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Stitches in the Sand

August 2024

MEETING DATE: August 8th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

August is our Members Showcase.

We have so many wonderful quilters in our guild. You just had to go to our Quilt Show to see that. This month we are lucky to have two of them to wow us with their quilts and quilting story.

Our first member is **Joanne Florence**.

"I was born in Seattle, but lived in New Jersey, Iowa, and Kansas before moving to California in 1979. I started seriously quilting after taking a beginner quilting sampler class in 1984 through the Mission Viejo Recreation Dept. After some years quilting on my own, I was amazed and thrilled to find out that there were organizations dedicated to quilting. I joined the Flying Geese Quilters Guild in 1995, then Beach Cities Quilters Guild in 2002. I am a Traditional style quilter, both pieced and applique, and still do some hand quilting. I'm looking forward to showing you some of my many quilts at the meeting on August 8."

Our second member is **Susan Probst.**

"I have been quilting for almost 9 years. I love learning new techniques and using my long arm machine. I have tried various methods of quilting, but my quilting journey began with appliqué. I feel like the more I learn, the more I realize how much more there is to learn. I am humbled to be asked to show my quilts! Many teachers will see quilts from their classes! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to my quilting journey."

Donna Wester

Upcoming Speakers:

September: Arlene Arnold

October: President's Quilt Reveal

November: Kristie Naranjo

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BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.

Need to speak to a board member—Email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

From the President

"August is like the Sunday of Summer. A time to Relax and Savor the Golden Moments."

I find myself, enjoying the sunsets, and the long warm days give me plenty of time to be playing in my sewing room, or outside dyeing fabric.

Playing and Fun equal Creativity in my world, and that is what I am focusing on for my
No Rules Challenge Entry. I cannot wait to see all of the fabulous creations which will be presented at the August 8th Meeting.
Best part of this challenge is that it doesn't have to be totally finished to be in the Reveal!

Now that's my kind of Challenge! If you need more information please contact Elaine Pappas-Puckett jelji@cox.net

It is not too soon to begin thinking about the next year for BCQG. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board, or on a Standing Committee. The success of BCQG depends on the generosity of its membership to volunteer their time and talents! It has truly been a rewarding and fun experience for me!

The July meeting with Jean Impey was so fascinating! It was interesting to see how Batiks and other fabrics are made by Hoffman Fabrics! I can't wait to see all the Fabulous Faces from the workshop!

The August meeting is going to be Fabulous because it is Members Showcase!
I am always amazed at the Creativity, and Talent of the BCQG membership!
Also it will be the Big Reveal of the No Rules Challenge and that is going to be so much fun to see!

Enjoy the Long Summer Days and Happy Quilting !

Margie Bushaw
President 2023-2024

Quilting Bee for the President's Quilt

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO QUILT ON PRESIDENY's QUILT!

We need to get this done! Here is the list of hostesses, area,and dates. Contact them directly to schedule time.

Jan Hirth—Laguna Niguel-July 29-August 3

Karen Brewin-Coto de Caza-August 5-9

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No Rules Challenge

August is our big reveal. When given the go-ahead by Margie, we will all line up like Show and Tell. Be prepared to share your shape and your color and tell us a little bit about it. WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CREATION EVEN IF NOT COMPLETE.

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Photos from July Presentation and Workshop

Philanthropy News

Hello!
What a wonderful group we have here! We had asked for fleece donations, for the fleece wraps donated to CAST, the collection of fleece we have received will keep them busy the rest of the year!! Thank you to all!!

This past month we donated 84 quilts (UCI Oncology Orange, UCI Oncology Laguna Hills, CHOC Orange, CHOC Mission Viejo, Vets Hospice, Royal Therapeutic, Innovative Housing Options, United Cerebral Palsy and Laguna Beach Boys and Girls Club) 49 pillowcases were distributed to: My Own Case for Kids, Royal Therapeutic, and CHOC Orange. 12 Lumbar pillows were given to Vets Hospice.

Just a reminder - Philanthropy sew day meets the first Monday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday).

