

The Common Thread

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The Newsletter of the Raincross Quilt Guild—Riverside, CA
President—Jeri Read



A Scant Quarter—

The name of the first place winner of the Rail Fence Challenge in October was omitted. The winner of the challenge was Kathy Roberson.

We had so many Happy Bags turned in, thank you all who participated in making the bags for the children.

Decembers meeting will be potluck, and we will be doing our annual block exchange. Your block must be a minimum of 12” finished 12 1/2” unfinished and can be larger if you choose. Your block needs to be a winter theme. No pre-printed panels and fabric must be Quilt Shop quality. Please put your block in a tube that is wrapped with a Christmas themed fat quarter. All tubes are to remain anonymous.

We do not have any member classes booked. But, if anyone has an idea for a members class that they would like to teach please contact Jeri Read.

Happy Quilting!

Jeri Read's
Teacher Quilt



Block of the Month

36 Blocks were turned in at the October meeting. Jeri Read, Debbie Gnecko, and Karen Hundley were the lucky winners. Congratulations! Don't forget to participate. Remember it only takes 1 to win. You can pick-up a copy of the instructions from the Sewing Shack, 7000 Indiana, Riverside.

Block of the Month Crew



Membership:

We had 72 members and 6 visitors sign in for the November meeting. **WELCOME** all! Ladies, please remember to take a minute and "X" your name on the sign-in sheet each month, and note your ZIP CODE on the appropriate page. Visitors too, please.

Door Prizes:

Got name? Got name tag? Well, put that tag on (don't you want other members to know who you are?), put your name in the drawing.

The winners for October were Shirley Lilly, Janice Iwinski, Rose Ornelas, Linda Piraino, Lois Clark, Jan Mills, Trish Sellers, Maryhelen Giaccone, Sandi Sutherland. Congratulations winners!

Snacks:

The snacks are being supplied by all of our members, it's potluck!

In advance, we thank you for your hospitality, and the goodies you bring! You make our meeting special!

Join in the fun:

Sew Night is the 1st Tuesday of the month at Fellowship Baptist Church on Arlington Avenue just west of the 91 freeway, 6—9 p.m. Everyone (even non-members) is invited. Bring any project and a dish of food to share (if you like). We sew a little, visit, laugh and eat a lot.



Tips & Tricks:

Use paper plates to keep cut pieces separated into stacks by size and color. You can even make notes on the plates if needed.

You have heard of wooden irons. Well I found they are expensive for this piece of wood. I do have one but found this and thought it would probably work just as well. Use half a wooden clothespin for finger pressing your seams. You can even decorate or put your name on it. If you accidentally leave behind, it will not cost you \$7-\$10 to replace. Or you could use your Joanns or Michaels coupons (both can be used at both stores) and buy a new wooden iron.

Have a Very Merry Christmas Season!

Karen Hundley
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Community Service:

We delivered the quilts that were completed to the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Riverside County Hospital. They were so grateful!

In the future, if you would like to make quilts for the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Riverside County Hospital, they are asking that the quilts be a little larger. They would like a minimum size of 30x30. This size would cover the top of the basinet a little bit better, shielding the little ones from the light. If you would like to donate to the cause, please contact Trina Andrews at 951-780-5917 and she will make sure that your completed quilts get delivered to Riverside County Hospital.

The Friendship Quilter's Group is collecting U.F.O.'s to make pillows for the heart patients at the Kaiser Hospital. Size does not matter. Anything that you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Cox or Florence Patrick.

