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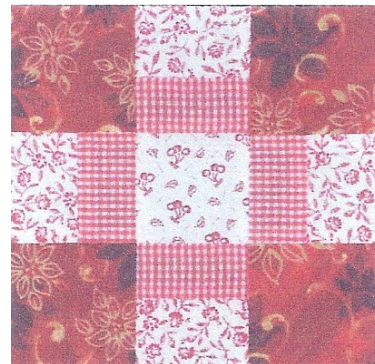
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The Newsletter of the Raincross Quilt Guild - Riverside, CA
President - Jeri Read



Block of the Month -

The BOM winners for January were Katy Sanchez, Bonnie Hale and Jeri Read. The block of the month for February is shown to the right. The pattern can be found in the January newsletter. If you have any questions contact Carol Holmes.



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NEXT MEETING:

February 17 at 6:30pm.
Doors open at 6pm.
Janet Goeske Center
5257 Sierra St, Riverside
Membership dues are \$25.00 per year
Non-Members \$3.00 per meeting.

February Snacks

The February snacks are being provided by our February, June and October birthday members



Join in the Fun -

Sew Night is the 1st Wednesday of the month at the United First Methodist Church, located at 4845 Brockton Ave, 6-9pm. Everyone is invited. Bring a project and some goodies if you so desire. We sew a little, visit, and laugh a lot! Hope to see you there.



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Community Service

If you would like to make quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Riverside County Medical Center Hospital, they are asking for quilts a minimum size of 30x30 inches. **There is an urgent need for these blankets right now. In December there were several babies without blankets.**

The Quilting Connection group meets every Thursday night at 6:30pm. Location: Grove Community Church, 19900 Grove Community Drive, Riverside, CA 92508 in room C2. They make quilts for various charities.

The Friendship Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Janet Goeske Senior Center. They sew quilts for various charities. Call Jan or Florence for details.

Blankets of Belief are quilts for soldiers. Check out www.soldiersangels.org for information and guidelines.

Loose Ends meets at the Goeske center the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

Sewing for community services on February 21st, @ Goeske Senior Center. Kits will be made up, bring a dish.

Soldiers Angels Quilts

There are plans for a sew day in June or July to make quilts for Soldiers Angels, to be sent to soldiers for Christmas. Kits and blocks will be put together to make the quilts with. If you have any patriotic fabric you would like to contribute please bring it to guild. Drawings will be held for those who bring in patriotic blocks, 6 1/2 or 12 1/2 inches in size, to be used in these quilts.

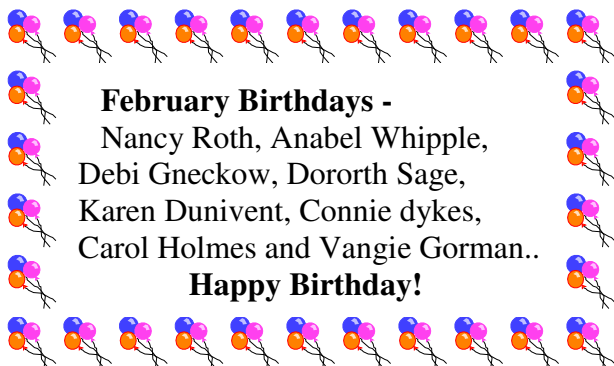
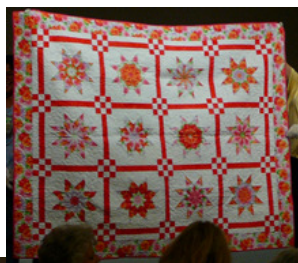
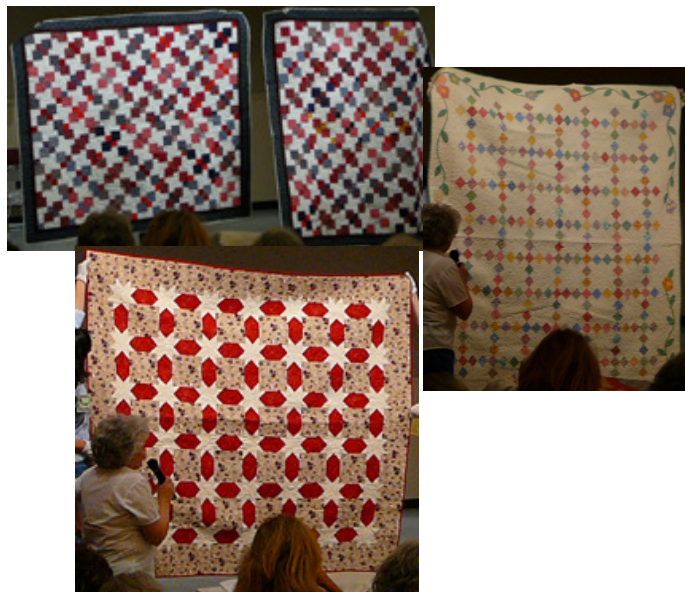
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Membership:

We are so glad you could join us! We had 68 members and 5 visitors in January. Ladies, please remember to take a minute and "X" your name on the sign-in sheet each month, and note your ZIP CODE on sheet 2!

Door Prizes:

Got name? Got name tag? Well, put that tag on (don't you want other members to know who you are?), and put your name in the drawing! Chris makes a big effort to find great, useable door prizes. A big thanks to Moore's and Fabric Patch for their ongoing generous donations! Congratulations to all the January winners: Christine Sharp, Lois Littlejohn Clark, Connie Dykes, Karen Dunivent, Diane T, Jean Franco, Alice Jones and Mary Metz.



February Birthdays -

Nancy Roth, Anabel Whipple,
Debi Gneckow, Dororth Sage,
Karen Dunivent, Connie dykes,
Carol Holmes and Vangie Gorman..

Happy Birthday!

Show & Share

- Susan Crowley - wall hanging, king quilt
- Eva Standley - baby Jane
- Connie Dykes - 4 quilts
- Sharon Gross - twisted bargello
- Janice Kennedy - red & black
- Renee Tieszen - 2 quilts & a monkey
- Jeanie Stellrecht - 2 quilts
- Judy Bello - quilt & 2 tops
- Chris Kerns - flannel
- Debi Gneckow - raffle quilt
- Bev, Dana & Karen - 2 quilt tops, hand painted fabric
- Jan Cox - neonatal quilts
- Christie Fowler - Q.O.V.
- Bonne Hale - 4 quilts
- Carol Holmes - neonatal quilts
- Judith - raggy robe
- Lucile - stack n whack
- Lynda Naumann - quillo plus
- Angie Nudge - Christmas present, baby quilt
- Diane Taliani - Christmas quilt
- Jan Mills
- Liliana
- Suzanna Bochard
- Jeri Reed
- Fern/Bonne

Tips & Tricks

Hello Everyone:

Hope all of you enjoyed the Road2CA Quilt Show. I know I did. Took classes every day and learned something new in each class. I did not learn this tip there but read it. Those of you that have sewn a lot probably already know this. But those of us that before quilting did not sew might learn something new.

On those days when nothing seems to go right and you have to remove a seam, if you cut every 4th or 5th stitch from the bobbin side you can then pull the thread from the front and it comes out in one long piece. I never really gave it much thought before. Now I do and it is much easier.

Happy Sewing

Karen Hundley

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Meet the Stripper

Our February, 2009, stripper is KATY SANCHEZ. Katy has been a member of Raincross Quilt Guild for 3 years.

Katy is happily married and her husband encourages and supports her obsession with fabric and quilting. He has been in dozens of quilt stores with her, and bought her beloved Janome for her birthday. Katy has four children – three girls and a boy (18 to 29 years old), none of whom yet quilt. They all have a quilt in the works (Katy has two finished tops), but both grandchildren have quilts made by Grandma Katy. Katy's mom lives with her, as does one precious Bichon Frise (Rocco) and seven cats. Katy's paternal grandmother quilted but she died before Katy was born.

Katy began quilting on January 1, 2000. Katy told her mom that now that she was in her 40's, she should make a quilt and some jelly to be a real American. That first quilt was a hand-pieced crazy quilt – and she had no idea what she was doing. She didn't take any classes, only read books. When she got to the binding, she was totally confused. She looked at a quilt store and saw no stitches. So Katy decided it wasn't sewed on. She put the binding on her first quilt using little strips she cut from Wonder Under. It looked great until the first washing – then the binding started falling off!!