Next meeting August 5th Sept. 9th (the 2nd is Labor Day) Oct. 7

We meet each month at:
Presbyterian Church Of The Masters 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Corner of Oso and Marguerite (park in the lot closest to Oso Parkway)
Set up starts at 9:00 am! The main meeting begins at 10:00 or anytime you get there. We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated at Sew Day especially with set up and take down.

Show and Tell starts at 11! Join in the fun!

Sew Day will have quilt and pillowcase kits, and batting. There will be irons, ironing boards, cutting boards, tables and chairs. Bring your sewing machine, extensions cords, sewing tools, and a lunch. Come for the whole day or just drop by!

We are still looking for baby quilts. Kits are always available. If you are putting together a quilt from your stash but need backing you may find what you need at storage. We bring batting to sew days so you can cut what you need for your Philanthropy quilt.

As donations keep coming in I will continue to bring fabric to sew days. We have recently received many large pieces, enough for backing, and I will try to bring those. There will be a container of batiks and sample packs.

Contact Juan Garcia for information on his next Teddy Bear class to be held August 10th at Sandy Corbin's home. You will be making a teddy bear to be donated to Philanthropy.

NOTES OF THANKS!
Julie Greenspan gave a children's quilt to the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Beach for an auction. Here's an excerpt from their thank you letter, "Your contribution means the world to us and our club members. You are changing lives, creating smiles, instilling hope and helping every child grow into a responsible caring adult." Thanks Julie for reaching out to them!

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Philanthropy News Continued

Aloha! Greetings and Mahalo from Maui!

My family and I traveled to Maui in late May. This was our first visit back since the Lahaina fires. I took the opportunity to go to the Maui Quilt Shop and visited with shop owner Marilyn Samishima. She, her staff and volunteers organized the Aloha Quilt Donation Drive which collected and distributed close to 6,000 quilts to victims of the fire, fire fighters and first responders. Many of them lost homes and loved ones as well. The quilts came from every state, Canada, Europe and Australia. Our guild, with the help of Hoffman Fabrics, donated 240 quilts to this effort. This was the largest donation from one source. Marilyn shared many heart-felt stories about those who received the quilts. "When people don't have anything, getting a quilt is something special - it made wherever they were staying feel like home."

Marilyn asked that I share a grateful and heartfelt Mahalo for your tremendous support. She knows how much effort, expense and especially TLC goes into making the quilts. The remaining $800 in funds collected by the guild in support of the mailing expenses were donated to the Maui Strong Fund, a part of the Hawaiian Community Foundation.

Mahalo to all of you for your help with this effort,
Pat Price

Look forward to seeing you at sew day, August 5th! Come one, come all, enjoy the fun!

Happy Stitching!
Janice

Things to Do

October 5, 2024 Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild www.valleyofthemistquilters.com

On Going—

Jeanette Floyd Quilt Exhibit - Mission Viejo Library

Jeanette is having an exhibit at the Mission Viejo Library this summer until August 23. Please go by and enjoy her quilts. When you enter the library, turn right. Congratulations Jeanette!

October - March 16 —Blue Gold - The Art and Science of Indigo at the Mingei International Museum
1439 El Prado @ Balboa Park in San Diego. $10-15
mingei.org

Parliamentarian Note

Guild Needs You!
To Serve on the Board!

Now is the time we start filling Board positions. If you would like to get more involved, meet new people and have fun while doing it, please consider joining the 2024-2025 BCQG Board. Several positions are still available. Most importantly, we need someone to volunteer to be Programs Chair. Yes, you would get to choose the guild speakers! If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Morgan (949-412-2792, jsm728@aol.com)

Other Standing committee positions are available as well. Donna Wester would love to have you join her board next year. Please contact her and fill out the volunteer form on the guild website

For example, one of the positions available is SSCQG representative, currently held by Liz Pickering. From Liz:
As our fiscal year comes to a close, I wanted to share my experience as a Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) representative. First of all, what do I do? Well, the Council meets 4 times a year, on a Saturday morning, on Zoom. I attend the meeting, read the SCCQG newsletter and report to the BCQG Board/President after each meeting.

Why is BCQG a member of the SCCQG? Many reasons, for instance, we are insured through the Council, also they have an annual Meet the Teachers meeting that alerts us to new speakers and workshops. We can add our major events to their calendar, and every meeting, the reps share new and ongoing challenges guilds share, and best practices to solve those challenges.