Show & Share

Lynn Cashmann-Finished Quilt!
Karen Hutchinson—Christmas Quilt
Rebecca Slaughter-Hawaiian BQ
Jeannette Gordon-Finished Quilt
Joan White-Niece's Wedding Quilt
Carol & Joyce— BOM Quilt
Chris Kerns-Rail Fence & 2 garage sale tops
Jeri Read— Flying Geese, Opportunity,
 & Teacher Quilt
Leslie Webster-1 Quilt
Judith Bigley-Jacket

Barbara-Serpentine
Liliyanna Davis-2 Quilts
Carol Holmes & Danielle-1 Quilt
Mary Mertz-1 Quilt
Marlys Whipple-Christmas Quilt
Fern Fujimoto-Crazy Quilt
Alice Jones-2 Quilts

Happy Birthday

Renee Tieszen
 Christine Sharp
 Renee Noflin
 Angie Nudge
 Kathy Roberson
 Beth Totten
 Karen Valentine



Joan White's
Niece's Wedding Quilt



NEXT MEETING:

December 18th at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm
Janet Goeske Senior Center
5257 Sierra St., Riverside
Membership \$25.00 per year.
Non-members \$3.00 per meeting.

Meet the Stripper

Our December stripper is KAREN HUTCHINSON. Karen grew up with the quilts that her grandmother made, and she has been a quilter and a charter member of Raincross Quilt guild for 12 years, since 1995.

Karen has been sewing for 60 years. She sewed most of her five children's clothes as they were growing up, as well as many formals and bridesmaids dresses.

Karen's daughter's mother-in-law got her to start quilting, and she began by making log cabin tops, placemats and baby quilts. A mostly self-taught quilter, Karen has taken a few classes and got some tips from books and TV. She prefers *STRIPPING* and machine piecing. She mostly quilts by machine, but has sent some tops out for quilting.

Karen's hundreds of finished quilts have ended up mostly with her 20 grandchildren and charity. She makes mostly baby quilts and throws, and many of her grandchildren have all worn out their baby quilts.

She went on a quilt cruise to Ensenada for a weekend – she didn't quite finish the mystery quilt top, but she enjoyed being with the other quilters.

One of Karen's nonquilting activities - she goes to the Senior Center in Moreno Valley on Wednesday mornings to crochet for charity – they make afghans, scarves, slippers, hats and baby things.

Karen's biggest OOPS was a Texas Star that didn't lay flat.

Karen's HINT -- choose fabrics with contrast between colors so you can see the pattern!!

What Karen LOVES about Raincross Quilt Guild? Seeing what other members are making -- and she says everyone in the guild is so FRIENDLY!!

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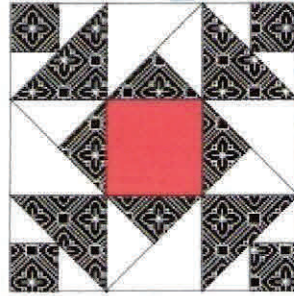
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Quilt Block Pattern

Aunt Dinah

Size: 12" Finished
Beginner Level



Cutting Instructions:

Black print

- 1-A ... 4 squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
- 1-B ... 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; cut squares once diagonally to make 4 half-square triangles
- 1-C ... 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; cut square twice diagonally to make 4 quarter-square triangles

White

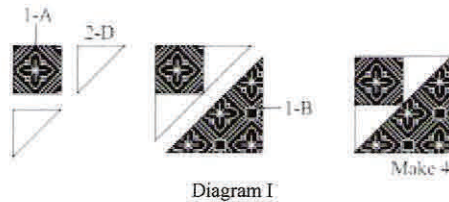
- 2-B ... 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; cut squares once diagonally to make 4 half-square triangles
- 2-C ... 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; cut square twice diagonally to make 4 quarter-square triangles
- 2-D ... 4 squares 2 7/8" x 2 7/8"; cut squares diagonally once to make 8 half-square triangles

Red

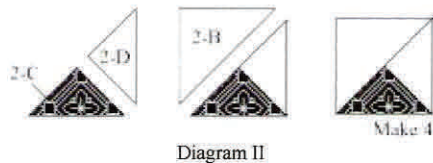
- ... 3-E 1 square 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Using Diagram I as a guide, assemble 4 corner pieced squares.



Step 2. Using Diagram II as a guide, assemble 4 side pieced-squares.



Step 3. Using Assembly Diagram as a guide, sew pieced-square units together to make rows. Sew rows together to make Aunt Dinah block.