Katy made 16 various-sized quilts before she took her first class – an Eleanor Burns Log Cabin. She has taken four classes now, but she is basically self-taught. She prefers strip piecing and machine quilting on her beloved Janome 9500. She has machine quilted most all of her approximately 50 quilts and wall hangings, but hand quilted that famous first quilt and a couple others. Grandchildren, friends, employees, sister, nieces and nephews all received quilts and 6 or 8 were sold. She's currently trying to finish the quilts for her dear hubby and kids. Katy has made too many quilts to choose a favorite one.

Her biggest OOPS – (other than the Wonder Under binding) was cutting a 2-inch pie shaped piece out of a backing that she intended to pull to the top to make binding.

What she's learned – “It's MY quilt – MY way!” -- like it or leave it. Katy may not always follow an exact pattern, but she enjoys herself and that's why she does it!!

Katy's favorite NON-quilting activities – spending time with family and friends (she says a wise woman can quilt at the same time with a little planning), her work with the disabled, mentoring young adults, praise and worship at church, and intercessory prayer. She has also finished hundreds of counted cross stitch designs. She used to garden before becoming a quilter.

Katy loves our Raincross Quilt Guild meetings – she thinks they are SO much fun. She's sorry she stayed away because she thought there would be quilt police here!! She loves Show and Share, the door prizes, the good food, the friends who like to quilt.

Katy works full time coordinating services and training staff who provide direct care to persons with developmental disabilities, and has worked with the disabled in one way or another for 36 years. She enjoys teaching and mentoring and she genuinely loves people. She loves Jesus and coordinates a Christian girls program called Missionettes, and she is starting a small quilting group at her church, New Light Church of God.

Katy never did get to the jelly – the quilts have taken over her life!! And she hasn't yet met those infamous quilt police at the meetings!!

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Mystery Quilt

for Raincross Quilt Guild 2009

If you think you would like to participate in the Mystery Quilt project with the guild members, here are the basics to help you decide if this is the activity for you.

The fabric requirements will be available in November & December 2008. You will have plenty of time to shop, and the first set of instructions will be passed out at the January 2009 meeting.

You will be given plenty of time to do the various steps. Don't worry about being rushed. I don't know the final date yet.

The quilt we will be working on will be approximately 40" x 56".

This quilt is ideal for scraps. It's a great time to use up your stash. It is also good for color groupings. What I mean by that is, if you have a lot of blue, you could make an all blue scrappy quilt, or a four (4) color quilt.

I have never made this quilt, so I am working from instructions in a book. I am also using their fabric requirements, so I cannot verify their accuracy.

We will be using black and white as the lightest and darkest fabrics, so the rest of your fabrics will fall into the very wide range of medium fabrics.

Fabric Requirements:

¼ yard black (or black on black) fabric

¾ yard white (or white on white) fabric

2 yards assorted scrap fabrics (the greater variety the better)

1 yard stripe fabric for border & binding

Backing & batting: Wait till it's done & then pick out what you want. They say 3 yards of backing fabric, but I bet you can figure out a way to make it for less.

Small Groups

Batik Group

The batik small group exchanges 6" squares of true batiks.

- 1) Each person will bring at least 6 -6" squares to swap.
- 2) The more squares you bring the more you will get batik.
- 3) Participation is on a as you desire basis.

The fabric swap schedule is

Feb 09 - Pinks, reds, or pink and reds

Mar 09 - Green with or without yellow or white

Apr 09 - Yellow or yellow & orange &/or white

May 09 - Purples &/or lavenders

Jun 09 -Any combination of light to medium pastels

July 09 - any mixture of three or more colors

Aug 09 - Browns & tans suitable for tree trunks & mtns.

Sep 09 Very bright combinations of 3 or more colors

Oct 09 - Blacks, charcoals, grays &/or whites too

Nov 09 - Fall colors with metallic accents

Dec 09 Christmas themed with or without metallic

Call Katy Sanchez with questions or color ideas.

(951)543-6251.

Crazy Quilt Group

The crazy quilt group will be meeting the 4th Saturday in January. For more information call Carol Holmes.

Friendship Group

The following names are on my list or were doing the Friendship Block when we stopped. Let me know if your name is here, and you have changed your mind, or if you would like to be added or have questions. I am available at (951) 543-6251 or sewfantasy@charter.net

Thank You,
Katy Sanchez

Brenda Adamo

Rose Ornelas

Linda Evans

Karen Hubbard

Sylvia Ramos

Karen Hundley

Joan White

Katy Sanchez

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MARCH 2009 BOM KINGS CROWN

8 1/2" unfinished—8" finished

You will need 4 different fabrics. One of them is a focal print for the center square. You can use a butterfly, large flower or bird.
Fussy cut 1 – 4 1/2" square for your center.