If this sounds interesting, please peruse to SCCQG.org, then contact Jennifer Morgan or me. Thank you! Liz Pickering

If you have any questions about serving on the board, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Jennifer Morgan, Parliamentarian

Volunteer Form

BCQG VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Our Guild has been successful because of the time, energy, and generosity of its volunteers. Please take a few moments to review the descriptions of the various Board positions, printed in the Bylaws section of your BCQG Roster. These are just a few of the many ways you can become involved and get to know other members. Please include your name to indicate your interest or submit recommendations for the following offices and committees. Please return your completed survey by June 10th to the Parliamentarian. Please call or send an email if you have any questions. Jennifer Morgan Parliamentarian, jsm728@aol.com. **Please enter your name below for the position(s) for which you would like to be considered. Thank you!**

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Monthly Mini

The winner of the Quilter Name Tag, Sissor holder and Quilt Label by Crystal Anderson-Cunanan was Carol Gobrogge!

This month's Monthly Mini was created by Carol Gobrogge. She has so beautifully crafted a Jewelry Roll for travel.

It only takes one ticket to win!

If would like to donate a mini for us to raffle off please see Carrie Donohoe. We are looking to fill up 2024 - 25!

Hospitality News

THANK YOU for bringing something for the hospitality table!

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BCQG workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. Registration fee is $35 for members; $60 for non-members. (Annual BCQG membership is only $40 and members sign up first for workshop.) See workshop details in weekly snippets, on the website, and below for more information.

You may cancel and receive a refund if you let the workshop chair. (Mary Kay Fitzpatrick) know by email at least 45 days before the workshop. After that time, you will receive a refund if there is a person to fill your spot. We will issue a refund after we receive payment from your replacement.

You will receive an email reminder with supply list details and any updated information at least a week prior to the Workshop. If for some reason you do not receive this information, please reach out to Mary Kay Fitzpatrick.

September Workshop: Esther's Stars with Arlene Arnold
Friday, September 13, 2024, 10 an to 4 pm
Juniper Room at Norman P Murray Center

Arlene Arnold has a particular interest in vintage antique quilts, especially those from Pre-Civil War and Depression eras. She has created the workshop project from that history. You will learn her techniques and tricks for master those perfect points for a stunning two-color quilts.

Registration is open. Email MaryKay Fitzpatrick or click here to register online. Workshop fee is $35 for members. Non-members welcome to register via email as of August 1 and the fee is $65.

Upcoming Speakers – Beach Cities Quilters

September 2024	Arlene Arnold	heritageoaksquilts.com
October 2024	President's Quilt Reveal	
November 2024	Kristie Naranjo	https://www.kristienaranjo.com/

Friendship Circles

Hi Everybody,

Sew Sisters is at it again. Philanthropy asked for patriotic quilts and, after seeing a great picture of a patriotic quilt, Norah Dapudga created a pattern and the group went to work. Fabric was chosen and everyone got together for a cutting and sewing party at Marti Ryncarz' house. Even Starlin Adam's daughter, Ida, had the important job of putting the pins back in the pin cushion.

It took a second meeting to get the top finished and then Norah quilted it on her long arm. It was a lot of fun to work together, and it was for a great cause.

What has your friendship circle been doing? Have you discovered a great restaurant that loves a group that might get a little too loud or stay a bit too long? Have you gone on a field trip? Quilt Shop? Winery? Garden Tour? Does your friendship circle share new skills? What have you learned from each other?

I am waiting to hear from you. Send pictures too. Everyone loves Show-nTell!

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Sunshine and Shadows

Tina Mudd and her husband have moved to Montana. She plans to stay connected to the Guild through Zoom. We wish them the best with their new adventure!!

Recently, Jane Salem had back surgery, it included having rods put in her back. Unfortunately while recovering at home she developed an infection which sent her back to the hospital. She is now in a rehab center recovering. As she is not up for visitors, I am sure she'd love some cheering up. The best way to reach out to her is through her email.

We have some very sad news. Sharon Jeager passed away on Sunday, July 21. She had heart surgery the week before and seemed to be recovering fine, but unfortunately complications occurred. Sharon was passionate about life and her art quilting. Those of us who knew her could always recognize her quilts because they always included a bird or two or three. She was always so compassionate and serving of others. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. We send our deepest sympathy Sharon's family and friends.

If you have something you would like to be included in this column, please contact me. Please include your name and contact information, and if about someone else, their name and contact information for verification.

Thank you. Debra Halverstadt

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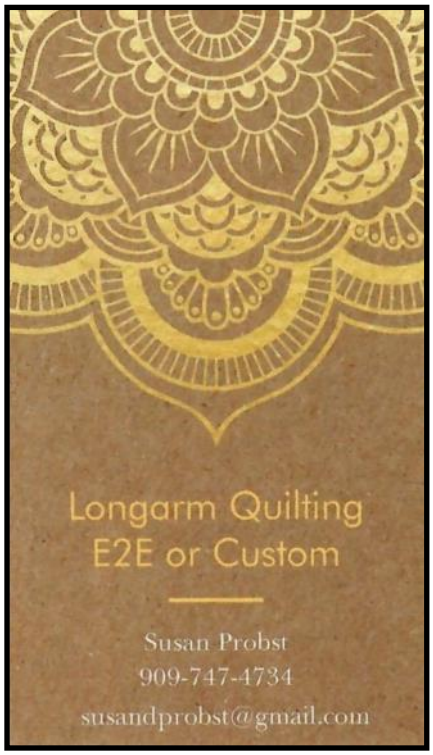
My name is Susan Probst and I offer long arm quilting services. I began piecing quilts about 8 years ago. I have learned various quilting techniques from several very talented teachers. What I found is that my passion is for long arm quilting. I began using a long arm around 7 years ago. I took a class at a APQS shop in Rancho Cucamonga. I admired all the quilting examples that decorate the shop and I decided that THIS is what I wanted to do. So, I have been using my long arm and taking classes from master long armers. When I first began, I would dream of how to long arm a quilt! Quilting on a long arm is truly my first love when it comes to quilting.

I offer quilting to others simply because I love to quilt. My aim is to add to the personality of a quilt, and to highlight the piecing and fabric. I own a computerized system that allows me to complete edge to edge designs with a one to two-week turnaround for client. However, I can also use my skills to quilt free motion and quilt with rulers on any quilt. I enjoy combining computerized quilting with free motion quilting for amazing results.

I love thread! I have almost every color of Glide thread to enhance your quilt. Glide is a longlasting polyester thread, and adds a beautiful sheen and pigment to the quilt.

It doesn't matter if you are brand new to quilting or have been quilting for years. Part of the job of a long arm professional is to highlight the points of interest in your quilt. I want the quilt to look how you envisioned it when you chose the pattern and design. My job is to make YOU look good!



I live in Yucaipa, California. I belong to this guild because this is where I found my people! You are my people! So, I try to make it convenient on my customers by picking up and dropping off quilts whenever I am in town. This usually happens at guild meetings, or at a philanthropy sew day. However, you are always welcome to come to my home and see my quilt studio.

Show and Tell from July

1. Mary Fitzpatrick
2. Haley Nagel
3. Val Hutchins
4. Syntheia Nagel
5. Kathy Hutchins
6. Holly Batterman
7. Christi Valley
8. Michele Carmeli
9. Jamie Manary
10. Debbie Hulbert

Block Party

BLOCK PARTY CHANGES – Sharon Farley had offered to take over Block Party for the next session in 2025 because of a health issue in my family. That issue has escalated and Sharon generously agreed to take over now to help finish the Birdhouses. I have been working ahead on blocks. We are now down to just three patterns. Sharon will have all that is needed to hand out patterns at the next three meetings. I may be at the August meeting and will be available to her via email and phone. I look forward to seeing your finished birdhouse creations.

I want to thank all of you for your understanding while I was figuring things out at the beginning for Block Party and your kindness and excitement through the months. And, thank you to MaryKay Fitzpatrick who planned blocks #11 and #12. Our guild is amazing and caring. I am blessed to be part of it and look forward to getting back to BCQG in person in a few months.

Pat Ballard

BCQG Block #9 – July 2024 WEDGE Birdhouse **Page 1 of 5**

We are having fun with a technique that may be new for some. OR, you can cut one rectangle. I encourage you to try the wedges. You can always revert to the rectangle before putting the block together.

Background A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8.

Roof B1, B2 - Perches B3, B4 – Base B5 – Post B6

Opening D1 --- House C1, C2 --- All wedges – cutting instructions below.

Let's start with the middle wedge house instructions –

WEDGES –YOU HAVE 3 CHOICES – For choices 1 or 2, look at the picture as you sew to be sure the wedges are the correct direction. "Top" is written on each piece to help.

First, decide if you want the left and right wedges to

1. **mirror** each other
2. all **different** fabrics
3. Make one rectangle.

- **1. If you want fabrics to mirror each other – Use 5 templates E, F, G, H, I. Cut two of each wedge with one fabric right sides together. One piece will be E1 left side and the mirror will be O1 right side. Do the same with fabric choices for F, G, H and I.**
  You will only cut one of J1. It is the middle wedge and will connect to I1 and K1. Sew the wedges together in order left to right E1, F1, G1, H1, I1, middle J1, mirror fabric pieces of K1, L1, M1, N1 and O1. Refer to the picture as you sew.
- **2. If you want wedges to all be different, take two different fabrics right side together and cut wedge. One will be on the left and one will be on the right. Do the same with all wedges using different fabrics except cut only one of J1. It is the middle wedge and will connect to I1 and K1. Sew the wedges together in order left to right E1 (with straight edge on the left), F1, G1, H1, I1, middle J1, mirror of different fabric pieces of K1, L1, M1, N1 and O1 (with straight edge on the right). Refer to the picture shapes as you sew.**

- 3. If you do not want to do wedges, no shame. Just cut one piece 8 ½ x 4 ¾. I did one wedge block and one solid rectangle block with striped fabric for my two quilts. They both look great.

We're moving on to the rest of the block. Set the wedge part of the house aside.

Attach background A1 left to roof B1 left. Do the same with A2 - B2 on right.

Sew background/roof together in the middle.

Attach left side background A3 to house C1, then to perch B3. Do same with right side background A4 to house C2 to perch B4.

Sew pieces together with the opening D1 in the middle. See picture. Set aside.

Attach background A5 to left side of straight edge E1 wedge (or rectangle piece). Then attach to side A6.

Attach lower background A7 to post B6 to right background A8. Add B5 to the top.

Time to put it all together. Sew roof to house top to lower house to base.

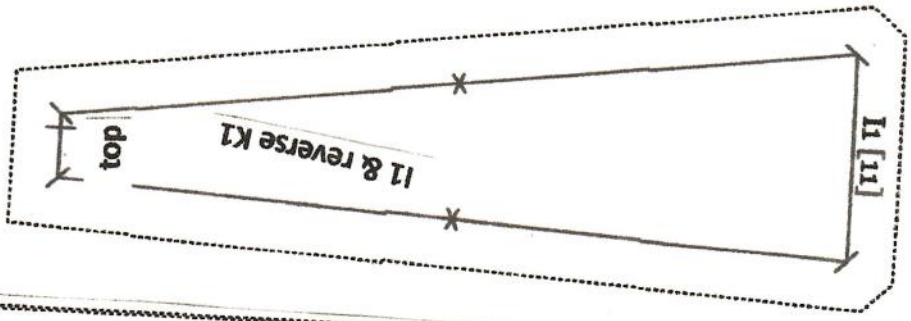
Iron and square to 14 ½ length and 10 ½ wide.

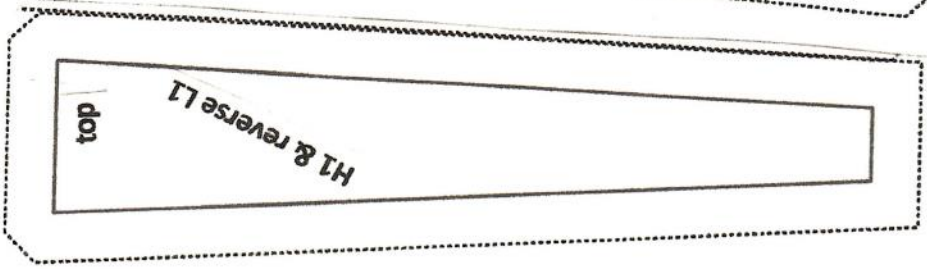
We are down to our last few blocks. We will then have November, December and January to add sashing, quilt and embellishments. In February we will have a group showing at Guild (quilt all finished OR just the top done) and you will receive a label showing your Block Party Accomplishment. I can't wait to see all the unique and fun designs you've all done.

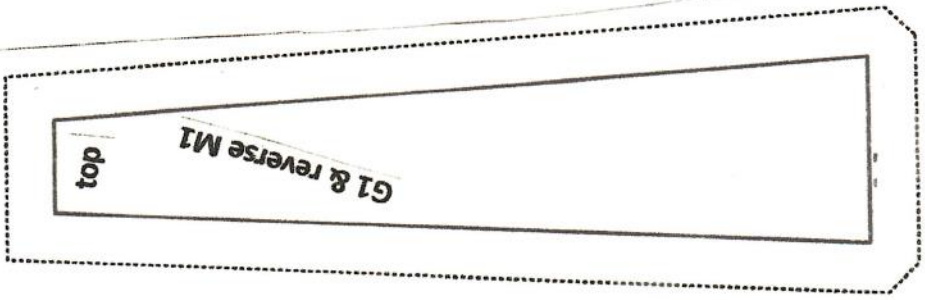
Call, text or email any questions.

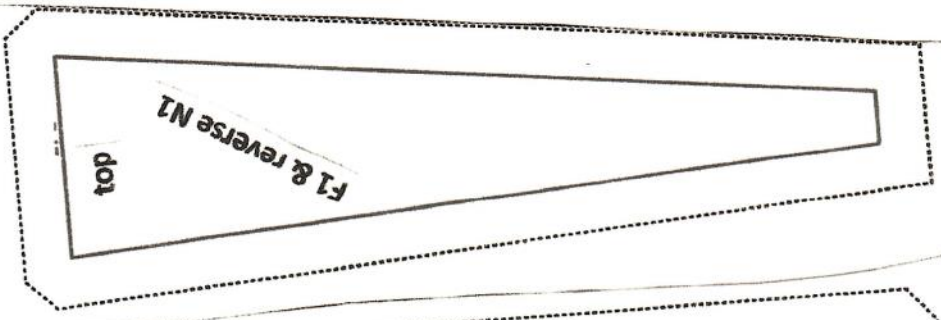
Pat Ballard (949) 636-0151 CraftyPatB@gmail.com

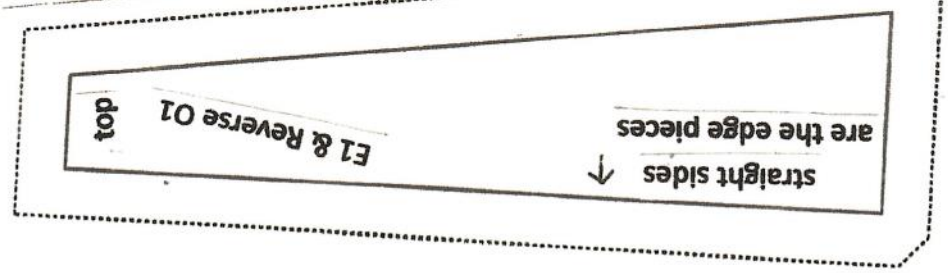
Wedge cuts -- See instructions on page 1 and follow your choice of 1, 2 to make the wedges
OR cut one rectangle 8 ½ x 4 3/8.

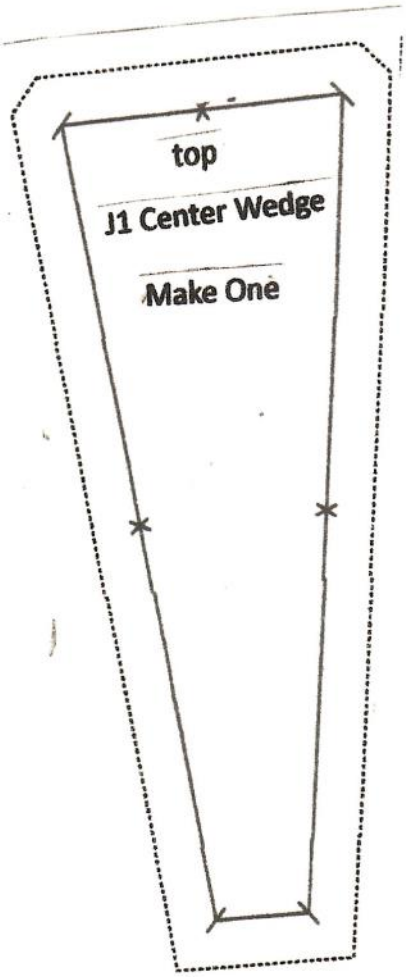












Base B5 cut one ON FOLD →

← fold fabric and cut double length

Perches top B3 & B4 cut two

top

Roof B1 & reverse B2

top

Post

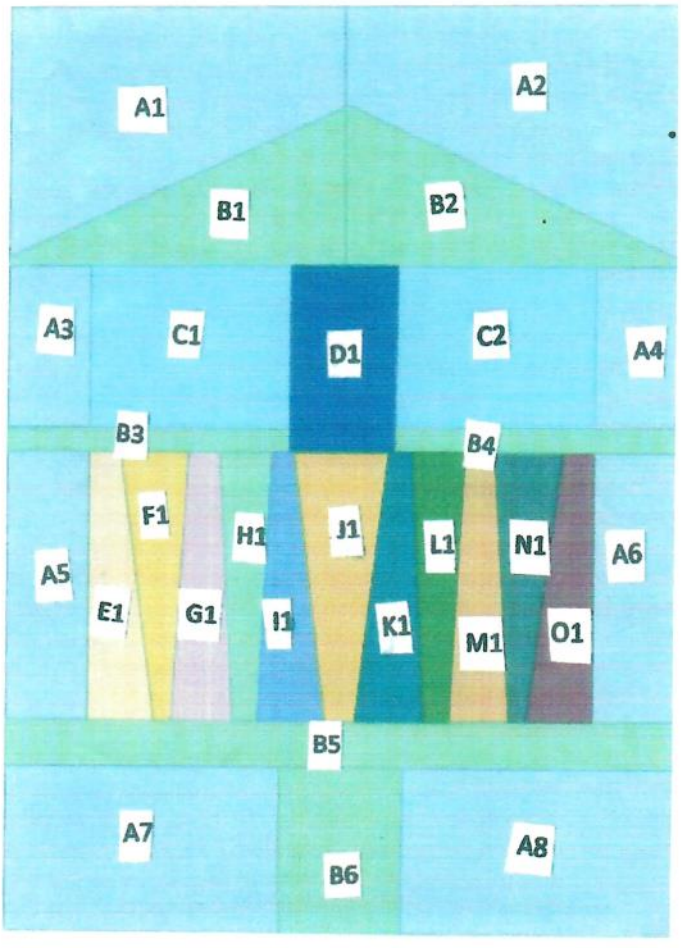
Cut One

top

C1 & C2

Upper House

Cut Two



top

A1 & reverse A2 background

(cut fabric right sides together)

top

A7 & A8 lower background Cut Two

top

A5 & A6

background Cut Two

top

A3 & A4

background Cut Two

D1 [11]

top

D1 opening Cut One

Membership Form

To join the guild please print, complete and bring this form to the next meeting. You can also join online: https://www.beachcitiesquilters.org/join-us.htm.

BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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Name			☐ $40 New Member ☐ $40 Renewal Membership #_____
☐ *If you are renewing your membership, please review your information in the last directory. Include any needed changes below or check the box to indicate that your information is current.*			
Address			
City	State	Zip	☐ Check #_____
E-Mail Address			☐ Cash Date _____
Home Phone#		Work Phone#	
Cell Phone#		Birthday Month Day	
Emergency Contact (if desired)		Emergency Contact Phone Number	

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- Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veteran's Way, Mission Viejo.
- Social time begins at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting & Program from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm.
- Dues are payable prior to the start of each membership year, annually from October 1 through September 30.
- Please bring this completed form and your dues (check payable to BCQG) to the Membership Table at the General meeting or mail it to:

  Beach Cities Quilters Guild - Membership
  P.O. Box 2328
  Mission Viejo, CA 92690-2328

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