to your life, but what you might bring to the guild.

- Jolene Kreiling

Don't forget - Scholarship Forms are due at the November Meeting!

Mark Your Calendars:

Quilt Fest Meeting
Thursday, Nov 3rd at 6:30
3706 Morganton Rd

TQG Board Meeting
Monday, Nov 9th at 4:45
Cliffdale Branch Library
6882 Cliffdale Rd, Fayetteville

General Membership Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 15th
1:30pm Social; 2:00pm Meeting
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville

Happy Birthday to our members born in November:

1st - April Braddy
2nd - Denise Singer
4th Deborah West
10th - Rosie Clem
14th - Michele Skinner
16th - Anne Francis
21st - Shirley Labrie
24th - Cindy Clifton
25th - Caroline Evernham
25th - Sandy Matthews

Fat Quarter of the Month Drawing:

November: brown / gold
(cozy earthy tones)
December: forest green / dark red
(festive, Christmas, wintery colors)
January 2027: celery green / white
(clean wellness)

The remainder of 2027 will be announced later.

If you bring a fat quarter, please sign the sheet & drop it in the bag

Secret Quilter

The year is coming to a close. What a great year it as been! As a reminder please bring your SQ gift to the November guild meeting and then in December please bring a gift for your SQ and a thank you gift for the SQ who had your name. There will be sign-up forms at the membership table at the Nov, & Dec. meetings if you wish to join in SQ for next year. The deadline to get them back to me is at the Dec. meeting. Please join it is a lot of fun. As always, remember you can always contact me if you are not going to be able to make it to the meeting and I will arrange to meet you to pick up your gift and take it to the meeting for you.

Pam Gahan, Secret Quilter Chair
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UFOs & Show N Tell

October 18, 2026 Membership Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 1:59 by Jolene
- Karen Potts - welcome back!
- Debby Grice has a box for Stephanie (our member who is deployed)
- Mystery of the missing labels - if you have spare TQG charity labels at home, please bring them back and give to Laura or Dawn
- Ashley will be completing the newsletter for November / December; missing mailed newsletters have been located - if you have an issue please let us know!
- Membership - we have 39 in attendance - two new members
- Treasurer - balances look good; reimbursement forms are available
- Workshops - we are finished for this calendar year, fun things are coming in 2027
- Programs - November will be AccuQuilt demo / make & take
- Sunshine - Nancy Moore and Cindy Clifton received cards. FQ for will be November - brown/gold. Birthday cards were given out.
- Community Liaison - Giving Tuesday "Guide to Giving" booklets are available. We raised $1,700 last year, let's top it this year! December 1st is the cut-off date
- Challenges - Red/White/Rip Challenge is due next meeting (November)
- Stockings - goal has been met; if you want to make more save them for next year
- Raffle Quilt Tickets - if you have money or need tickets, see Michelle
- Secret Quilter - forms are available; we still start in January. Two gifts in December (one for your secret buddy and one for the one who has gifted you)
- We received a short video of a soldier who received a Heart for Soldiers from us
- Festival of Quilts - we need a show treasurer and someone to do publicity. We still need sponsors as well
- Scholarship forms are due next meeting.
- FQ of the month - Colleen won! Block of the month - Pam G won!
- Nominating Committee - Alison White presented the slate: President AnnMarie Carr, 1VP (workshops) Alison White, 2VP (programs) Olivia Martinez, Secretary ___, Treasurer____.
- Nominations from the floor were taken : Pam Gahan self nominated for president. VPs were unopposed.
- Community Announcements Board - if you have an advertisement, upcoming quilt related activity, etc, please add it to the board. We also need someone to maintain the announcements board. Starting in January we will no longer have paid ads in our newsletter that are not from our Guild members - this was voted on by the board
- Program - Quilting Tricks and Treats - Suggestions from the Floor
- Olivia's B/W/Purple - geometric, purple variegated in the B/W sections
- Olivia's Colorful Option - Spirograph (intersecting circles), all yellow thread
- Helpful trick for squaring quilts - a laser level square tool (available at hardware store)
- Is there anything you can do to finish a quilt that is already started?
- Knowing front from back with white fabrics - use a black light to show the pattern
- Using a 3D printer to make quilting tools (tube turners, tape measure holder) -
- UFOs - see Alison to register your project for the drawing Show N Tell was shared. Nominations Committee - see Alison White, Jackie Parker and Cindy Clifton

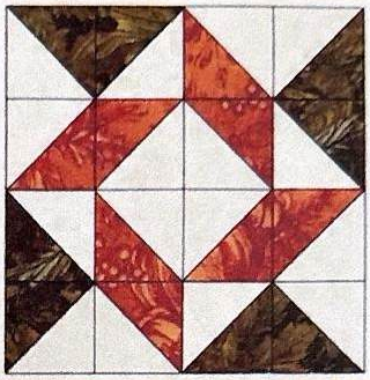
Submitted by Ashley Ledford, Secretary

TARHEEL QUILTERS' GUILD

HARVEST SWIRL

November 2026 Block of the Month

12" Finished Block • Autumn Colors



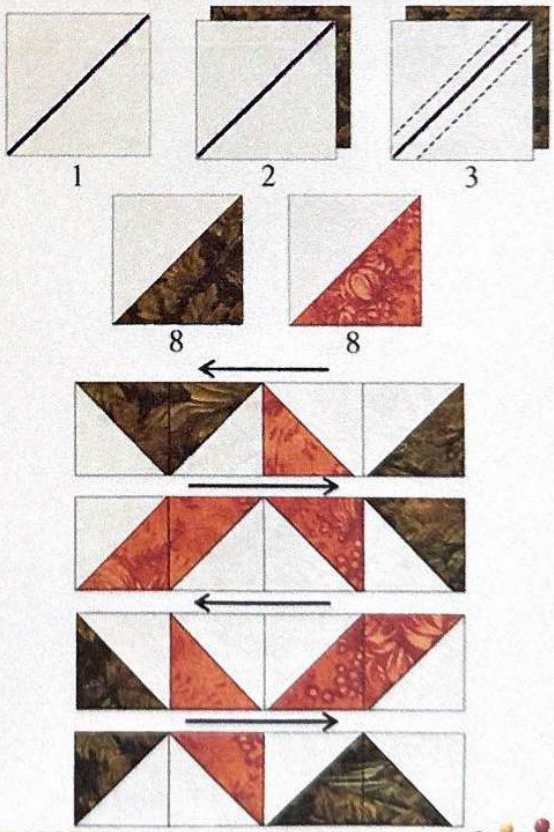
Cutting List

Background, off-white: cut eight 4" squares.
Orange: cut four 4" squares.
Green: cut four 4" squares.

Construction Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the eight background squares.
2. Pair background squares with four green and four orange squares, right sides together.
3. Sew ¼" from both sides of each drawn line.
4. Cut along the drawn line.
5. Press toward the darker fabric.
6. Trim to 3½" square. Make eight green/background HSTs and eight orange/background HSTs.
7. Arrange four rows of four HSTs exactly as shown. Sew into rows. Press rows 1 and 3 left; rows 2 and 4 right.
8. Join rows, nesting seams and matching intersections. Press.

Step Diagrams



Size Check:
HSTs 3½" unfinished.
Block 12½" unfinished;
12" finished.

A Little Harvest Hint:
Align your ruler's 45° line with the diagonal seam when trimming.

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