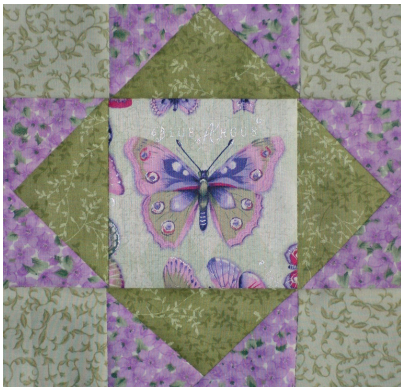
Cut 4 – 2 1/2" squares of a light fabric for the corner squares.

The flying geese pieces are made with
4 – 2 7/8" squares of a med. color Step #1 on attached sheet
1 – 5 1/4" square of a darker color.

Follow the instructions on the attached sheet for perfect flying geese.
They will measure 4 1/2" x 2 1/2".

Square up your geese to 4 1/2" x 2 1/2".

Layout all pieces according to the picture and sew together.



Pattern from: Quilters Block-A-Day Calendar
Designed by, Debby Kratovil for "That Patchwork Place"

Questions? Call Carol Holmes 951.657.6531

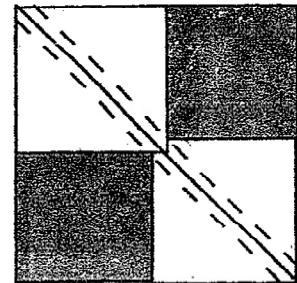
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Fast Flying Geese

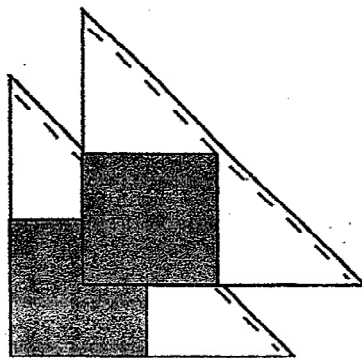
These directions will make four - 2" x 4" Flying Geese Units.

1. Cut 4 squares $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " from the fabric that will be the background triangles. Cut one $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " from fabric that will become the "geese" triangle.

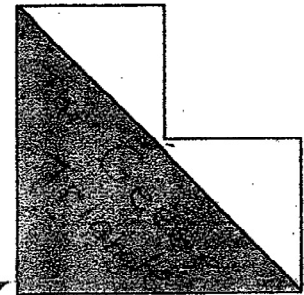
2. With right sides together, position small squares at opposite corners of the large square. Pin in place. (the corners of the small squares will overlap in the center.)
Draw a straight line from corner to corner thru the small squares. Stitch an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " on **EACH** side of the line.



3. Cut the squares in half along the drawn line. You will now have 2 triangle segments.

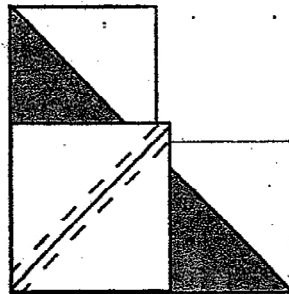


4. On each half, press the small triangles **AND** seam allowances away from the large triangle.

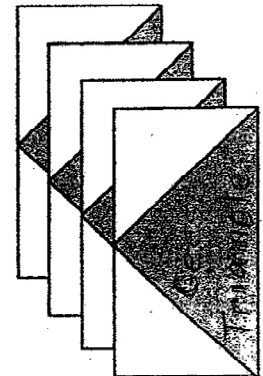


The "geese" triangle →

5. Position another small square at the corner of the large triangle. Pin in place. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line along **BOTH** sides. Repeat for the second large triangle.



6. Cut apart on the drawn line to create two units. Press the small triangles and seam allowances **AWAY** from the larger triangles. Repeat on the second segment. You will now have 4 Flying Geese units.



7. To make units of a different size, use the chart below. These measurements are for the finished size. (Height x base)

Refer to this chart for the most common sizes of Flying Geese.									
Finished Flying Geese Unit (Height x Base)	1" x 2"	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3"	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2" x 4"	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5"	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3" x 6"
Small Square—Cut size	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	2 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	3 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
Large Square—Cut size	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "