

Needles & threads Quilting Guild BOTM (Block of the month) GUIDELINES

DESCRIPTION: The Block of the Month is a committee of volunteer guild members that take turns each month submitting a Quilt block pattern to be assembled by the guild.

GOALS:

1. To introduce members to new and different quilting patterns and techniques in making blocks for your quilts.
2. We want to encourage and stimulate a desire to reach out of your comfort zone in order to learn more techniques.
3. We will supply the Focal fabric for the block with the expectations that you will be responsible for the other remaining fabrics to complete the assembling of the block.
4. We the committee members will be available to the beginners in helping them in assembling their block.
5. We will also be of assistance to the moderate and advanced quilters having questions regarding block assembly. BOTM is available to those that just want to sharpen their skills. We expect consideration to the committee members that are still employed, that they will not be as accessible as those that are retired. We will be adding the BOTM instruction sheets and photo of the completed block on the website for your convenience.
6. We want this to be a fun, rewarding and knowledgeable experience. We are open to constructive suggestion for improvement. Please discuss them with us personally, if you have any concerns.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. If you decide to participate in the BOTM, taking the Focal fabrics and the instructions, and are unable to construct the block by the appropriate time, please bring the unused fabric and instructions to the meeting and return it to a committee member. We understand if mistakes are made in the cutting and stitching, therefore we don't expect return of incomplete blocks. We understand that people are at different skill levels.
2. The remaining or excess Focal fabric will be given to the Raffle winner of that block. It is not mandatory to enter the Raffle. It is also not mandatory for the winner to complete a quilt with the blocks made. We are hoping that the learning experience would give you a desire to want to assemble your blocks into a quilt.

Note: We purchase enough Focal fabric allowing the winner of the Raffle to make a reasonable size quilt. If more people participate, the less work will be needed, on the individual that wins the block, to complete it.

If you require more of the focal fabric we can tell you where it was purchased.